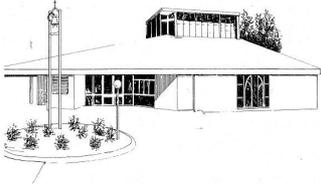


# The Parish of Richmond



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## First Sunday of Advent — Year A 27 November 2022

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To 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 put to shame.

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

### RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

### SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: PSALM 84:8

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

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

### 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 of God's everlasting love for us.

**All:** *Come Lord Jesus.*

**Presider:** As we kindle the flames on these candles each week, may a spirit of love be kindled in our hearts, so that we will be ready to welcome Christ this Christmas.

**All:** *Come Lord Jesus.*

**Presider:** May his coming bring true peace on earth and herald the dawn of a new day.

**All:** *Come Lord Jesus.*



## SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION ..

*will take place at St Monica's Richmond on Wednesday December 14 at 7pm.*

**At the time of confession: Simply name your sins.**

**Receive absolution.**

**Return to your seat for private prayer.**

**THE COMMUNAL PENANCE FORMS PART OF THE SACRAMENT**

**& will be given after all people have returned to their seats.**

**This Rite DOES NOT allow for lengthy discussion or spiritual direction, this is available in the First Rite.**

## ADVENT ..

*Why do we do the things we do? The Story Source 1993 Teresa Pirola.net*

*The Church calendar begins with the Advent season, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. This period is a time for preparation, not just for Christmas gifts, luncheons and holidays, but for the great celebration of God's revelation through the birth of Jesus Christ. How privileged are we to live in this age of salvation. For centuries before Jesus' birth, the Jewish people waited for the coming of the promised Messiah as foretold in the Scriptures. We find ourselves in a similar position as we look forward to the second coming of Christ at the end of time. In this sense Jews and Christians share in a messianic yearning. Although we do not know the hour or the day, each Advent we renew our faith in this great promise.*

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**Parish of Richmond**

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ...

**St Monica's:** Saturday December 24 6pm Vigil (Children's Mass) & Midnight Mass - Carols from 11.30pm  
 Sunday December 25 7.30am and 9.30am  
**(NO Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Day)**

**St Gregory's:** Saturday December 24 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
 Sunday December 25 8.00am  
**(NO Saturday 9am Mass on Christmas Eve)**

*2nd Rite of  
 Reconciliation*

**St Monica's,  
 Richmond  
 Wednesday,  
 14 December  
 7.00pm.**

# Announcements

**Catholic Foundation Appeal (Bishop's Christmas Appeal)** will be held this weekend 26/27 November. Thank you for your continued support.

**40th Anniversary:** Monday 28 November marks the 40th Anniversary of the opening of St Monica's Church by Bishop Bede Heather.

**Sharing Christmas Joy:** It has been proposed that we reach out to the inmates at John Moroney Correctional Centre, Windsor during this Holy Season. We are inviting you to bring a bar of light fruit cake (approx 250g) or a 500gm square fruit cake on weekends 3/4 & 10/11 Dec. They will be cut into slices & bagged for distribution.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Thursday 8 December. Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's at 9am.

**Blessing of the new extensions to parish meeting room** will take place this Sunday 27/11 following 9.30am Mass. Please join us for Morning Tea.

**Piety Stall:** Christmas gift ideas. 2023 Calendars \$10.00 each. Christmas cards \$5.00 for a pkt of 8. God's Word, a daily reflection book \$20.00 each. Also available at St Gregory's.

**Stamps:** Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children. Thank you for your continued support.

## PARISH DIARY DATES

- Weekend 26/27 November **Bishop's Christmas Appeal.**
- Wednesday 30 November **Saint Andrew.**
- Saturday 3 December **Saint Francis Xavier.**

**Advent..** Caritas has an Advent Prayer on line following the Sunday Gospels. Also included is a prayer suitable for Primary children.

### **Children's Christmas Nativity Play ..**

We invite all children to be part of the Children's Christmas Nativity Play during the Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday 24th Dec at 6pm. First rehearsal will be on Sunday 11th Dec in the old Church at 11am. Second rehearsal will be on Friday 16th Dec at 4pm in St Monica's Church.

**Advent Groups:** The Parish Pastoral Care Team will hold an Advent group on Tuesday at 9.30am in the parish meeting room. There is also a group on Friday 9.45am in the parish meeting room. Please bring your Bible or Sunday Missal with you.

**"Laudato si"** In May 2015, Pope Francis released his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*, to call for action to address the spiritual, social and economic crisis manifest in environmental devastation. He called us to "hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor". "Laudato si'" are the opening words in Latin of St Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Creatures* "All praise be yours, my Lord through all that you have made".

