

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
13 September 2020
24th Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Year A
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St Monica's

Readers
 6.00pm— M. McMahon F. Crew
 7.30am— A. Edwards J. Robinson
 9.30am— A. Brailey M. McGuinness
 5.30pm— T. Scopelliti A. Aquilina
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 6.00pm— R. Larven
 7.30am— M. Turnbull
 9.30am— H. Convey
 5.30pm— J. Morley

Acolytes / Senior Server
 6.00pm— A. Moloney
 7.30am— C. Azzopardi
 9.30am— D. Ryan
 5.30pm— P. Delahay

Junior Ministers
 6.00pm—
 7.30am— P. Azzopardi J. Azzopardi L. Abela
 9.30am— S. Murphy M. Hoffman
 5.30pm— A. Kuriakose
Data Projector
 6.00pm— M. Breden
 7.30am— M. McMahon
 9.30am— T. Jerome
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
 9.30am -

Choir

6.00pm -
 9.30am -
 5.30pm -

Altar Preparation J. Shanahan

Cleaners A. Campbell

Counters

06 Sept— C. Barber F. Pausanos J. Pausanos
 13 Sept— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 7 September 2020

Reader— M. Breden

EMoHC—

Wednesday 9 September 2020

Reader— M. McMahon

EMoHC— A. Moloney

Friday 11 September 2020

Reader— D. Bowles

EMoHC— F. Crew

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St Gregory's

Saturday 12 September 2020

Reader— Margaret

EMoHC— Jackie

Sunday 13 September 2020

Readers

8.00am— B. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

Altar Server J. Wall

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— P. Waterford

Data Projector H. Gillies

Altar Preparation D. Grima

Cleaners N. Fienberg

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 6 September 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
 treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.**

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 33:7-9

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold
 you responsible for his death.*

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 94:1-2, 6-9

**O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not
 your hearts.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ to reconcile the
 world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation
 he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won
 that person back.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever
 follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the
 light of life.**

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

‘O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.’
 From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone. To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself. A hard heart can't feel, can't respond, can't love. A hard heart can't experience joy. A hard heart is a closed heart. A hard heart is a barren heart. A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing. A soft heart can receive and respond. It can be saddened but it can also be deliriously happy. Softened by the rain of God's grace, and warmed by the sun of his love, the human heart can be turned from a desert into a garden.



It is now six months since our world changed and we began to live our daily lives governed by frequently changing government rules and regulations and the principle of social distancing in response to the COVID 19 Pandemic. We are now in a difficult phase of the pandemic because on one hand, some general activities continue to return to some semblance of normality, however on the other hand there is a great deal of anxiety and concern about community transmission. As individuals, this leaves us balancing a return to some normal behaviours whilst ensuring that, more than ever, we must continue to educate and remind ourselves about behaviours and practices that limit the spread of COVID-19 to ultimately protect the health and lives of those we come in contact with.

At parish level we ask you all to continue praying with the power of faith for those who have died, who are sick or at risk from COVID 19. We look forward to the time when the crisis will pass and we will be able to resume fully our regular parish masses, ceremonies, worship and activities whilst recognising that all may not be what it used to be and the landscape may be forever changed.

We thank you most sincerely for your patience throughout these unprecedented and challenging times and for following the advice and guidelines we have communicated to date. Your actions support and willingness to embrace the sometimes difficult and confusing ongoing changes with a positive response is gratifying. Safety is our number one priority.

God bless you all.

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The NSW Government announced from July 1, the new rules keeping the state COVID-Safe mean: The number of people allowed inside indoor venues will be determined by the ‘one person per 4 square metre rule, with no upper limit. Due to the one person per 4 square metre rule there will be no change at **St Gregory’s** (28 people only) and Mass times are as follows at **St Gregory’s: Saturday 9am. Sunday 8am & 9am.** From Friday 24th July, St Monica’s Richmond are under strict guidelines set out by the NSW Government will be able to welcome 100 people at each mass. Mass times are as follows at **St Monica’s: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm. Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm.** To attend mass at St Monica’s Richmond for weekday's no booking is needed. **To participate at WEEKEND MASSES, online registration will still be required,** this can be done through our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ParishofRichmondNSW/> or via the parish website <https://parishofrichmond.org.au/>. Please click on the REGISTRATION FOR MASSES link, then click on the date of the Mass that you wish to register for & fill in the details on the Google form, remember to click the Submit button. Please note, one registration for one individual only. eg. A family of eight fills in eight registration forms Once the quota at each mass has been reached Google forms will not accept more bookings. In that case you may try another mass time or venue. A register of attendees for contact tracing will be at the entrance. Please sign against your name and provide your contact details. This is a legal requirement. Enjoy Mass. Remember, Communion in the hand only, not on the tongue. Let us pray for one another & our world.


Announcements

First Holy Communions will be celebrated in the Parish over three weekends in September commencing September 12. Families have been limited in numbers attending but this will also necessitate a reduction of numbers for Parishioners attending Mass on these weekends. We ask for your patience & understanding as we welcome our young people to the table of the Lord.

Please note: First Eucharist Masses will be livestreamed in the Old Church, there will be an additional 40 places available. Holy Communion will be distributed. This will be a closed link & only able to be viewed in the Old Church. If you would like to book in, please register via the website or Facebook page. If you register for the Old Church you will be required to sit there. Thank you for your patience & understanding.

