**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**

**18 April 2021**

3rd Sunday of Easter

Year B

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**St Monica's**

**Readers**

6.00pm— V. MacKenzie HYPA-R

7.30am – A. Dunbar M. McMahon

9.30am – K. Petersen M. Manea

5.30pm – C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6.00pm – V. Muscat

7.30am – A. Burnett

9.30am – Z. Culican

5.30pm – S. Nash

**Acolytes/Senior Server**

6.00pm— M. Crew

7.30am – A. Moloney

9.30am – A. Brailey

5.30pm – P. Delahay

**Junior Ministers**

6.00pm— J. Azzopardi

7.30am –

9.30am – G. Attard

5.30pm – M. Sultana O. Wickett

**Data Projector**

6.00pm— HYPA-R

7.30am – C. Thompson

9.30am – L. Culican

5.30pm— Choir members

**Children's Liturgy**

6.00pm -

9.30am -

**Altar Preparation**

**Cleaners** C. Norton

**Counters**

11 April—V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

18 April— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 12 April 2021**

**Reader** – F. Crew

**EMoHC**— R. Larven

**Wednesday 14 April 2021**

**Reader** – A. Moloney

**EMoHC** – M. McMahon

**Friday 16 April 2021**

**Reader** – M. Ryan

**EMoHC** – F. Crew

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**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 17 April 2021**

**Reader—** F. Crew

**EMoHC—** M. Ryan

**Sunday 18 April 2021**

**Readers**

8.00am – P. Humphrey C. Smiroldo N. Fienberg

**Acolyte/Senior Server** D. Ryan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am – M. Nixon

**Data Projector** A. Drew

**Altar Preparation**

**Cleaners** J. Bondfield

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## Second Sunday of Easter — Year B 11 April 2021

**Entrance Antiphon:**
**Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.**

**First Reading: Acts 4:32-35**
*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

**Responsorial Ps: Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24**
**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is ever-lasting.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**
*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**
**Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**
*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

**Communion Antiphon:**
**Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.**

**Reflections on the Reading...**

Defending the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian, Aristides, a non-Christian, said of them:
'These Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows. They save orphans from those who hurt them. If a man has something, he gives freely to the man who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him into their homes and treat him as a brother. And if they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give him what he needs. If it is possible, they bail him out. If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go around, they fast several days to give him the food he needs. We are dealing with a new kind of person. There is something divine in them.'

By Flor McCarthy SDB

## Gospel Reflection ...

On Easter Sunday evening, Jesus appears to 'the disciples' who are huddled behind closed doors. The exact location is not indicated ('where the disciples were'); the traditional location, 'the upper room,' comes from Acts 1:13. After greeting the disciples, Jesus breathes on them, imparting to them both the Holy Spirit and a commission - to forgive sins. In John's gospel this sending of the Spirit (the event normally identified as Pentecost) takes place on Easter Sunday night; indeed, this gospel (John 20:19-23) is traditionally read on Pentecost Sunday, though the revised Lectionary now provides other options for years B and C. The text informs us that Thomas, 'one of the Twelve,' was not present, which sets up the remainder of the story explaining how 'doubting Thomas' becomes a believer. In doing this, the text seems to distinguish between 'the disciples' and 'the Twelve.' This, in turn, raises the question, 'Who was gathered behind those closed doors when Jesus appeared?'
Though John doesn't answer this question directly, the use of two different terms - 'disciples' and 'the Twelve' - implies that there are more than 'the Twelve' (actually, the 'Eleven' now that Judas has left the group). This is confirmed in Acts 1:13-15 where Luke lists the names of the Eleven and adds that these were joined by 'some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.' At one point 'there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place.' The number '120' (12 x 10) may well be symbolic, recalling how the twelve tribes of Israel were divided into units of ten governed by 'wise and experienced' leaders (Deut 1:15; also Exod 18:21; 1 Mac 3:55). The point is that the Holy Spirit is given to all those gathered, not just the Twelve.
The mission of all disciples, empowered by the Spirit, is to extend to others the forgiveness Jesus made available through his death-and-resurrection. When the Spirit is thus present, the kind of community described in the first reading becomes possible and the presence of the Risen Christ is made visible.

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**Thank you** to Simplicity Funerals (Richmond) for their donation of the Paschal Candles for use in our 2 Parish Centres. Each year they very generously help us out with these candles.

