

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

25 April 2021

4th 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 -
5.30pm - A. Kuriakose

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

18 Apr - F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want
25 Apr - M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Stone

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 19 April 2021

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 21 April 2021

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - M. McMahan

Friday 23 April 2021

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - F. Crew



St Gregory's

Saturday 24 April 2021

Reader - P. Humphrey

EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 25 April 2021

Readers

8.00am - M. Mooney A. Drew L. Dicksbury

Acolyte/Senior Server J. Wall

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smiroldo

Data Projector S. Buchan

Altar Preparation

Cleaners K. Hodgson

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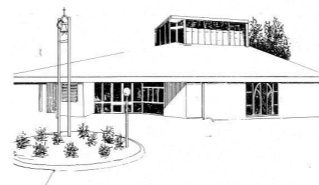
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Third Sunday of Easter - Year B 18 April 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name, O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19

You killed the prince of life; God however, raised him from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 4:2, 4, 7, 9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:35-48

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Those who care about others pick up a lot of wounds. There may be no great wounds, only a multiplicity of little ones - a host of scratches, wrinkles and welts. But there can also be a lot of invisible wounds: the furrows left on the mind and the heart by hardship, worry and anxiety, disappointments, ingratitude, and betrayal. These wounds are not things to be ashamed of. They are badges of honour. They are proof of our love. Jesus didn't hide his wounds. Neither should we. By his wounds we are healed.



By Flor McCarthy SDB

Gospel Reflection ...

This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two. However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

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### Become Like Water 6-Day Retreat: 23 – 29 April

St Mary's Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, is hosting a 6-day retreat and prayer weekend from 23 to 29 April.

This retreat will notice how we are called to be participants in the life of grace by reflecting on the Mysteries of Light and where we notice the waters of baptism welling up within us. The 6-day retreat is \$870, with the prayer weekend of 23-25 April \$290. For more information, and to register, call 4630 0233, email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au) or visit [www.towerstreat.org.au](http://www.towerstreat.org.au)



### The Well' offers new refreshment in 2021.

'The Well' is back in 2021. The team are hoping to drip-feed new and relatable content every 72 hours that supports your ministry with family, friends, students, colleagues and strangers. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 11/04/21

1st Collection: \$ 787.00 (assists clergy)  
2nd Collection: \$2231.95 (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](http://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

**ANZAC DAY (25 April) next Sunday:** Readings for the day will be taken from the Fourth Sunday of Easter. We invite both ex and current Service personnel to wear their medals. Remembrance will be included at all Masses. If you have any rosemary, could you please leave at St Monica's on Friday morning 23 April.

**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.

**COVID restrictions still apply** Social distancing and the two square metre rule per person are still in place. We are still restricted to 250 in St Monica's and 47 in St Gregory's. We must observe the laws laid down by the Government & the Diocese of Parramatta. **PLEASE** continue to book for Masses via the Parish of Richmond website or Facebook page.

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

**Musicians Wanted!** Do you play keyboard? Consider using your ability for the Lord. We are looking to expand our pool of musicians for Sunday Masses. You could play as little as one Mass per month. You will be given ample support and resources will be provided. Please contact Maria Boyd to discuss if you are interested. [boydmaria54@hotmail.com](mailto:boydmaria54@hotmail.com)

## 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 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](mailto:martin@parishofrichmond.org.au)*"

## Open Mind — Open Heart

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24:45 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Luke 24: 35-48

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**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.

### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Melanie Sheffield  
Michael Vella  
Basil Perrett  
Ann Roberts  
Rae Jenkins  
Peter Delaney  
Br John Gibson  
Peter Roth

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

Jason Vella, Anthony Vella,  
Maria & Domenico Scopelliti,  
Tony Suman, Peter Gatt,  
Ron & Josie (Mary) Horan,  
Loretta Xavier, Frank Cauchi,  
Joseph Baldacchino,  
Anthony & MaryAnn Xiberras,  
Ivy Sharpless, Harry Sanson,  
Joseph Saliba

### WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Adrian Portelli, 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...

Jordan Cauchi  
Jordan Vella



...to our Christian family.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alex Romano



### 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: 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.  
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**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.

**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.