

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
19 December 2021
 4th Sunday of Advent
 Year B
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 St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm— V. MacKenzie J. Fewtrell
 7.30am— S. Duff M. Clark
 9.30am— K. Petersen M. Manea
 5.30pm—

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm— V. Muscat
 7.30am— A. Burnett M. Fenech
 9.30am— Z. Culican J. Portelli
 5.30pm— S. Nash A. Aquilina

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— E. Latimer
 5.30pm— S. Barglik

Data Projector

6.00pm— T. Jerome
 7.30am— C. Thompson
 9.30am— L. Culican
 5.30pm— Choir members

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
 9.30am -

Altar Preparation

Cleaners K. Murphy C. Norton

Counters

12 Dec— V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
 19 Dec— F. Crew T. Misdorn M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 13 December 2021

Reader— M. Breden
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

Wednesday 15 December 2021

Reader— A. Aquilina
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

Friday 17 December 2021

Reader— D. Bowles
 EMoHC— M. Ryan

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St Gregory's

Saturday 18 December 2021

Reader— F. Crew
 EMoHC— M. Ryan

Sunday 19 December 2021

Readers

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

Acolyte/Senior Server F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— M. Nixon

Data Projector A. Drew

Altar Preparation

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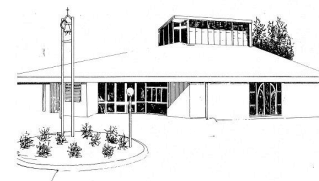
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Third Sunday of Advent — Year C 12 December 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
 Indeed, the Lord is near.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.
 Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

RESPONSORIAL PS: ISAIAH 12:2-6

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

The Lord is near.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18

What, then, must we do?

Presider: Shout for joy, all you people's of the earth!

All: *The Lord is coming!*

Presider: Rejoice and exult with all your heart!

All: *The Lord is very near!*

Presider: Have no fear, hold firm and take heart.

All: *Hope in the Lord!*



Bookings open online Monday 13 December.

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.

Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm and Christmas Day Mass at 9.30am will be livestreamed.

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

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 today 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.



THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES ...

Due to other work commitments Irene Galea has stepped down from the role of Sacramental Co-Ordinator. Irene, thank you for your leadership and guidance of our families who presented children for the Sacraments throughout this year. You overcame the many challenges Covid restrictions threw at you facing them with a quiet determination to find a way. Thankfully your computer and digital skills saved the day. May God bless you.
We are pleased to announce that Maria Boyd has accepted to take up the role in 2022 and thank her for her commitment to the Parish Community.

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 5/12/21

1st Collection: \$ 785.00 (assists clergy)
2nd Collection: \$1704.85 (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

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

... and those we remember at this time.

Sam Gatt, Maria Krudnik, Frank Cauchi
Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ron Clark, Phyllis Cini,
Jean Spice, Josephine Cauchi, Florence Crew, Joseph Baldacchino, Jean Spice, Bill McMahon, Domenico & Maria Scopelliti

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Pat Crew, 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...

Mia Tanti



...to our Christian family.

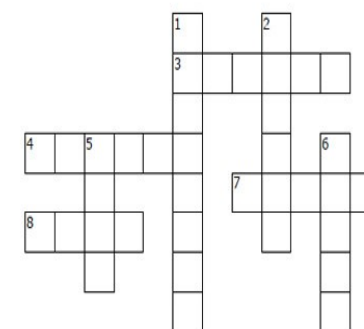
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The Real Thing

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Luke 3:8a (NLT)

Based on Luke 3:7-18



ACROSS

3. To make a charge of wrongdoing against another person
4. To confess one's sin and make a change for the better
7. The sweet and edible part of a plant or tree
8. The opposite of bad

DOWN

1. To have water poured on one's head or to be briefly covered completely by water
2. Having a desire or need for food
5. Having little money or possessions
6. A small poisonous snake

BAPTIZED	REPENT	FRUIT	POOR
GOOD	HUNGRY	VIPER	ACCUSE

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PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 13 December Saint Lucy.
- Tuesday 14 December Saint John of the Cross.

COVID RESTRICTION UPDATE ...

It is anticipated that on December 15 further restrictions will be lifted. For Churches this means **NO** limit on numbers attending which will eliminate the necessity to book. **MASKS** are highly recommended to be worn and **SIGNING IN** either by QR Code or signing the sheets provided is still required. **SINGING** will be allowed-so get your voices ready! We await confirmation of these arrangements and like the Boy Scouts are prepared for whatever comes. Thank you for your co-operation over these very difficult and challenging times.

Diocese of Parramatta launches Plenary Council resource website ...

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. Beyond the First Assembly of the Plenary Council, visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of info, a Diocesan prayer & more as we move into a time of prayer, reflection, maturation & development.

THANK YOU once again to Noelene Fienberg, Helen Garrick and all who helped prepare and were present to serve at the WHITE ELEPHANT and BOOKS. Thanks to all who donated goods and those who supported the event. \$10791.85 was raised (\$7977.85 White Elephant, \$2814.00 Books).

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS. Have you put your name down to help over Christmas? Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer today, please add your name, we need lots of helpers. There are five Masses in Richmond and four in Kurrajong. Rosters will be prepared this week and displayed next weekend.

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.

HYPA-R Benediction & Mass on Friday January 7 is cancelled and will resume Friday February 4, 2022.

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

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

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS at the Christmas gathering members decided not to resume regular meetings. This group which was formed over 30 years ago has provided a place for Parishioners to gather for a chat and a cuppa, has decided not to continue in 2022. Health Issues for a number of our members and the ever-present ageing, some are over 90, are preventing regular attendances. We thank all who have shared their story, made us laugh and cry, helped us through trials and tribulation, it has been a privilege to journey with you. A special thanks to Helen Garrick and helpers who have prepared the meeting place, made and served lots of cuppas for us all to enjoy. We hope to meet occasionally to keep in touch. God bless you all this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

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.