

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER  
**17 October 2021**  
 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Year B  
 ★★ † ★★

Rescheduled Roster due to  
 COVID restrictions

St Monica's

#### WEEKDAY ROSTER

**Monday 11 October 2021**

Reader – M. McMahon

Universal Prayers– C. Nickle

Altar Prep– F. Crew

**Wednesday 13 October 2021**

Reader – S. Duff

Universal Prayers– P. Humphrey

Altar Prep– M. McMahon

**Friday 15 October 2021**

Reader – D. Bowles

Universal Prayers–F. Agsten

Altar Prep– A. Moloney

#### WEEKEND ROSTER

**Saturday 16 October 2021**

Reader – A. Dunbar M. McGuinness

Universal Prayers– J. Portelli

Senior Server– M. Crew

Junior Server– A. Portelli

Altar Prep–

**Sunday 17 October 2021**

Reader – K. Petersen T. Scopelliti

Senior Server– A. Moloney

Junior Server –

Altar Prep– F. Crew



#### Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in  
 the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I  
 desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
 receive you sacramentally, come  
 at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were  
 already there and unite myself  
 wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated  
 from you.

Amen

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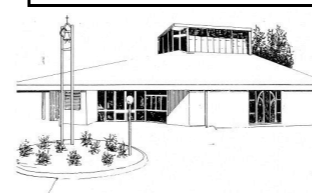
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## Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year B 10 October 2021

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who  
 could stand? But with you is found forgiveness,  
 O God of Israel.

#### FIRST READING: WISDOM 7:7-11

*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

#### RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 89:12-17

**Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

#### SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4:12-13

*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions  
 of the heart.*

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom  
 of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL: MARK 10:17-30

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

#### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek  
 the Lord lack no blessing.**

#### REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Jesus saw that the rich young man had great potential,  
 so he invited him to enter the world of sharing.  
 But he wasn't up to it - riches got in the way.  
 As he went away a sadness descended on him,  
 the sadness that descends on us when we choose to live  
 for ourselves. Even though Jesus was sad to see him go,  
 nevertheless, he let him go.  
 There's no point in forcing people to make sacrifices.  
 If you take things from people, they are impoverished;  
 but if you can get them to give them up, they are enriched.  
 People are essentially good, but this goodness has to be  
 awakened and called forth, if they are to enter the  
 kingdom of love.

By Flor McCarthy SDB

#### Re opening of the Church:

Though we can legally open churches from the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, now that NSW has reached 70% vaccination status, the Bishop of Parramatta Diocese has decided not to open churches for public Masses until the 80% target has been reached.

**This first stage then means we will resume public Masses for all on the 25th of October.**

Stage 1 means we will again be subject to the following restrictions:

- 1 person per 4 square metres; 130 congregants at St Monica's and 28 at St Gregory's.
- Online registrations will be required.
- No congregational singing.
- Masks will still be required to be worn.
- The Sign of Peace will resume by way of bowing or a nod of the head to each other.

Stage 2 begins on the 1st of December, with the following restrictions:

- The 4 square metre rule will reduce to 2 square metres; 250 congregants at St Monica's and 47 at St Gregory's.
- Congregational singing can resume.
- Masks will not be mandatory but are still highly recommended.

Livestreaming will continue for Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday 9:30am Masses, until the 1st of December at which time we will review the situation.

We will continue with the current Lockdown Roster until the 29th of October, after which time the previous Covid Rosters will resume; that will be the weekend of the 30th/31st of October. Should you be unable to access online registrations for Masses, please contact the Parish Office. We look forward to welcoming you back and celebrating the Eucharist together.

God bless, Fathers Gayan, Thomas and the Parish Team.

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Parish of Richmond

\*\*\* FIRST EUCHARIST CEREMONY DATES \*\*\*

First Eucharist Ceremony dates confirmed for all weekend masses of:

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November      Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Unfortunately we will need to limit parishioners attending these First Eucharist Ceremonies as follows:

St Monica’s Church Richmond – limit of 70 (please register online)

St Gregory’s Church Kurrajong – limit of 20 (please register online)

*Thank you for your continued patience, support and understanding.*

Please continue to keep the children who are preparing for their Sacrament of First Eucharist and their families in your prayers.

Reconciliation – Sacrament of Penance – Year 3+

Thank you to those families who have enrolled their children for the sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation.

As the NSW Government has recently published its pathway out of the pandemic and lockdowns and in line with the Diocese of Parramatta advice and directions, the following changes will be made accordingly.

