

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER  
**4 October 2020**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary**

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 St Monica's

**Readers**  
 6.00pm— F. Crew M. Breaden  
 7.30am— A. Dunbar M. Fenech  
 9.30am— C. Thompson M. Manea  
 5.30pm— J. Morley A. Aquilina  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6.00pm— J. Gorman  
 7.30am— L. Attard  
 9.30am— J. Van Der Burg  
 5.30pm— T. Scopelliti

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

**Junior Ministers**  
 6.00pm—  
 7.30am— L. Attard  
 9.30am— C. S & O. Saliba  
 5.30pm— S. Murphy M. Sultana

**Data Projector**  
 6.00pm— T. Buckley  
 7.30am— C. Thompson  
 9.30am— L. Culican  
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella

**Children's Liturgy**  
 6.00pm -  
 9.30am -

**Choir**  
 6.00pm -  
 9.30am -  
 5.30pm -

**Altar Preparation** C. Thompson  
**Cleaners** C. Sycz C. Norton

**Counters**  
 27 Sep— M. Ryan D. Bowles  
 04 Oct— R. Larven L. Clegg R. Gallyot  
 M. McMahon

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**  
**Monday 28 September 2020**

Reader— M. Breaden  
 EMoHC—  
**Wednesday 30 September 2020**  
 Reader— M. McMahon  
 EMoHC— A. Moloney  
**Friday 2 October 2020**  
 Reader— D. Bowles  
 EMoHC— F. Crew

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 St Gregory's

**Saturday 3 October 2020**  
 Reader— Jackie  
 EMoHC— Cathy  
**Sunday 4 October 2020**  
**Readers**  
 8.00am— M. Ryan T. Misdom S. Lundy  
**Altar Server** D. Ryan  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 8.00am— A. Drew  
**Data Projector** M. Beggs  
**Altar Preparation** P. McCallum  
**Cleaners** L. Pullin

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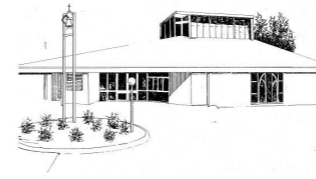
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## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 27 September 2020

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**  
**All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**

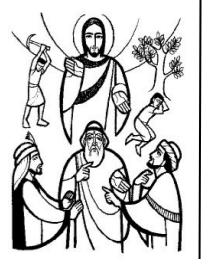
**FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:25-28**  
*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

**RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 24:4-9**  
**Remember your mercies, O Lord.**  
**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11**  
*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**  
**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32**  
*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
**By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...**  
 A father had three sons. One day he said to them, 'Go and work in the vineyard today.' The first said, 'Sure, Dad.' But he didn't go. The second said, 'I won't go.' However, later in the day he changed his mind and went grudging. The third said, 'Sure, Dad.' And he went immediately and willingly. Which of the sons will feel closest to the father at the end of the day? The third, of course. The more we do the will of God out of love, the more we will appreciate his love for us. Lord, save us from the darkness of broken promises, and help us to walk in the light of faithfulness.



### Wisdom Connection

*In this parable, first appearances do not account for everything. The son who behaves badly by saying no proves to be obedient in the end, and the son who behaves ever so righteously by saying yes shows himself to be woefully disobedient. The response of each son reflects a particular faith journey. Some people experience God's love and say they are going to share it with others but never do. Others resist God's love, saying no to God over and over, but later they reconsider and go on to share God's love with everyone around them. Even if our hearts and minds are open momentarily, the grace of God's forgiveness can bring about an abrupt change of direction in our lives.*

*This Sunday's Gospel tells us to find security in a dynamic relationship with God, not in religion. Jesus argues vehemently with people who place their trust in the things of religion—the rituals, the rules, and the security of doing what is prescribed—instead of placing their trust in the God who invites them into an intimate relationship. Jesus's words are hope-filled; we always have an opportunity to change our hearts and minds and do the will of the Father. Just as the first son takes this opportunity, we can too. After all, isn't conversion about the ability to change and follow God more closely?*

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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.

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

**Daylight saving** commences next weekend.

**Please note:** Masses are now back to normal with 100 at St Monica's and 28 at St Gregory's. Please book online for all weekend Masses via the website and Facebook page.

**Congratulations** to all our First Communicants and their families. May God continue to bless them as they receive Jesus for the first time.

**Save the date** - Saturday 21 November: Men's Group. Mass at St Monica's 9am followed by morning tea. Theme: "Seeking the truth" A call to men of the parish who are seeking to deepen your faith Experience and learning & sharing from others.

**Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition:** Copies of Catholic Outlook Magazine are available in the church foyer today, please take a copy.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

- **Tuesday 29 September Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael.**
- **Wednesday 30 September Saint Jerome.**
- **Thursday 1 October Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.**
- **Friday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels.**

**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**

Frank Brett  
 Josephine Cauchi  
 Charlie Refalo  
 Geoffrey Refalo  
 Paul Cottell  
 Tony Wilson  
 Stephen Dawson  
 Carmen Grima


**... and those we remember at this time.**

Hugo Cutrone, Maria Bartuccio, Roy Russell, Dorothy Keppel, Thomas Weston, John & Maree Duck, Joseph Baldacchino, Paul Galea, Tonia Camilleri, Vincent McMahon, Veronica Eves, Thomas Dwyer, Ted McCabe, MaryAnn & Concetta Xiberras, Martin Janson, MaryAnn & Anthony Xiberras

**The Parable of the Two Sons**

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)



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**We welcome the newly Baptised...**




**Miliana Camilleri  
 Georgia Darmody**

**...to our Christian family.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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**November Month of the Holy Souls ...**  
 November is not far away. Throughout the month we remember all our deceased family and friends and pray for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available at the door of the Church for you to submit the names of those whom you would like remembered at Mass throughout the month. Mass on November 2 will be at St. Monica's at 9am and 7pm. A special Mass will be held at St. Gregory's on Friday November 27 at 7pm. Bookings will be required for both centres.

**Next Friday, 2 October 2020** you are all welcome to join in for Holy Hour Benediction and Mass from 7pm til 8pm at St Monica's Catholic Church. This occurs every first Friday of every month. All welcome, hope to see you there.

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

**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 Mass**  
**Cancelled until further notice** at St Monica's.  
 Or by arrangement with the priests.

**Baptism**  
 By appointment only.  
 St Monica's: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 11.00am.  
 St Gregory's: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11:00am  
 Booking & Preparation are essential.  
**Marriage**  
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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**21 October 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.