

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER  
**16 January 2022**  
 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C  
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 St Monica's

**Readers**  
 6.00pm— C. Allison J. Fewtrell  
 7.30am— S. Duff M. McMahon  
 9.30am— K. Petersen M. Manea  
 5.30pm— C. Salkeld A. Salkeld  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 6.00pm— J. Gorman J. Muscat  
 7.30am— A. Burnett M. Clark  
 9.30am— K. Portelli Z. Culican  
 5.30pm— S. Nash S. Mulford

**Acolytes/Senior Server**  
 6.00pm— C. Pritchard  
 7.30am— A. Moloney  
 9.30am— A. Brailey  
 5.30pm— P. Delahay

**Junior Ministers**  
 6.00pm— S. Barglik  
 7.30am—  
 9.30am—  
 5.30pm—

**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**

**Counters**

09 Jan— C. Barber F. Pausanos  
 16 Jan— V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 10 January 2022**

Reader— F. Crew  
 EMoHC— R. Larven

**Wednesday 12 January 2022**

Reader— A. Moloney  
 EMoHC— M/ McMahon

**Friday 14 January 2022**

Reader— M. Ryan  
 EMoHC— F. Crew

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St Gregory's

**Saturday 15 January 2022**

Reader—  
 EMoHC—

**Sunday 16 January 2022**

**Readers**

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

**Acolyte/Senior Server** D. Ryan

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am— M. Nixon

**Data Projector** A. Drew

**Altar Preparation**

**Cleaners** S. McMahon

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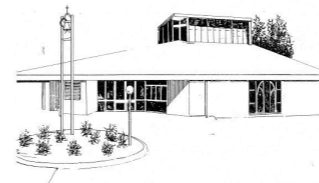
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**Baptism of the Lord — Year C 9 January 2022**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, And the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered; This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11**

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

**RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30**

Oh, bless the Lord my soul!

**SECOND READING: TITUS 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22**

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...**

Lord, Jesus, touch our eyes so that we may see the signs of your presence in our lives and in the world. Touch our ears so that we may hear your word. Touch our tongues so that we may profess our faith. Touch our hands so that we may give and receive. Touch our feet so that we may walk in your paths. Touch our minds so that we may understand your ways. Touch our wills so that they may be in tune with your will. Touch our hearts so that we may bring your love to our brothers and sisters, to the praise and glory of God. Amen.

By Flor McCarthy SDB

**Reflection ...**

Since John the Baptist is presented in all four gospels as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'", today's first reading from Isaiah is fitting whenever John is in view. It is in fact also read on the Second Sunday of Advent in Year B. The first part of today's gospel (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22) also formed part of the pericope read recently on the Third Sunday in Advent. Today its citation from Isaiah is omitted as it proceeds directly to the baptism, but it does have other links back to today's reading from Isaiah. Firstly, John is the "joyful messenger to Zion... to Jerusalem". As mentioned in the reflection on the Third Sunday in Advent, John the Baptist is not presented as a dour ascetic, but rather as one who attracted and enthused people with a sense of expectancy so that they felt themselves to be on the threshold of something wonderful. Secondly, John is the one shouting "Behold, the Lord is coming with power"; in the gospel he declares Jesus to be the one who "is coming" and who is "more powerful".

Apart from the links to Advent via John the Baptist, the main similarity linking the Synoptic accounts of this feast to the Lord's transfiguration is well known; the vision of heaven opening into the world at the Jordan is paralleled in the transfiguration's overshadowing cloud, and from both forms of that divine irruption is heard the voice naming Jesus as "my beloved Son" (except in Luke's transfiguration where he is "my Son, the chosen"). But today's Psalm includes a line that evokes the transfiguration too, describing God as "clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe". But further connections have been noted since antiquity, now largely forgotten, between the feast of the Baptism, in which our Lord descended into the waters, and that of his death and descent among the dead, as also between the transfiguration and resurrection. All these linkages and overlaps in the feasts of the Lord should not surprise since we are always before the one, yet multifaceted mystery of the encounter between God and the world, the divine and human, the uncreated and created, the Creator and his creation, all culminating in the event of the Paschal Mystery of the Incarnate Word.