Thursday, October 21      Parent night – CANCELLED (All information will be emailed to families)

Sunday, October 24      Sacramental Groups begin for a **4 week** period

**FACE TO FACE CLASSES CANCELLED.** Instead, the following two options will be offered to families: Parent/Child work from Home program. Zoom Classes – limited available

Monday, November 22      Rehearsal for sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation  
4.00pm & 7.00pm at St Monica’s Church – only for Candidates

**Reconciliation Ceremonies scheduled to go ahead as planned with no vaccination status applicable - Covid Safe Practices will be followed. Wednesday, November 24 and Thursday, November 25:**

**Reconciliation Ceremonies at St Monica’s 3.30pm (First Rite) & 7.00pm (Second Rite)**

Enquires: Contact Irene Galea at [sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au)

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Friday 15 October *Saint Teresa of Jesus.*

Livestreamed Masses for the weekend and next week:

9am Sat 9      Saturday of week 27 in Ordinary Time  
9am Sun 10      28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9am Mon 11      Monday of week 28 in Ordinary Time  
9am Wed 13      Wednesday of week 28 in Ordinary Time  
9am Fri 15      Saint Teresa of Ávila, Virgin, Doctor  
9am Sat 16      Saturday of week 28 in Ordinary Time

Parish YouTube link <https://tinyurl.com/richmondparish>

November Masses:

*November is the time when the Church remembers and prays for those who have died. Should you wish to have your loved ones included in the Masses throughout November you can submit names by email [admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au) or you can leave names at the Parish Office. Please print names clearly.*

Parish Pastoral Council Elections 2021

*Due to delays caused by the Pandemic and lockdowns, the 2020 PPC elections did not occur.*

*The decision has therefore been made to offer an alternative way of holding elections for the PPC before 2022, in keeping with the Diocesan and Parish Statutes.*

*To elect new members, on-line nominations and voting will be done using Google docs. As not all parishioners have access to internet, the necessary paper forms will be distributed, as an alternative.*

| Timeframe       | What to Expect  |
|-----------------|---|
| W’end 23/24 Oct | Nominations open for 2 weeks.   |
| Sun 7 Nov       | Final Day for Nominations via Google Docs<br>Hard copy submitted to office. |
| Mon 14 Nov      | List of Candidates in Bulletin.<br>Preferential Voting forms distributed.   |
| W’end 20/21 Nov | Voting at all Masses  |
| Mon 22 Nov      | Votes Counted   |
| W’end 27/28 Nov | New Councilors Announced  |

**If my doctor says it is safe for me to get the vaccine, do I have to get it?** In its *Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines*, the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith is clear that “vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation” and “must be voluntary”. No one should be coerced to receive any vaccine. However, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith goes on to say that the morality of vaccination is not only about your own health, but also the duty to pursue the common good by protecting the health of others, especially the weakest and most vulnerable. One would therefore need a serious reason not to receive the vaccine. Extract from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference FAQ document (April 2021)Full document here: [https://catholic.org.au/images/FAQs\\_and\\_Guidance\\_on\\_COVID-19\\_Vaccination.pdf](https://catholic.org.au/images/FAQs_and_Guidance_on_COVID-19_Vaccination.pdf)

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Aureen Dunn  
Eileen Lutton  
David Caire  
Joseph Somi  
Bryan Mullins  
Mary Colman  
Bert Van de burg  
Kim James  
Penny LeFeuvre

... and those we remember at this time.

Josephine Cauchi,  
Florence Crew, Joseph  
Baldacchino, Jean Spice,  
Bill McMahon, Domenico &  
Maria Scopelliti, Madelena  
Bajada, Joseph Vella,  
Sr Mary Carmel Martin OSC,  
Anthony & Mary Ann Xiberras,  
Reg Eves, Katerina Spyridakos,  
Carmel Teuma

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Helen Payne, Bob Camilleri, Kurt Binggeli, Thea Evans,  
Joan Thatcher, Susan (Payne) Mace, Celia Morrison,  
Garth and Nancy Doyle, Chloe McKenzie, Jeanette Farley,  
Genevieve Jereb, Donna Vella, Honorius Escalante, Vera Brglevski,  
Diana Hurley, Daniela Dwyer, John Carney, Garry Borg

We welcome the newly Baptised...



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



**Safeguarding Mandatory Training.** The Diocese requires that ALL members of ministries complete Safeguarding modules, online or via zoom. The Safeguarding Office has scheduled a series of dates for zoom training of the Mandatory Modules. The Zoom dates for Modules 1-3 are listed below:

- Tuesday 9 November – Module 1: Introduction to Safeguarding - 9.30am and 2pm.
- Tuesday 16 November – Module 2: Understanding Child Abuse & Reportable Conduct - 9.30am and 2pm.
- Tuesday 23 November – Module 3: Safeguarding Adults at Risk - 9.30am and 2pm.

Once restrictions ease there will also be opportunities for face-to-face training. If you require any further information, please email Martin Crew - [martin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:martin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

Requests to join the zoom sessions can be emailed to: [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica’s (Cancelled until further notice)

Saturday: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am

St Gregory’s (Cancelled until further notice)

Saturday: 9am  
Sunday: 8am & 9am

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 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  
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**Marriage**  
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PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING  
20 October  
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.

**Parish Morning Tea**  
after 9.30am Mass  
every fourth Sunday  
at St Monica’s &  
every second month  
at St Gregory’s after  
8am Mass.

Circle of Friends

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

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

(Cancelled until further notice)

HYPA-R Benediction & Mass

Meet every 1st Friday of the month  
6-7pm All Welcome

(Cancelled until further notice)

Youth Group Social

Meet every 1st Friday of the month after  
6.30pm HYPA Mass.