

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**28 February 2021**  
 2nd Sunday of Lent  
 Year B  
 ★★ ✝ ★★  
**St Monica's**

**Readers**  
 6.00pm — C. Galea C. Hession  
 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 —  
 7.30am —  
 9.30am — A. Portelli A. Portelli  
 5.30pm — A. Kuriakose L. Abela

**Data Projector**  
 6.00pm — M. Breden  
 7.30am — C. Thompson  
 9.30am — T. Jerome  
 5.30pm — A. Papallo

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

**Altar Preparation** S. Murphy  
**Cleaners** K. Murphy

**Counters**  
 21 Feb — R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon  
 28 Feb — C. Barber F. Pausanos

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**  
**Monday 22 February 2021**  
 Reader — M. Breden  
 EMoHC — A. Moloney  
**Wednesday 24 February 2021**  
 Reader — A. Aquilina  
 EMoHC — A. Moloney  
**Friday 26 February 2021**  
 Reader — D. Bowles  
 EMoHC — M. Ryan

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**St Gregory's**  
**Saturday 27 February 2021**  
 Reader — P. Humphrey  
 EMoHC — M. Crew  
**Sunday 28 February 2021**  
**Readers**  
 8.00am — M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury  
**Altar Server** F. Kelleher  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 8.00am — C. Smirolido  
**Data Projector** S. Buchan  
**Altar Preparation**  
**Cleaners** K. Hodgson

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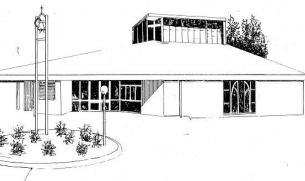
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**First Sunday of Lent — Year B 21 February 2021**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**  
**When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

**FIRST READING: GENESIS 9:8-15**  
*I will recall the covenant between myself and you .. the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*  
**RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 24:4-9**  
**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.**  
**SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:18-22**  
*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**  
**GOSPEL: MARK 1:12-15**  
*He was tempted by Satan & the angels looked after him.*

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...**  
 Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal. First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot. Spring dresses the trees in a new robe, and makes them young again. But this is possible only because in autumn they let go of their old leaves, and in between endured a period of nakedness. Lent is in the springtime of the spirit. Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old habits, and to face our spiritual poverty, in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter we will feel young again in our discipleship.



By Fr Flor McCarthy SDB

**Gospel Reflection ...**

The first reading (Gen 9:8-15), an excerpt from the Noah story, points to a mythological explanation of a cosmological feature: the rainbow. That explanation is located within another mythological story about a catastrophic flood. These are among the characteristics of primitive mythologies, such as we find in Aboriginal Dreamtime stories. They often bear testimony to prehistoric earth-shaping events, such as volcanic activity, that we relative newcomers to this continent are surprised to learn about since we find it hard to imagine the land having been anything other than as we have found it. Such stories may also bear testimony to creatures long lost to extinction that we newer comers think predate human presence. The Aboriginal stories remember. The second reading is our earliest testimony to Christian use of this Noah story to understand baptism. It introduces the peculiar word, “type”, used to indicate a biblical event that was later understood to have prefigured or symbolically predicted what was to come later and was openly revealed by Christ. It actually uses the Noah story not only to refer to the absolution of baptism, but also to explain how the Christ event saves those who came beforehand. In this view of the world, all things and all times are woven as one so that later events affect prior ones, and what affects one may affect all. It points to a cosmological understanding of the salvific work of Christ, and to a worldview in which humans are not separate or abstracted from the world; sin and salvation are expressed and manifested in the very stuff of creation. This worldview is hard for modern Western people to grasp at times because we have come to see ourselves as separate from and above the world; we live much of our time in our minds instead of in the world. But trying in a homily to open people to this understanding would also be a heady exercise, one that would fail with most people. We can still seek to remind congregations that things have several layers of meaning, that things reveal something of our place in the world, and that God is encountered in the material world—which is at the heart of our sacramental system. In the gospel acclamation today we hear that “No one lives on bread alone”, or in the Communion antiphon that “One does not live by bread alone”, and they go on to say “but on/by every word that comes (forth) from the mouth of God.” But what is *bread*? Something you eat? Yes, yet more: it is fruit of the earth and work of human hands. To eat it is to eat the earth and to honour the work of other people. So too with wine, so too with oil, and candles, and everything we use— even water that is collected and piped. And when we are conscious of the earth and of all things coming forth by the creative power of God, then we remember that it is by God we are and live.

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## First Sunday of Lent ...



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

# Announcements

**Reception of Holy Communion.** It is essential if you are unable to go forward please notify the Priest or the Senior Server before Mass. Everyone else please approach the Ministers at the front of the Church.

**Stations of the Cross** during Lent commence next Friday following 9am Mass at St. Monica's and also at St. Gregory's following 9am Mass on Saturday.