"A reminder to all of the new and current Junior Servers of the Altar that the next training is being held on Monday 19th of April in the Parish meeting room. Training commences at 4pm and will conclude by 6pm. Please ensure you're on time as there is a lot to get through. For any queries contact: *Martin Crew: 0414 515 858; martin@parishofrichmond.org.au*"

## STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 4/04/21

1st Collection: $2050.00 (assists clergy)
2nd Collection: $3124.00 (parish costs)

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# Announcements

**Thank you** for the donated food items, they were delivered and greatly received by Hawkesbury Helping Hands. Clothing was delivered to Vinnies in Windsor where flood victims with vouchers will be able to collect them.

**Good Friday Collection** $1270.00 has been forwarded for the upkeep of the Holy Places in Jerusalem.

**Thank you** for your contribution to Project Compassion.

**Students from St Monica's** will attend the Friday 9am Mass during Term 2.

**COVID restrictions still apply** Social distancing and the two square metre rule per person are still in place. Despite our best efforts to encourage people to book early for the Easter Ceremonies, we were faced with many who didn't, necessitating them being relegated to the School Hall. We understand their disappointment but we must observe the laws laid down by the Government & the Diocese of Parramatta. **PLEASE, PLEASE,** continue to book for Masses.

## PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Sunday 25 April* **ANZAC Day.**
- *Monday 10 May* **Circle of Friends** will meet following morning Mass. All welcome. **Please note this is a change of date usually first Monday of the month.**

**Parish Morning Tea ...**
The Parish Council would like to invite parishioners to stay for a cuppa and a chat after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 25th April at St Monica's Church.
Save the date! Parish Morning Teas will be held every fourth Sunday!

***A reminder** for the Senior Servers to save the date on the Saturday the 17th of April for training on how to conduct a Communion Service and Liturgy of the Word. It will begin at 9:30am with morning tea followed by the training session at 10. Please ensure you notify either Martin Crew or the Parish Office to confirm your attendance.*

**Please note: Adoration after the 9am Mass on Wednesday 14 April has been cancelled due to a Funeral.**

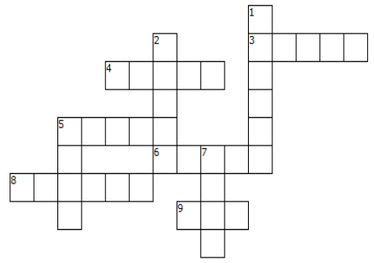
**Holy Week celebrations ...**

From 'WOW!' on Palm Sunday, followed by 'It was a privilege for us to be here' on Holy Thursday to 'Isn't it great to be able to sing again' and 'What a sight as the Church was lit up by candlelight', these are just a few of the comments heard as people appreciated being able to celebrate Easter. This could not have happened without the many, mostly, unseen people who prepared and cleaned not only the Church but the surrounding areas, ensuring the lawns were mowed, paths swept, toilets cleaned, old Church prepared for the altar of repose and the volunteers who assisted and prepared the School hall to enable those who were unable to be accommodated in the Church to participate, those who worked as marshals and those who prepared our attendance sheets.
A special thanks to our young people who led us so prayerfully through the Stations of the Cross. To all the ministries involved in the celebrations we say 'Thank You'.
We also express our gratitude to Fr. Gayan and Fr. Thomas for their leadership during these demanding days.

## Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

**DOWN**

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

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| PEACE | DOOR | HANDS | FAITH | HAPPY |
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Christine Sveyda

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

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Joseph Baldacchino,
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## *WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK*

Susan (Payne) Mace, Celia Morrison, Tim Madsen, Pat Crew, Garth and Nancy Doyle, Yvonne Coutis, Chloe McKenzie, Jeanette Farley, Genevieve Jereb, Donna Vella, Honorius Escalante, Vera Brglevski, Diana Hurley, Betty McKay, Leo Barbagallo

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

***Cruise Dwyer***

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

## *HAPPY BIRTHDAY*

Rhonda Jones
Sue Romano
Tom Saliba
Christopher Bevington

## *WEDDING ANNIVERSARY*

Mark & Rebecca Camilleri

**Memorial Mass for Br John Gibson** to be held at St John of God Chapel on Monday 19 April at 10.15am. Bookings are essential & limited to 30 people. Online booking will be available from Monday 12 April on the parish website or facebook.

***The Men's Ministry** are meeting Friday the 23rd of April in the Parish meeting room. The evening will run from 7pm until around 8:30pm and light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Bob: 0415 077 768 or the Parish office to register.*

## 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**
Friday 14 May 2021, 9am 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**
***21 April 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.