

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
27 September 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary

Time
 Year A
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 St Monica's

Readers
 6.00pm— C. Galea A. Copland
 7.30am— A. Edwards J. Robinson
 9.30am— K. Petersen M. Mizzi
 5.30pm— C. Salkeld A. Salkeld
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm— J. Muscat
 7.30am— H. Robinson
 9.30am— L. Ryan
 5.30pm— D. D'Mello

Acolytes / Senior Server
 6.00pm— D. Murphy
 7.30am— A. Moloney
 9.30am— M. Crew
 5.30pm— A. Freitas

Junior Ministers
 6.00pm— P. Murphy
 7.30am—
 9.30am— A. Portelli A. Portelli
 5.30pm— A. kuriakose

Data Projector
 6.00pm— M. Breden
 7.30am— M. McMahan
 9.30am— M. Saliba
 5.30pm— A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy
 6.00pm -
 9.30am -
Choir
 6.00pm -
 9.30am -
 5.30pm -

Altar Preparation C. Murphy R. Azzopardi
Cleaners M. Bingley K. Murphy
Counters
 20 Sept— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
 27 Sept— M. Ryan D. Bowles

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 21 September 2020
 Reader— R. Crane
 EMoHC— F. Crew
Wednesday 23 September 2020
 Reader— M. Breden
 EMoHC— M. McMahan
Friday 25 September 2020
 Reader— M. Pirovic
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

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 St Gregory's

Saturday 26 September 2020
 Reader— Peter
 EMoHC— Frank
Sunday 27 September 2020
Readers
 8.00am— M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury
Altar Server F. Kelleher
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 8.00am— C. Smiroldo
Data Projector S. Buchan
Altar Preparation
Cleaners K. Hodgson

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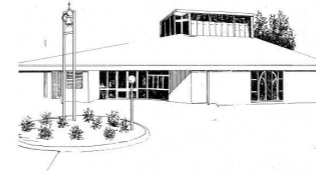
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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 20 September 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
 I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:6-9
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
The Lord is near to all who call him.


SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24, 27
For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
 I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...
 'My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are my ways your ways. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, my thoughts are above your thoughts,' says the Lord. How small our thoughts can be, and how poor our ways of seeing and judging. We think miserly thoughts, and act in miserly ways. Why? Because we have small minds and small hearts. Lord, open our minds and enlarge our hearts, so that we can think more like you, and act more like you. Let us not begrudge your goodness to others, knowing that we too are undeserving of your favours, and stand more in need of your mercy than of your justice. Amen.



Wisdom Connection...

Jesus's main message is that everyone is called to enter the Kingdom of heaven. Everyone! Through Baptism, we are committed to Christ. With the gift of his grace, we labor together with our fellow Christians to strengthen and build up the Kingdom of heaven. That Kingdom is open to all peoples. God invites everyone to come inside.

Jesus often speaks about the Kingdom of heaven belonging to the poor and lowly, those who are meek of heart and righteous before God, referring to those who have accepted the message of Jesus Christ with a humble heart

(see CCC, number 544). In his ministry on earth, Jesus shows to his followers the boundless mercy of God and the desire of God that all people be saved. The challenge to the Christian community is not to judge others but rather to be about building the Kingdom of heaven here and now.

From Youth Reflections in Liturgia

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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.

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Annual leave: Fr Gayan will take 2 weeks from his annual leave starting from 28th Sept - 12th Oct. During this time Fr Thomas will be in the parish & the priests from Windsor will be celebrating the 7.30am & 9.30am Masses over the 2 weekends.

A big Thank you to our little helpers who made our social distancing decorations for the pews, especially Chloe Sciberras & Kurrajong Kindy.

Thank you to everyone that took part in the working bee last weekend & who donated plants & also for the morning tea provided. A special thanks to Mary McGuinness & Martin Crew for organising the day.

Circle of Friends will meet Monday 12 October following morning Mass at Pugh's Lagoon. Come join us & enjoy the spring air.

First Communions continue to be celebrated over next weekend. To facilitate extra numbers Masses at St. Monica's will be live streamed to the Old Church. This enables an extra 40 people to attend Mass, this is an in-house service and NOT on line. Please ensure to book for Masses so we can observe the Government Regulations regarding social distancing etc.

Help is needed with sewing for some simple cloths for the church. If you can assist, please contact the parish office.

