

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

2 January 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

Year C



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. McMahan
 9.30am — M. Breden
 5.30pm — T. Tomasella

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
 9.30am -

Altar Preparation

Cleaners

Counters

24 Dec — M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Stone
 02 Jan — R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahan

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 27 December 2021

Reader — A. Moloney
 EMoHC — F. Crew

Wednesday 29 December 2021

Reader — M. Breden
 EMoHC — M. McMahan

Friday 31 December 2021

Reader — D. Bowles
 EMoHC — F. Crew



St Gregory's

Saturday 1 January 2022

Reader — J. Wall
 EMoHC — C. Smiroldo

Sunday 2 January 2022

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

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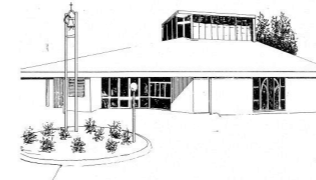
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The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph — Year C 26 December

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Today we are called upon to reflect on the Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This reflection is very important within this season of Christmas which is a family oriented celebration. It is also very expedient as family and family life in our day and age need to be revisited, reconstructed, revived and given new direction. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family let us make effort to imbibe those undying virtues that hallowed the little family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We don't actually need have large family members in order to have God at the centre of our family life. Just like Jesus, Mary and Joseph our families can become hallowed through our commitment and attention to God in faith, hope and love.

By Flor McCarthy SDB

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-2, 21-24

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Prayer for Families ...

*God and Father of us all,
 in Jesus, your Son and our Saviour, you have made us your sons and daughters
 in the family of the Church.*

*May your grace and love help our families
 in every part of the world
 be united to one another
 in fidelity to the Gospel.*

*May the example of the Holy Family,
 with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
 guide all families,
 especially those most troubled,
 to be homes of communion and prayer
 and to always seek your truth and live in your love.*

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for us!

World Prayer for Families

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Parish of Richmond

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 19/12/21

1st Collection: \$875.00
2nd Collection: \$3245.50

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.

(Billie) Alice Head, James Head, John Head, Michael Head, Vincent Head, John Larven, Bev Riley, Julie Bennett, Ken & Cecelia Luscombe, Stan Fienberg, Kathleen Breaden, Paul McDonald, Bill McMahon, Michael John McMahon

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Pat Ward, 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

We welcome the newly Baptised...

**Rose & Jack Bailie
Marcus Lombardi
Miles McDonagh
Reuben & Elliot Watkins**



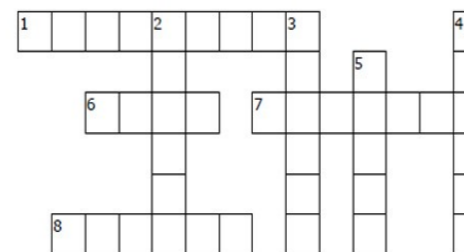
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Liam Bajada
Jasmine Ujmiak



The Boy Jesus in the Temple

After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Luke 2:46 (NIV)
Puzzle is based on Luke 2:41-52



ACROSS

- 1. People related by kinship, common origin, or marriage.
- 6. A place where a person or family lives; a residence
- 7. A father and mother
- 8. Someone you know, like, and trust

DOWN

- 2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
- 3. To look carefully in order to find something
- 4. The ability to judge what is true or right
- 5. A large meal; A periodic religious festival

PARENTS	RELATIVES	TEMPLE	WISDOM
FRIEND	FEAST	HOME	SEARCH

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PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 27 December Saint John.
- Tuesday 28 December The Holy Innocents.
- Saturday 1 January Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

*Fr Gayan and Fr Thomas would like to thank all those who gave them cards and Christmas gifts.
May God continue to bless all of us during this Christmas period.*

Welcome Over the next two weeks we are pleased to welcome Fr. Bob Anderson and Priests from Kellyville to assist at weekend Masses.

Blessings – Peace and Good Health

As we celebrate this Holy Season of Joy, Hope, Peace & Promise we wish you & your family all the blessings you need to carry you through 2022 safely & Covid free. Together with St. Paul we pray 'For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven & on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide & long & high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.' Ephesians 3.

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 2 January, 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 6th February 2022** following 9.30am Mass.

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.

A special Thank you to the volunteers who undertook the many tasks to make it all happen not only at Christmas but throughout this challenging year of 2021. A lot went on behind the scenes as preparations for Christmas started in October. To all who contributed with your gifts & talents, especially the children who brought Joy to the world sharing Good News, we thank you, you are a gift to us all enabling us to be a Parish Family.

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 9 July 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.
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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.

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.

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.