

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

9 May 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

Year B



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - M. McMahon C. Hession
7.30am - A. Edwards P. Azzopardi
9.30am - A. Brailey F. Yates
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti A. Aquilina

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm - P. Hession
7.30am - M. Turnbull
9.30am - H. Convey
5.30pm - J. Morley

Acolytes/Senior Server

6.00pm - A. Moloney
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - D. Murphy
5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
7.30am - J. Azzopardi
9.30am - S. Murphy M. Hoffman
5.30pm - A. Kuriakose

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - M. Saliba
5.30pm - A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
9.30am -

Altar Preparation

Cleaners A. Campbell

Counters

02 May - R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon
09 May - C. Barber F. Pausanos

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 3 May 2021

Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - R. Larven

Wednesday 5 May 2021

Reader - A. Moloney
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 7 May 2021

Reader - M. Ryan
EMoHC - F. Crew



St Gregory's

Saturday 8 May 2021

Reader - M. Ryan
EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 9 May 2021

Readers

8.00am - B. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

Acolyte/Senior Server D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - P. Waterford

Data Projector H. Gillies

Altar Preparation

Cleaners N. Fienberg

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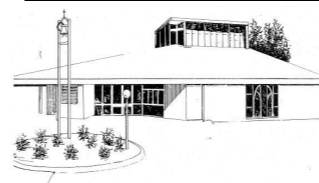
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Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B 2 May 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia!

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 21:26-28, 30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Lord, you said: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Separated from me you can do nothing, but united with me you will bear much fruit.' Thank you, Lord, for the bond you formed with us. And thank you for the bond that exits among us because of our union with you. Thanks to this bond we have invisible riches to share with one another. Grant that we may never be separated from you, so that we may produce in the world the fruits of faith, hope and love.



By Flor McCarthy, SDB

Life of a disciple is one of graft and drawing closer...

'The vine was another of Jesus' favourite images for himself and he uses it to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship. They were not simply rabbi and disciples but their lives were mutually dependant - as close as a vine and its branches.

'To produce fruit true to type, a vine is grafted onto a strong rootstock - two plants, in effect become one. The rootstock goes deep into the ground drawing up the nutrients the plant needs. In their turn, the branches grow from the main plant and break into leaf and tendril. The problem is that, left to themselves, the branches will grow and grow... this may be a joy to watch and a fine example of exuberant growth but it is, unfortunately, at the expense of any grapes that may be trying to grow on the vine. The plant is so busy sending energy to the farthest of the branches that the poor grapes get by-passed!

'So, it is necessary for the vine-dresser to curb the branches' enthusiasm: the branches are pruned back almost to the grapes so that the energy is channelled into fruitfulness and not into foliage! At the same time, any branches not bearing fruit are removed - again so that the plant's energy is directed to its fruit.'

From the Wellsprings website

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**LITURGICAL PRACTICES ...**

Following a meeting of the Liturgy Team on Wednesday 21 April, it was agreed to follow a suggestion by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, regarding children presented by their parents and adults who have not made their First Communion, in the Communion Procession. Beginning Pentecost Sunday May 23, in place of the current practice the following option will be adopted 'borrowed from the Maronite Rite. The Communion Minister will place the Ciborium on the top of the head of the person without any words. This signals a recognition of Baptism and that they will ultimately join fully at the altar.' The priest will continue to give a blessing. Please take note and help us implement the changes by bowing your heads as you approach the Minister with arms crossed.



**STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 25/04/21**

1st Collection: \$ 975.00 (assists clergy)  
2nd Collection: \$1745.90 (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.

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**Announcements**

**Thank You- ANZAC Day.** Thank you to all who prepared & participated in our Anzac Remembrance Prayer last weekend. Thank you to those who brought the Rosemary. We acknowledge with grateful thanks Kay Quinton of Kay's Flowers for the Wreath of Poppies. We also thank our Parish Pastoral Council Members who provided morning tea following 9.30am Mass.

**Thank You** to Josephine Zahra for the beautiful floral arrangements that decorate both our Churches each week. The flowers bring the joy of creation & uplift our hearts, May God bless you, Jo. We also wish to thank and acknowledge Windsor Riverview Florist who provide the flowers.

**Sympathy and Prayers** are extended to the Hoffmann family following the death of Martin's parents Maria and Henryk Hoffmann who passed away in Poland last week due to COVID. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Weekend 8/9 May is Mother's Day.** Remember your Mum in a special way by bringing a flower with her name attached & place it at the altar as we pray for all Mothers on this day.



**White Elephant:** Time to declutter, to clean out your cupboards, drawers & shed. Donations of items (in good condition) that you no longer need will be gratefully accepted during June for the parish white elephant stall to be held in the Old Church 25th, 26th & 27th June. More information to follow.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

- Monday 3 May **Saints Philip and James.**
- Weekend 8/9 May **Mother's 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.**
- Wednesday 12 May **Faith Conversations.**
- Saturday 15, 22 & 29 May **Refresher training.**
- Weekend 22/23 May **Commissioning of Ministers.**
- Wednesday 26 & Thursday 27 May **Conformation Ceremonies.**
- Sunday 30 May **Baptism Anniversary Mass.**

**FAITH CONVERSATIONS ...**

Are you interested in exploring your faith further? Would you like to be part of open conversations about living our faith in the world today? The Parish would like to invite you to come together in fellowship to be part of discussions and conversations about faith. Every second Wednesday of the month.

**WHEN: Wednesday 12 May 2021 (10:30am – 11:30am)**

**WHERE: St Monica's Parish Church**

**TOPIC 1: Conversations about the role of the Gospels in the world today**

**RSVP : If possible, please leave your name at the Parish Office or on the sign on sheets in the foyer to let us know you are attending this session.**

**[ To help with future planning please complete the attached expression of interest form]**

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**The True Vine**

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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

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Ron & Josie (Mary) Horan,  
Loretta Xavier, Frank Cauchi,  
Joseph Baldacchino,  
Anthony & MaryAnn Xiberras,  
Ivy Sharpless, Harry Sanson

**WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK**

Adrian Portelli, Susan (Payne) Mace, Celia Morrison, Tim Madsen, 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...**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**Baptism Anniversary Mass** for children baptised in 2020. The Mass will be at the 9.30am on Sunday 30th May and will be followed by morning tea.

**Commissioning of Ministers** will take place at all Masses on the Weekend 22/23 May Pentecost Sunday. This Feast highlights the beginning of the Church, the coming of the Spirit with gifts to enrich the Apostles to have courage to go out and tell the Good News

**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.

**A reminder to all Senior Servers at the Altar, Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that the refresher training is coming up on the 15th, 22nd and 29th of May. Training will be from 10-11:30am and as there is a lot to get through, please be punctual. Senior Servers are required all three days; Ministers of the Word on the 15th; and Extraordinary Ministers on the 22nd. For queries please contact the Parish Office or Martin Crew: 0414 515 858.**

**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**

**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

**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

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**19 May 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

**Body of Christ Prayer Group** every second Wednesday of the month 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome  
1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

**HYPRA-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 HYPRA Mass.