

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER  
**26 December 2021**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
Year C  
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St Monica's

**Readers**

6.00pm— C. Galea C. Hession  
7.30am— A. Edwards P. Azzopardi  
9.30am— K. Petersen M. Mizzi  
5.30pm—

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6.00pm— R. Larven  
7.30am— A. Dunbar M. Clark  
9.30am— L. Ryan j Van Der Burg  
5.30pm— D. D'Mello A. Aquilina

**Acolytes/Senior Server**

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

**Junior Ministers**

6.00pm— S. Barglik  
7.30am—  
9.30am— A. Portelli A. Portelli  
5.30pm— M. Sultana O. Wickett

**Data Projector**

6.00pm— M. Breden  
7.30am— M. McMahon  
9.30am— M. McGuinness  
5.30pm— A. Papallo

**Children's Liturgy**

6.00pm -  
9.30am -

**Altar Preparation**

**Cleaners**

19 Dec— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want  
26 Dec— M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Stone

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 20 December 2021**

Reader— F. Crew  
EMoHC— R. Larven

**Wednesday 22 December 2021**

Reader— A. Moloney  
EMoHC— M. McMahon

**Friday 24 December 2021**

Reader— M. Ryan  
EMoHC— F. Crew

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**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 25 December 2021**

Reader— P. Humphrey  
EMoHC— F. Crew

**Sunday 26 December 2021**

**Readers**

8.00am— M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury

**Acolyte/Senior Server** D. Ryan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am— C. Smiroldo

**Data Projector** S. Buchan

**Altar Preparation**

**Cleaners** K. Hodgson

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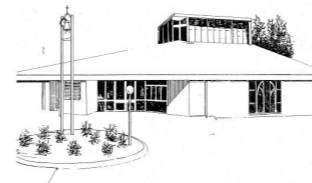
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent — Year C 19 December 2021

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**FIRST READING: MICAH 5:1-4**

*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

**RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19**

**Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we will be saved.**

**SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:5-10**

*I am coming to do your will.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-44**

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Prsider:** Come Lord Jesus, hope of the prophets and desired of all nations.

**All: Come! Lead us back to you.**

**Prsider:** Come Lord Jesus, Son of God, born of Mary.

**All: Come! Take flesh in us.**

**Prsider:** Come Lord Jesus, source of grace and hope for peace.

**All: Come and save us, delay no longer.**



**Bookings now open online.**

**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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**COVID RESTRICTION UPDATE ...**

December 15 saw the lifting of restrictions. For Churches this means **NO** limit on numbers attending which will eliminate the necessity to book. We will however keep bookings open until 8 January it will help with the signing in process. **MASKS** are highly recommended and **SIGNING IN** either by QR Code or signing the sheets provided is still required. **SINGING** will be allowed-so get your voices ready!  
Thank you for your co-operation over these very difficult and challenging times.



**Christmas Office break:**

Over the next month our office staff will be trying to fit in some holiday time, so if you drop in or phone the Parish Office and we don't answer, please leave a message or send an email - we won't be far away. The Parish Office will be closed from Mon 27 Dec - Tues 4 Jan 2022.

**STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 12/12/21**

1st Collection: \$1100.00  
2nd Collection: \$1815.65

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](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.

**Thank you for your generosity and continued support.**

**Announcements**

**CHRISTMAS ROSTERS** Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve at our Christmas Liturgies. Rosters are in the foyer today please check. There are still vacancies, Collectors, Welcomers, Marshalls, (6pm & 9.30am) Readers, Servers etc. etc. (6pm & 9.30am) **please** add your name.

**SAFE JOURNEY** If you are going away for the Christmas break, we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, safe journey.

**NEW YEARS DAY MASS:** Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's and St Gregory's Saturday January 1, at 9am, Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God.

**Mass at St Gregory's** will revert to 8am Mass ONLY commencing from Sunday 6 February, 2022.

**ST PAUL'S FEAST** again this year we are marking St. Paul's Feast in a simple format. Commencing with the Saturday evening Mass on 15 January, 2022 at 6pm followed by a sausage sizzle in St. Monica's grounds. Please join us in our celebration.

**HYPAR-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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022** following 9.30am Mass.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

- Monday 27 December **Saint John.**

**THANK YOU** and also to St Monica's Primary School, Bede Polding College and Caroline Chisholm College for your generous support of the St. Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Hampers will be delivered this week bringing joy to many families.

**Collections** we will continue to use the Collection Boxes marked First and Second Collection at the entrance of the Church for the time being. Where possible would you kindly write the amount you are placing in your envelopes, this will greatly assist the Counters. There will be one collection on **Christmas Day** which will be taken up as you leave the Church. Thank you for generous support throughout the year.

*Please keep in your prayers the Residents of the five Nursing Homes we have in our Pastoral Care, many of whom are alone and lonely at this special time of the year. We thank the members of the Pastoral Team Care Team who visit weekly to bring them comfort. May God bless you all.*

**The Gift of Love**

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" Luke 1:45 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Luke 1:39-45

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**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.**

Bill McMahon, Michael John McMahon, Reno Camilleri, Sam Gatt, Maria Krudjnik, Frank Cauchi, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ron Clark, Phylis Cini, Jean Spice, Josephine Cauchi, Florence Crew, Joseph Baldacchino, Jean Spice

**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...**

**Isabelle Wronski**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Lily Vella  
Lucy Fiji  
Simon Matthews  
Marika Zorlu

**THANK YOU** Martin Crew has stepped down, effective from Christmas, from his position as Parish Co-Ordinator of Ministries. This was a newly created position in the Parish when Martin bravely stepped forward to take on the role 2 years ago. It is not easy to develop a new role and meet people's expectations as well as being thrown curved balls by a pandemic bringing constant changes and limitations. Martin kept up to date with developments and helped our Priests and Parish Staff to keep abreast of the ever changing Government and Diocesan requirements to keep us safe. Thank you Martin, we wish you every blessing in your future endeavours. (The position will be advertised in the New Year)

**Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update.** On 20 March 2020, Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice (Canon 1248 S2 and Catechism 2181) by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. From 15 December 2021, this Decree is now revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings.

**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 2022, 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**  
**16 February 2022 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.

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

**HYPAR-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 HYPAR Mass.