

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
5 December 2021
 2nd Sunday of Advent

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 St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm— C. Galea J. Fewtrell
 7.30am— A. Dunbar M. Fenech
 9.30am— C. Thompson M. Manea
 5.30pm— J. Morley P. Azzopardi

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm— J. Gorman
 7.30am— L. Attard A. Edwards
 9.30am— J. Portelli C. Hey
 5.30pm— T. Scopelliti S. Mulford

Acolytes/Senior Server

6.00pm— A. Moloney
 7.30am— C. Thompson
 9.30am— M. Crew
 5.30pm— D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

6.00pm— A. Grima
 7.30am—
 9.30am— C. S & O. Saliba
 5.30pm— S. Barglik

Data Projector

6.00pm— T. Buckley
 7.30am— M. McMahon
 9.30am— M. Breden
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
 9.30am -

Altar Preparation

Cleaners C. Livingstone M. Portelli

Counters

28 Nov— R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon
 05 Dec— C. Barber F. Pausanos

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 29 November 2021

Reader— F. Crew
 EMoHC— R. Larven

Wednesday 1 December 2021

Reader— A. Moloney
 EMoHC— M. McMahon

Friday 3 December 2021

Reader— M. Ryan
 EMoHC— F. Crew

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St Gregory's

Saturday 4 December 2021

Reader— J. Wall
 EMoHC— C. Smioldo

Sunday 5 December 2021

Readers

8.00am— M. Ryan T. Misdom S. Lundy

Acolyte/Senior Server D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— M. Ryan

Data Projector M. Beggs

Altar Preparation P. McCallum

Cleaners A. Falzon

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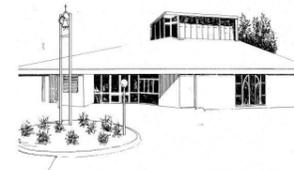
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First Sunday of Advent — Year C 28 November 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

For you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be out to shame.

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3:12 - 4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Presider: May the circle of green leaves which has no beginning and no end, be a sign for us of our place in eternal time and of God's never ending love for us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: As we light these candles each week, may our hearts be stirred with hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Presider: May he find us awake and watchful, praying at all times, our lives marked by deeds of love, justice and mercy.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.



Christmas Mass Schedule:

Richmond Christmas Eve. 6pm and 8pm

Christmas Day: Midnight, 7.30am and 9.30am. No evening Mass.

Kurrajong: Christmas Eve: 6pm and 8pm. Christmas Day: 8am and 9am.

Sunday - December 26: Feast of the Holy Family Sunday Mass Schedule:

Richmond: 7.30am, 9.30am and 5.30pm.

Kurrajong: 8am and 9am.

RECONCILIATION in preparation for Christmas will be available after Morning Masses during Advent commencing Monday 29 November, Saturdays from 5pm- 5.45pm.

Also Saturday December 18 at 9.30-10.30am at St. Monica's and Monday December 20 at 6.30 -7.30pm. St Gregory's after Saturday morning Mass as usual.

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Children's Mass Christmas Eve ...

Christmas Play Rehearsals will be on Sunday, 12 & 19 December 2021 after the 9:30am mass. Sign up sheets are in the Church foyer, please add your name. If you or your child are interested in participating in the Christmas Play during the St Monica's Children's Mass on Friday 24 December 2021 at 6pm please come along to the 2 rehearsal sessions.
If you have any queries please contact Michelle Saliba via the Parish office on 4578 1410.



ADVENT starts Today ...

There will be NO Parish based groups for Advent. We are still restricted by Covid for gatherings. We will however forward via email a program for all to follow during this season of preparation to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. All are encouraged to set time aside each day to pray and reflect on this great gift we are given at Christmas. Should you like a printed copy please contact the Parish Office 4578 1410.

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 21/11/21

1st Collection: \$1190.00 (assists clergy)
2nd Collection: \$2500.60 (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 set up monthly giving via credit card.

Online Donations are accepted through our parish website at 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.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle)
Gemma Thompson
Aureen Dunn
Eileen Lutton
David Caire
Joseph Somi
Bryan Mullins

... and those we remember at this time.

We pray for all our departed Family and Friends.

Names in the Memorial Book placed in front of the Altar.