**Project Compassion Boxes** are available at the doors of the Church.

**During Lent** starting from Friday 26 February, one class from St Monica's Primary School will attend 9am Mass.

**Please** continue to book for Masses, it helps us monitor numbers and eases congestion as you enter the Church. Face masks are no longer mandatory but social distancing is, help keep everyone COVID safe.

**Save the date:** Parish White Elephant Stall to be held Friday 25 June, Saturday 26 June and Sunday 27 June. More details to follow.

**Daily Mass Books** are available from the piety stall or parish office. \$10 each.

## PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 22 February The Chair of Saint Peter.**
- Monday 1 March Circle of Friends** will meet following morning Mass in the Meeting Room.

*Thank you to Marian Killen & Rhonda Jones who made the banners for St Monica's  
To the Hoffman family for the wording  
To Peter Humphrey, Virginia & Dianne Kelleher for the decorated crosses in the churches.  
May God Bless you all.*

### Sacrament of Confirmation – Enrolment Forms are Now Available!

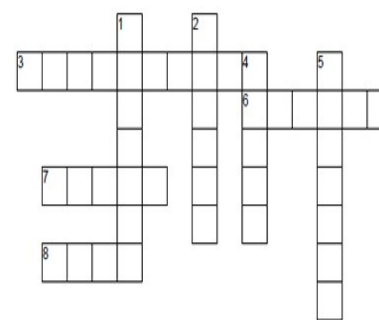
Enrolment forms will be available at all weekend masses at foyer of church up until 28 March 2021.  
**Volunteers needed to help sew stoles for upcoming Sacraments!**  
All enquires to Irene Galea:  
[sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au)

**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 practise good hygiene, sanitise 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.

## Into the Wilderness with Jesus

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. Mark 1:12-13 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 1:12-15 (NIV)



### HORIZONTAL

- A deserted area
- Heavenly beings that protected Jesus in the wilderness.
- The number that is ten more than thirty.
- The opposite of bad.

### VERTICAL

- Encouraged someone to do something even though it was wrong.
- To turn away from sin.
- The fallen angel who tempts someone to do wrong.
- To accept something to be true.

WILDERNESS	REPENT	GOOD	BELIEVE
FORTY	SATAN	ANGELS	TEMPTED

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**Men's Gathering:** Saturday 27 February at 9am. Please come along & join the Men's Ministry for their next gathering. The theme is "Why Men Gather?" Due to COVID restrictions, registration is essential. Please register your name & contact details on the form provided in the church foyer. For further info contact Bob 0415 077 768 or Chris 0412 017 731.

**A 2021 diary** for birthdays & anniversaries has been placed in the Church foyer of St Monica's. If you would like a birthday or anniversary published, please print your name & details clearly on the appropriate page.

## STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 20/12/20

1st Collection: \$ 755.00 (assists clergy)  
2nd Collection: \$ 1960.80 (parish costs)

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

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### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Frances Smyth  
Dominic Sant  
John Hutchinson  
Sr Jude Doyle RSC  
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Derek Turner  
Paul Kelleher  
Sr Christofora Abela

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

John Pratt, Noeleen Lloyd,  
May Lloyd, Arthur Lloyd, Kristen Keegan, Michael Crew, Joseph Baldacchino, Giacinta Bagnara, Michael Head, Vince Head Snr, John Saliba, Lorenza Saliba, Jerry Camenzuli, Josephine Camenzuli, Joseph & Giorgia Tabone, Joseph Vella, Grezzju & Salvina Camilleri

### WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Garth and Nancy Doyle, Kurt Binggeli, Yvonne Coutis, Chloe McKenzie, Jeanette Farley, Genevieve Jereb, Donna Vella, Honorius Escalante, Vera Brglevski, Diana Hurley, Betty McKay

### We welcome the newly Baptised...

**Charlotte Hipgrave**



...to our Christian family.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



### Good Friday 2 April Stations of the Cross - Attention all Youth aged 10 years +.....

This coming Easter the youth will be organising the Good Friday Stations of the Cross play on Friday 2 April 2021 at 10am. We need actors and readers. If you are interested please put your name down on the sign up sheet at the back of the church and come along on Sunday 7 March 2021 to the first rehearsal after the 9:30am Mass. Come along and be apart of something great!!

The rehearsal dates at St Monica's (in the Old Church) are as follows:

- Sunday 7 March 2021 to the first rehearsal after the 9:30am Mass
- Sunday 21 March 2021 after 9:30am Mass
- Sunday 28 March 2021 after 9:30am Mass. We hope to see you then. God bless

### 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: 9am (**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 - 5.50pm.  
St Gregory's:  
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
Suspended until further notice

### 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**  
Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required.  
All enquiries please email  
[admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**17 March**  
**2021 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.

**HYPA-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  
6.30pm HYPA Mass.