Social distancing is essential & applies both inside and outside of the Church. Unfortunately, this means that we **cannot gather** in groups outside the Church before or after Mass. Please observe the 1.5metre apart health regulation. When approaching to receive Holy Communion **PLEASE do so in one line. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only.**

Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition: Copies of Catholic Outlook Magazine are available in the church foyer today. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality & what is happening across the agencies & ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 8 September* **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Welcome to The Well: The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as ‘Netflix for Catholics’, *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, ‘on-demand’ inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?
During Include A Charity Week (7 – 13 September), we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will, visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills


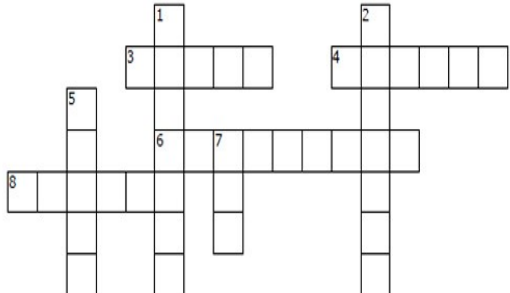
Home visits: Please call the parish office & leave your details if you would like a home visit from Fr Gayan or Fr Thomas.

RECONCILIATION TIMES: Saturdays at 9.30am at St. Gregory’s and 5.30pm at St. Monica’s. During this time Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 and Catechism 2181.) While most things will look normal, there are some additional measures that have been implemented to keep you, and our community safe.

Additional Cleaning - We have implemented additional cleaning measures to ensure a high level of cleaning and sanitizing. We are doing this to ensure the safety of you and our community.

Social Distancing – Social distancing is now a big part of all our lives and it is important that we all take this seriously. We are promoting and enforcing social distancing through all areas of the church in line with the government recommendations. Please keep a safe distance between each other. We have provided guidance on the seats and floor for your safety.

Stop the spread of germs - Remember to practice good hygiene, sanitize your hands before entering the church and wipe your area with the wipes provided. In addition. We ask that parishioners not attend Mass if you are feeling unwell. Once again thank you for your patience and understanding. Keep well and stay safe. Looking forward to seeing you all as we worship together as a parish family.

<p><i>Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased</i></p> <p>Tony Wilson Stephen Dawson Carmen Grima Phyllis Cini Christopher Coombes Paul Xiberras Errol Badenoch Peter Rosa</p>	<p><i>... and those we remember at this time.</i></p> <p>Ted McCabe, MaryAnn & Concetta Xiberras, Martin Janson, MaryAnn & Anthony Xiberras, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ronald Clark, Warren Bettridge, Johnna Weston, Carmello Vella, Ron & Josie (Mary) Horan, Madelena Bajada, Leila Bajada, Jean Spice, Joseph Baldacchino</p>	<p>When Someone Hurts You</p> <p>"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a</p> <p>Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)</p>   <div> <div>ACROSS</div> <div> <p>3. A statement proven to be accurate</p> <p>4. To pay attention; To make an effort to hear something</p> <p>6. A spoken or written statement that something is true</p> <p>8. All followers of Christ as a group</p> </div> </div> <div> <div>DOWN</div> <div> <p>1. A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organization</p> <p>2. A person who sees an event happen</p> <p>5. A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect</p> <p>7. Breaking a religious law</p> </div> </div> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>BROTHER WITNESS</td> <td>TESTIMONY FAULT</td> <td>SIN CHURCH</td> <td>LISTEN TRUTH</td> </tr> </table> <p>Copyright © Sermons 4 Kids, Inc. • All Rights Reserved • www.sermons4kids.com</p>	BROTHER WITNESS	TESTIMONY FAULT	SIN CHURCH	LISTEN TRUTH
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<p><i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY</i></p> <p>To all those celebrating this week</p> <p><i>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY</i></p> <p>Jennifer & Cornelis Janson</p>	<p><i>WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK</i></p> <p>Paul Cottell, Genevieve Jereb, Donna Vella, David Thatcher, Honorius Escalante, Vera Brglevski, Pat Stanton, Trishy Rankin, Pieter Owen, Genevieve Jereb, Min Tamsitt, Sr Assunta Leong FMM, Katrina Coutis-Cooper</p>					

Gardens around St Monica’s: Sincere thanks to those who cared for the gardens during the drought, fires, floods & now COVID. Now that spring is almost here, the gardens need additional attention. Come join a **working-bee** on **Saturday 12th September, 9am to 1pm.** **To register your time please email Martin Crew & indicate your preferred time of attending** or leave your details on the sign up sheet in the church foyer. We need to keep the gardens simple: have low maintenance, drought resistant plants. **If anyone has suitable plants & cuttings at home to donate to the gardens, please let us know.** If you are interested in adopting a garden to nurture, please contact Mary McGuiness.

<p>PARISH MASS TIMES</p> <p>St Monica’s Saturday: 6pm (Must book online) Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm (Must book online) Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am (No booking needed)</p> <p>St Gregory’s Saturday: 9.00am (Must book online) Sunday: 8am & 9am (Must book online)</p> <p>St John of God No masses at this stage</p>	<p>SACRAMENTS</p> <p>Reconciliation St Monica’s: Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm. St Gregory’s: Saturday after 9.00am Mass.</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick Cancelled until further notice at St Monica’s. Or by arrangement with the priests.</p>	<p>Baptism By appointment only. St Monica’s: 2nd & 3rd Sundays at 11.00am. St Gregory’s: 1st Sunday at 11:00am Booking & Preparation are essential.</p> <p>Marriage Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required. All enquiries please email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au</p>	<p>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16 September 2020 at 7pm.</p> <p><i>Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.</i></p>	<p>REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Rosary St Monica’s: 8.40am before weekday Mass.</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St Monica’s: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.</p>	<p><u>SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</u> Body of Christ Prayer Group Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.</p>	<p><u>SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</u> Circle of Friends Parish Meeting Room: 1st Monday of the month 9.30am</p>	<p>HYPRA-Benediction & Mass Meet every 1st Friday of the month 7 - 8pm. All welcome.</p> <p><u>SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</u> Youth Group Social Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month after 6.00pm HYPRA Mass.</p>
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