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**Sacramental Program 2022**

Forms Available	Enrolment Weekend	Parent Night	Groups Begin	Ceremonies
<b>Confirmation</b> from 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb (Year 5+)	26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> March	7 <sup>th</sup> April	24 <sup>th</sup> April	21 <sup>st</sup> May 6pm 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 9.30am 28 <sup>th</sup> May 6pm 29 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am
<b>Eucharist</b> from 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> June Year 4 +	17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> July	4 <sup>th</sup> August	14 <sup>th</sup> August	All Masses 17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> September & 14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Penance</b> from 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> August Year 3+	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> September	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9 <sup>th</sup> October	9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> November

**COVID RESTRICTION UPDATE ...**

As we go to print arrangements again are uncertain. Should we revert to 2sqm per person, we will once again be booking for Mass. If the restrictions are put in place, Masses at Kurrajong will be reviewed. Masks are mandatory and No congregational singing at this time. Please stay safe and observe social distancing.

**STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 02/01/22**

1st Collection: \$ 615.00  
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Gary Cromack  
Seamus Kelly  
Bishop Bill Wright (Maitland-Newcastle)  
Gemma Thompson  
Aureen Dunn  
Eileen Lutton  
David Caire

**... and those we remember at this time.**

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(Billie) Alice Head, James Head,  
John Head, Michael Head,  
Vincent Head, John Larven,  
Bev Riley, Julie Bennett,  
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Luscombe, Stan Fienberg,  
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Stan Ujmiak, 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, Diana Hurley, Daniela Dwyer, John Carney, Garry Borg, Pat Ward

**We welcome the newly Baptised...**



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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

To all those celebrating this week



**Announcements**

**FLOWERS AT ST MONICA'S** Are you a budding florist or perhaps just love to arrange flowers? If you would like to share your talents please contact the Parish Office. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Jo Zahra who for many years has decorated both St. Monica's and Sr Gregory's with her beautiful flower arrangements. May God bless you, Jo.

**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.

**AUSTRALIA DAY JANUARY 26:** Mass will be celebrated at St. Monica's at 9am. Come together and pray in thanksgiving for the natural beauty of this land and her peoples. May we continue to share the story and grow in understanding of the many diverse cultures that make us proud to be AUSTRALIAN.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD- FEBRUARY 2- CANDLEMAS DAY:** On this day candles used in the Church are blessed. We invite Parishioners to bring candles they use at home in a prayer focus to be included in this blessing which will take place during the 9am Mass at St. Monica's.

**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 17 January Saint Anthony.

**INSTALLATION OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

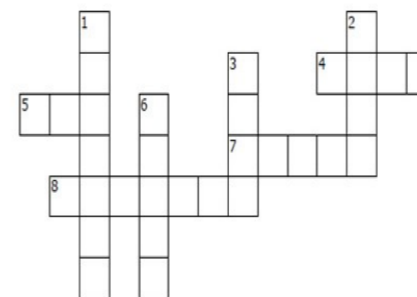
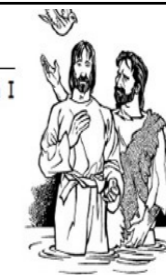
Mary McGuiness, Jacqui Morley, Rhonda Jones, Trish Maguire, Emma Mizzi, Joe Portelli, Darrell Grima and David Pritchard will take place at 9.30am Mass at St. Monica's, Sunday 6 February. The Parish Assembly will follow the Mass.

**A 2022 diary** for birthdays & anniversaries has been placed in the Church foyer of St Monica's. If you would like a birthday or anniversary published, please print your name & details clearly on the appropriate page.

**Jesus, the One and Only**

And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:22b (NIV)

Based on Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



**ACROSS**

- The name of the man who baptized Jesus
- A male offspring
- The sound produced by vibration of the human vocal cords
- To cover briefly completely in water or pour water over a person's head

**DOWN**

- A shoe consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
- A deep feeling of affection for a person
- A bird often used as a symbol of peace
- Clear, colorless, odorless, tasteless liquid; H2O

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**Do you want your voice heard?**

At the Parish Assembly on Feb 6, you will have this opportunity, between 10.30-1pm.

The theme is "Coming Together as Parish - Connecting with the World"

We would like you to consider these two questions:

- How have we as a parish connected as a community during the pandemic?
- How can we continue to be connected in our Parish and reach out to the broader community?

**Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day:**

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 20 February from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am. BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome. For enquiries, please contact either Ann Bergman on [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas on [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com) or (02) 9653 2637 .

**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**St Monica's**  
Saturday: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am  
**St Gregory's**  
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 11 February 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. All enquiries please email [admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

**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.