Used Stamps If you can support the Missions with your used postage stamps it would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 21 September **Saint Matthew.**
 - Wednesday 23 September **Saint Pius of Pietrelcina.**
 - Weekend 26/27 September **Holy Land Collection.**
- Congratulations to all our First Communicants and their families.
May God continue to bless them as they receive Jesus for the first time.*

Holy Land Retiring Collection will be held on weekend 26/27 September. The collection is normally held over Good Friday, but was postponed by Pope Francis until September, due to the closure of churches over Holy Week as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The collection will be at the end of mass. Buckets will be in the church foyer. Thank you for your contribution. If you would like to make an electronic transfer, the money is banked immediately into the Commissariat account & a receipt is issued by the Commissariat office.

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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. We ask parishioners to please take the weekly bulletin home with them.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Josephine Cauchi
 Charlie Refalo
 Geoffrey Refalo
 Paul Cottell
 Tony Wilson
 Stephen Dawson
 Carmen Grima
 Phyllis Cini

... and those we remember at this time.

Paul Galea, Tonia Camilleri, Vincent McMahon, Veronica Eves, Thomas Dwyer, Ted McCabe, MaryAnn & Concetta Xiberras, Martin Janson, MaryAnn & Anthony Xiberras, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ronald Clark, Warren Bettridge, Johnna Weston, Ron & Josie (Mary) Horan, Joseph Baldacchino

We welcome the newly Baptised...

**Zara Cook
Matilda Tanti**

...to our Christian family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Reena Camilleri

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Wayne & Julie Bennett as they celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary.


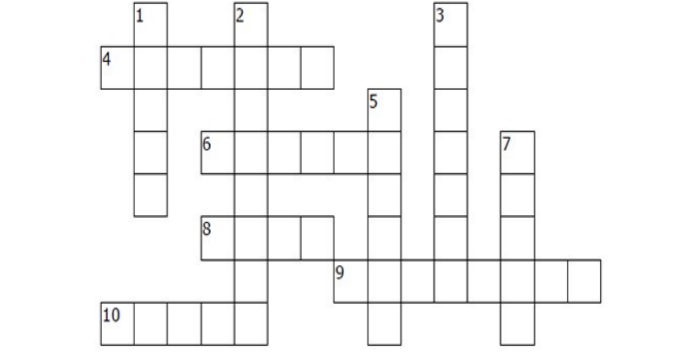
WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

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

The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16

- ACROSS**
- People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
 - The place where God lives
 - A period of time equal to sixty minutes
 - A place where grapes are grown
 - Pay received for working
- DOWN**
- Coins or bills used to pay for something
 - To give or share freely with others
 - To gripe or complain
 - Not playing by the rules
 - Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL

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Thank you and Best Wishes.
 Covid-19 has certainly thrown a spanner in the works and turned everything upside down. Although this is a little late, we would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks the contribution in many ways to Parish life by the late Mr. Max Doyle and his wife Gwen. House Parties and Silver Circles were the go in the 50's and 60's and Max and Gwen supported all that happened in Parish life, Gwen became famous for her sponge cakes, Max for his gentle ways and concern for people.

They remained faithful friends to the Poor Clare Sisters after the Sisters finished teaching at St. Monica's School in the early 1960's. Max and Gwen were awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2005 for their work with St. Vincent de Paul. Having lived both in Richmond and Kurrajong they are well loved and respected in the community. Sadly, Max passed away in June this year and their family was concerned for Gwen's well being and she has moved to live with her daughter. May God grant Max eternal rest and Gwen until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

PARISH MASS TIMES

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**)

St Gregory's
 Saturday: 9.00am (**Must book online**)
 Sunday: 8am & 9am (**Must book online**)

St John of God
No masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
 St Monica's:
 Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm.
 St Gregory's:
 Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick
 Friday 31 January 2020, 9.00am at St Monica's.
 Or by arrangement with the priests.

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.

Marriage
 Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required.
 All enquiries please email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
18 November 2020 at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosary
 St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 St Monica's: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Body of Christ Prayer Group
 Wednesday 7-8.30pm
 pray for vocations. All welcome
 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Circle of Friends
 Parish Meeting Room:
 1st Monday of the month 9.30am

HYPRA-R Benediction & Mass
 Meet every 1st Friday of the month 7 - 8pm. All welcome.

SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Youth Group Social
 Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month after 6.00pm HYPRA Mass.