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, Ann Marie Ryan

We welcome the newly Baptised...

Milena Borg
Kyson Camilleri



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Johnson

Announcements

Please Note: The sending of the Bulletin via email will cease as from December 1. The Bulletin is posted on the Website each week, see News and Events. It is also available on our Facebook page.

Livestreaming of Masses from St Monica's will cease on December 1. Please check the Diocesan Website for Masses available on line.

CatholicCare Bishop's Christmas Appeal will be taken up as you leave the Church today. If you require a receipt please use the envelopes provided in the pews & at the church door. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Rosters: Sign up sheets are available in the foyer today, please add your name. There are five Masses in Richmond and four in Kurrajong, your help is needed.

Communion Antiphon: The Alternative Antiphon will be used throughout the year where one is provided.

PARISH ASSEMBLY POSTPONED due to Covid Restrictions. It will take place **Sunday 6th February 2022** following 9.30am Mass.

Piety Stall: Josephite and Columban Calendars \$10.00 each. God's Word, a Daily Reflection Book \$18.00. Break Open the Word \$24.00. Also available at St Gregory's.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 30 November **Saint Andrew.**
- Friday 3 December **Saint Francis Xavier.**
- Monday 6 December **Circle of Friends Christmas lunch.** Please contact Helen 4578 8911 TODAY for full details. Bookings are essential.

THANK YOU to our newly appointed Parish Council Members- Darrel Grima, Emma Mizzi, Trish Maguire, Joe Portelli and David Pritchard. We also thank the retiring members, Scott Buchan, Laurence Peril and Bill Jansen for a job well done.

REMINDER: As Rosters 2022 need to be completed, all ministers are asked to return their recommitment form **immediately** to Mary McGuinness at mazzanfrank@bigpond.com or parish office. Thank you.

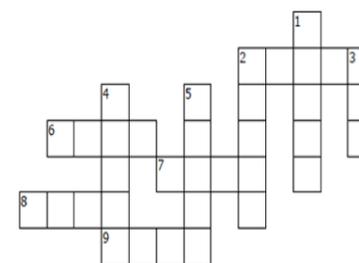
Stamps: Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children.

Next Weekend ... St Monica's Parish White Elephant and Book Sale. Old Church, Richmond. Friday December 3, Saturday December 4 & Sunday December 5. Great bargains. Christmas gifts. Enquiries: Please phone Noelene 0432 355 162.

Are You Ready?

"Stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28 (NIV)

Based on Luke 21:25-36



ACROSS

- Twinkling points of light in the sky at night
- To make a request to God
- The large heavenly body visible in the night sky
- To raise from a lower to a higher position
- The part of the body containing the brain, eyes, ears, nose, mouth

DOWN

- To observe very carefully
- To rise to an upright position on your feet
- The earth's source of heat and light
- The planet on which we live
- Large, white, fluffy things floating in the sky

PRAY	STARS	EARTH	STAND	MOON
WATCH	CLOUD	LIFT	HEAD	SUN

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Congratulations to or young people who have celebrated their First Communion over the past two weekends. Thank you to Parents and Godparents for their support and co-operation in preparing the children for this special occasion. We thank Irene Galea, Sacramental Co-ordinator and her team of helpers for the extra work undertaken to meet the challenges of the pandemic. To the many who helped prepare and participate in the Ceremonies Thank you. We also congratulate the children and their families who have prepared them to receive the Sacrament of Penance this week. Irene, thank you for your leadership, May God's Grace and Peace surround all of you.

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS ... Non perishable food items will be collected by the Society from the 1st week of December. Once again we thank you all for your contributions. We anticipate that the need this year will be just as great. Some Suggestions – Canned fruit and Vegetables. Pasta / Pasta sauces Canned Tuna / Salmon. Savoury biscuits / sweet biscuits. Rice / Noodles. Chips / nuts / sweets. Cereals / long life milk . Spreads - jams. Long life custard. Christmas cake / pudding.
On behalf of our clients we thank you for your generosity. Let us help them celebrate Christmas as we would.

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 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
15 December 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.

HYPA-R Benediction & Mass
Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm—7.30pm All Welcome

Suspended until further notice Youth Group Social
Meet every 1st Friday of the month after 6.30pm HYPA Mass.