

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
13 December 2020
 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Year B
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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. McGuiness
 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 -
Altar Preparation J. Shanahan
Cleaners A. Campbell

Counters
 06 Dec— M. Ryan D. Bowles
 13 Dec— R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 7 December 2020
 Reader — F. Crew
 EMoHC— R. Larven
Wednesday 9 December 2020
 Reader — A. Moloney
 EMoHC— M. McMahon
Friday 11 December 2020
 Reader — D. Bowles
 EMoHC— M. Ryan

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St Gregory's
Saturday 12 December 2020
 Reader— Margaret
 EMoHC— Jackie
Sunday 13 December 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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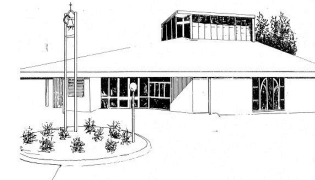
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Second Sunday of Advent — Year B 6 December 2020

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O people of Zion, behold the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5. 9-11

Prepare the way for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 84:9-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3:8-14

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MARK 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Presider: Prepare a way for the Lord!

All: Make his paths straight!

Presider: Let every valley be filled in.

All: Let every mountain and hill be laid low.

Presider: Shout with a loud voice: 'Here is your God.'

All: The Lord is coming! He is coming to save us.



Christmas Mass times ...

ST. GREGORY'S KURRAJONG

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL SEE PARISH WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK LIMIT OF 28 PER MASS.

CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday December 24 6pm and 8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY Friday December 25 8am and 9am

NO MASS December 26

ST. MONICA'S RICHMOND

BOOKINGS FOR ALL MASSES ARE ESSENTIAL AND NUMBERS WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED.

CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday December 24 6pm and 8pm

Midnight (limit 200)

CHRISTMAS DAY Friday December 25 7.30am and 9.30am

NO EVENING MASS

Mass at St. Monica's will be celebrated in the Church and livestreamed to the Old Church, Meeting Room and School with Holy Communion distributed at all points. The 6pm Vigil and 9.30am Christmas will be available online via Facebook.

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Parish of Richmond

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 outlined below. Bookings are required at all St Gregory's masses. 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 complete one registration for each person attending. 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 & provide your contact details. This is a legal requirement. Enjoy Mass. Remember, Communion in the hand only, not on the tongue. During this time Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta are dispensed from Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 §2 & Catechism 2181.) While most things will look normal, there are some additional measures that have been implemented to keep you, & our community safe. Additional Cleaning - We have implemented additional cleaning measures to ensure a high level of cleaning & sanitising.

Urgent Request for Church Cleaners Recently we have had many of our long serving church cleaners retire from this ministry and current we do not have enough church cleaners to be able to compile a roster. We are seeking volunteers to take on **one** task **once a month**. The required tasks are; Vacuuming the main body of the church. Vacuuming the sacristy, foyer, cry room, confessional, altar & mopping the foyer. Cleaning the toilets, mopping the floor. Cleaning the candle altar, changing foil & dusting around the church. Sweep and mop the meeting room. Most tasks take 1 – 1.5 hours Please let the Parish Office know if you can assist.

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 29/11/20

1st Collection: \$ 840.00 (assists clergy)
2nd Collection: \$ 1,966.00 (parish costs)

Please note that you can make donations in the collection boxes found at the entrances of the church.

Credit Card Giving: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to setup monthly giving via credit card.

Online Donations are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au. The red "Donate Now" button at the top opens a new window, in the drop down box make your selection then complete all details. Debit or credit card may be used and there are no fees incurred.

Announcements

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR We wish to thank Mary Pirovic for her devotion to the families involved in the Sacramental Programme. Mary is stepping down from the role of Parish Sacramental Co-ordinator. Many have been touched by Mary's creativity and willingness to help in many areas of Parish Life. The Rosary beads in the Piety Stall, the prayer cards given at Christmas and Easter Reconciliation and other Parish occasions have been created by Mary. Her husband, Milan and daughters Joan and Emily have given her strong support throughout and we thank them all for their generosity. We welcome Irene Galea to the role of Sacramental Co-Ordinator and offer her our prayerful support.

Thank you gathering for Book Stall Workers: A gathering with light refreshments to say THANK YOU is being organised on Friday 11 December at 11am, in the Old Church for the workers of the Book Stall. The final tally was \$10000.00, a great job. As you might have seen in the local paper Helen Garrick along with others who have worked for many years on this stall are taking a well-earned rest. The buyers who came congratulated the workers on a well-presented venue & left saying 'I'll see you next year & will look out for the date'. Do you have interest in books we just might have the opportunity for you? A special THANK YOU to the angels who brought sandwiches, watermelon, cakes & ice cream to refresh us.

