

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
8 November 2020
32nd 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

01 Nov— M. Ryan M. Hoffman D. Bowles
 08 Nov— R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 2 November 2020

Reader— R. Crane

EMoHC— F. Crew

Wednesday 4 November 2020

Reader— M. Breden

EMoHC— M. McMahon

Friday 6 November 2020

Reader— M. Pirovic

EMoHC— A. Moloney

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St Gregory's

Saturday 7 November 2020

Reader— Jackie

EMoHC— Cathy

Sunday 8 November 2020

Readers

8.00am— B. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

Altar Server J. Wall

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— A. Drew

Data Projector H. Gillies

Altar Preparation D. Grima

Cleaners N. Fienberg

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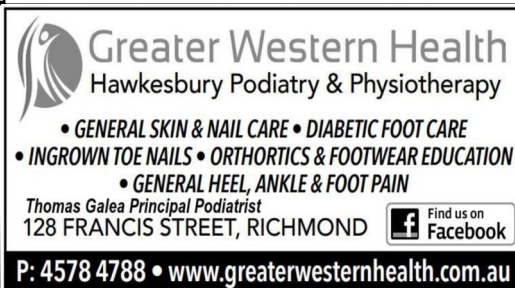
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All Saints Day — Year A 1 November 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-14

I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

We shall see God as really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labor and are hardened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. The Creed is said.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

The Beatitudes form the foundation of the teaching of Jesus and are proclaimed as the way of redemption for all people. Matthew presents this early on in his Gospel in order to build on the significance of the Beatitudes: At the core of the Beatitudes is Jesus's response to the deep human desire for happiness. God alone is the one who can fulfill the human desire for happiness. Jesus, in his teaching, continuously provides for us the understanding of true happiness that is gained only when one depends completely on God. As our Creator, God has always wanted us to be happy. Jesus understands that what humans seek is true happiness.

Wisdom Connection ...

We tend to expect that happiness belongs to those who are successful in life. The Beatitudes declare that this is not necessarily true. Happiness, or blessedness, comes from being totally dependent on God. Matthew tells us that when God is at the centre of our lives, then happiness can come to anyone—even to the marginalised, the poor, and the oppressed. In the Kingdom of God, the characteristics that are held up as blessed are meekness, mourning, righteousness, showing mercy, and suffering in pursuit of justice.

The second reading for this Sunday, from Zephaniah (2:3; 3:12–13), summarizes what Jesus is asking of his followers, then and now: to seek righteousness and humility. In the Beatitudes, Jesus explains concretely what it means to be righteous and humble. As Christians today, we often look for security in economic and social status, seeking our security in a comfortable bank account and in having the “right” friends. The Beatitudes are countercultural, for it is from what is weak and despised that redemption comes forth.

From Youth Reflections - Liturgia

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The NSW Government announced from Friday 23rd October, the number of people in a public place of worship must not exceed 300, subject to the 4 square metre square rule. St Monica's (Richmond) maximum capacity is 130 people. St Gregory's (Kurrajong) maximum capacity is 28 people. 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. **St Gregory's: Saturday 9am. Sunday 8am & 9am. 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

- November 2 All Souls' Day** Mass will be celebrated at St. Monica's at 9am and 7pm. Due to current restrictions we are limited to 130 attendees at each Mass. Bookings are open NOW on Parish Website and Facebook.
- Break Open the Word 2021** need to be ordered asap. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase a copy. Cost \$22.
- IT'S HAPPENING!!! 9 DAY PRE LOVED BOOK SALE**
When: 21ST-29TH NOVEMBER
Time: 9am til 3pm, each day.
Donations of books, CDs and DVDs can be left at the Old Church between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday commencing this week. Helpers are needed to clean and prepare books during the week and on the days of sale.
- Reminder:** Please continue to make your booking for Sunday Masses at St. Monica's and all Masses at St. Gregory's. Restrictions still apply 130 attendees at St. Monica's and 28 at St. Gregory's. If you need help with this, please ask a friend or contact the Parish Office 4578 1410 for assistance.
- 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, learning & sharing from others.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 2 November* **Circle of Friends** following morning Mass in the Parish Meeting Room.
- Monday 2 November* **All Soul's Day Mass** at St Monica's 9am & 7pm.
- Wednesday 4 November* **Saint Charles Borromeo.**

Thank you so much for all those who contributed donations towards the camera for livestreaming your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Seminararian: We warmly welcome Jack Elkazzi to the Parish of Richmond. Jack will be arriving on the 10th November and will be staying in the parish until the 25th December. If you see him around, please make him feel at home.

Repairs to the Leather Cover of the Lectionary at St. Monica's: Do you do leatherwork? Maybe you could help us, please contact the Parish Office for further details.

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

John Ebbs
John Calleja
Pius Muscat
Charlie Buttigieg
Maria Ratko
Sr Pauline Mary Babicci osc
John Hutchinson
Colleen Putland

... and those we remember at this time.

We pray for all our departed Family and Friends.

Names in the Memorial Book placed near the sanctuary.

The Piety Stall will once again be open for Parishioners at most Masses. Additionally it will also be open during the Parish office hours, from 9:30am to 4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you're looking for a gift for yourself or someone else, please consider our very own Parish stall and take advantage of the additional opportunities to find that special purchase.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week




WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Chloe McKenzie,
Jeanette Farley,
Genevieve Jereb,
Donna Vella, Honorius Escalante, Vera Brglevski, Pat Stanton, Trishy Rankin, Pieter Owen, Min Tamsitt, Sr Assunta Leong FMM

Dear Parishioners,

What a wonderful response to our recent Jesuit Refugee Advocacy Group Food Drive. Several trips have already been made to the centre at Parramatta- taking about 50 baskets- full of your generous donations. Volunteers at the centre have expressed their thanks on behalf of the recipients and we look forward to making this a part of our parish commitment in the future.

Thank you again,
St Monica's Conference Richmond SVDP



Mini-retreat ...

From Invisible to Invincible: Embracing God's gift of years A workshop with the feel of a mini-retreat for the people in the community.
Date: Wednesday 11 November 2020. Time: 10am - 1pm. Place: Our Lady of the Way Parish Hall. 19 Troy St, Emu Plains. Contact: Marie Cottee 0407 702 058 or email: mc@corpuschristi.org.au. This session will include: Sharing the stories of our life. Finding and re-defining our baptismal call. Tools for the journey through centering prayer. Prayer of surrender, abandonment and trust. All welcome.

November Month of the Holy Souls ...
November is not far away. Throughout the month we remember all our deceased family and friends & 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 to be remembered at Mass throughout the month.** Mass on November 2 will be at St. Monica's at 9am and 7pm, both Masses at St Monica's will be livestreamed. A special Mass will be held at St. Gregory's on Friday November 27 at 7pm. **Book now for November 2 at St Monica's.**

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

HYPA-R News ...
Next Friday, 6 November 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.

<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 Mass 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 18 November 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>Circle of Friends Parish Meeting Room: 1st Monday of the month 9.30am</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>HYPA-R 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 HYPA Mass.</p>
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