Christmas Rosters: Are you going to be here for Christmas? We are in need of many helpers. Extra Ushers, welcomers, collectors as well as the Ministries are needed at both Mass Centres. Roster sheets are out today please add your name and phone number and jobs will be allocated for the Mass you select. Thank you in anticipation.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 7 December Saint Ambrose.
- Tuesday 8 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Weekend 12/13 December Catholic Foundation Appeal.

Preparing for Christmas ...
Following instructions from the Diocese there will be **NO SECOND RITE of RECONCILIATION** this year. From Saturday November 28 Reconciliation at St. Monica's will be from 5pm-5-45pm throughout Advent. The Sacrament will also be available after weekday Morning Mass, **to avoid large numbers gathering please make this preparation early.** Kurrajong Reconciliation as usual following Saturday morning Mass.

CHRISTMAS MASSES Bookings for Christmas Masses are now open and **MUST** be made online through the Parish Website or Facebook. Please note the sheets in the foyer are for those willing to help at the various Masses. Some may have mistaken them for Mass attendance please book online.

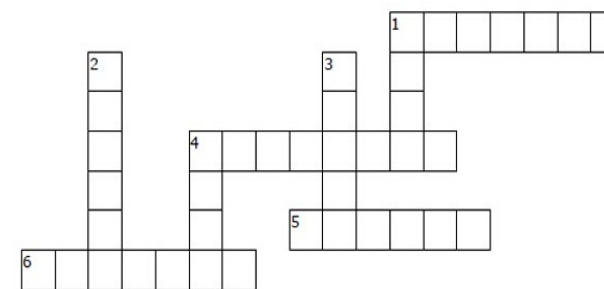
Catholic Outlook Magazine is available, please take your free copy today.

Piety Stall: 2021 Calendars have arrived. \$10.00 each. Christmas cards are also available \$7.00 each also available at St Gregory's. Break Open the Word \$22.00.

Preparing the Way

"A voice calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Mark 1:3

Puzzle is based on Mark 1:1-8



ACROSS

- To make ready ahead of time
- Not having any curves or bends
- A dry, barren region with only a few plants
- To admit your sins to God

DOWN

- A trail made for traveling on foot
- The river where John baptized people
- What people use for speaking
- Actions that break God's law

VOICE	PREPARE	SINS	STRAIGHT
JORDAN	DESERT	PATH	CONFESS

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- Alice Barros
- Frank Impiombato
- John Ebbs
- John Calleja
- Pius Muscat
- Charlie Buttigieg
- Maria Ratko
- Sr Pauline Mary Babicci osc

... and those we remember at this time.

- Bob & Thelma Want,
- Mary & Michael Aquilina, Frank Cauchi, Mijo & Jurka Cupic, Pawla & Alexander Muscat, Joseph Vella, Reno Camilleri, Des Clegg, Hugo Cutrone, Maria Bartuccio, Roy Russell, Dorothy Keppel, Thomas Weston, Joseph Baldacchino

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Kurt Binggeli, Yvonne Coutis, Chloe McKenzie, Jeanette Farley, Genevieve Jereb, Donna Vella, Honorius Escalante, Vera Brglevski, Pat Stanton, Trishy Rankin, Pieter Owen, Min Tamsitt

Daily Mass Books 2021

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 we are unable to provide these booklets for general use. We have in hand copies available for sale at half price \$10 should you wish one for your personal use. Please contact the Parish Office

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Catholic Foundation Appeal will be held Weekend 12/13 December. Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE... St Paul Feast is on Saturday, 16 January 2021 at St Monica's Catholic Church, Richmond. Due to COVID-19 we will only be celebrating by mass at 6pm. There will be no festivities after mass. If you would like to attend the mass, bookings will be available in early January 2021 via the parish website or Facebook. Please note that bookings for mass will be strictly monitored. We hope to see you then.

St Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal: Mindful of those who may be without this Christmas you're invited to place non-perishable food items under our Giving Tree in the Church. **Thank you for your help.**

Church cleaning & setting up for Christmas at St Monica's Tuesday 22 December from 8am. If you could spare an hour or two to assist it would be most appreciated.

PARISH MASS TIMES
St Monica's
Saturday: 6.00pm (**Must book online**)
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm (**Must book online**)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am
St Gregory's
Saturday: 9.00am (**Must book online**)
Sunday: 8.00am (**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
Cancelled until further notice 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 9 December 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.

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

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

HYPAR-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 6.30pm HYPAR Mass.