On the 5th anniversary of his encyclical, May 2020, Pope Francis announced a plan for Catholics to make a commitment to implement *Laudato Si'*. Over the next couple of years, a framework was developed to support this plan.

### 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

**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**  
 Second Friday of the month, 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

**PARISH COUNCIL  
 MEETING  
 21 December  
 2022 at 7pm.  
 Meeting Minutes  
 available on  
 notice boards in  
 church foyers &  
 parish website.**

## SAVE THE DATE ..

### St Paul's Feast ..

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

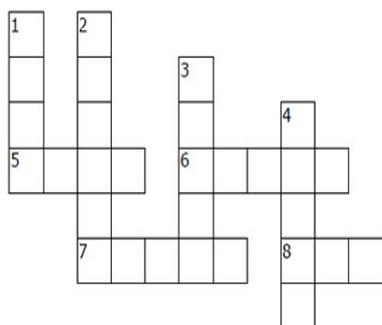
Plans are under way for the 2023 Annual St Paul's Feast. Please save the date and spread the word.

More information to come soon.

## Ready for His Return

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Matthew 24:36,44 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 24:36-44



### ACROSS

1. A period of time sixty minutes long
2. One who steals something
3. The time period from sunset until sunrise
4. The period from sunrise until sunset

### DOWN

1. Man in the Bible who built an ark
2. To come back
3. To look or observe attentively or carefully
4. To be prepared or available for service or action

HOUR	NIGHT	WATCH	READY
DAY	NOAH	RETURN	THIEF

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## STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 20/11/22

1st Collection: \$1397.00

2nd Collection: \$2566.65

Please note that you can make donations via the tap and go found in St Monica's church foyer.

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.

### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Bob Hargrave  
Jack Leslie  
Keith Schembri  
Sydney Gallahar  
Pauline Camilleri  
Marie Clifford  
Mark Keeffe  
Laurence Galea

### ... 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

Rodney Payne, Frank Agresta, Peter Johnson, Trishy Rankin, Sheila Lowe-Bradford, Lorraine Smith, Cathy Donnev, Stan Ujmiak, Pat Crew, Helen Payne, Joan Thatcher, Susan (Payne) Mace, Garth and Nancy Doyle, Jeanette Farley, Leo Barbagallo, Diana Hurley, Ricky Comito, Pat Stanton, Barry Wall, Paul Refalo

### We welcome the newly Baptised...

Arlo Vella



...to our Christian family.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



*This framework has 7 goals or ways of measuring integral ecology.*

*Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for us to take up the Bishops' invitation with a certified program which we, as a parish, have begun!*

*The process begins with a wide-ranging audit, which we undertake early next year, followed by action planning for the next few years. We hope you'll join us on the journey.*

## REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Rosary

St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.  
St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday 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.

### Children's Liturgy every second &

fourth Weekend of the month during Sat 6pm & Sun 9.30am Mass at St Monica's.

### Body of Christ Prayer Group

First Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

**Table Tennis** fortnightly on Monday's 5-7pm in the Old Church.

### HYPRA-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 HYPRA Mass.

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**4 December 2022**  
 2nd Sunday of Advent

Year A



St Monica's

**Readers**

6.00pm— R. Azzopardi J. Fewtrell  
 7.30am— A. Dunbar M. Fenech  
 9.30am— C. Thompson M. Manea  
 5.30pm— J. Morley S. Tyler

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6.00pm— D. Grima V. Muscat  
 7.30am— A. Burnett L. Attard  
 9.30am— J. Portelli C. Hey  
 5.30pm— T. Scopelliti S. Mulford

**Acolytes/Senior Server**

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

**Junior Ministers**

6.00pm— A. Grima  
 7.30am—  
 9.30am— C. S. O & M. Saliba  
 5.30pm— S. Murphy E. Mulford

**Data Projector**

6.00pm— R. Ingram  
 7.30am— M. McMahon  
 9.30am— M. Breaden E. Aponte  
 5.30pm— C. Thompson

**Children's Liturgy**

6.00pm -  
 9.30am -

**Cleaners** C. Livingstone T. Tomasella  
 A. Edwards M. Portelli

**Counters**

27 Nov— V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri  
 04 Dec— F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 28 November 2022**

Reader — A. Moloney  
 EMoHC— F. Crew

**Wednesday 30 November 2022**

Reader — M. Breaden  
 EMoHC— M. McMahon

**Friday 2 December 2022**

Reader — D. Bowles  
 EMoHC— F. Crew



St Gregory's

**Saturday 3 December 2022**

Reader— J. Wall  
 EMoHC— C. Smioldo

**Sunday 4 December 2022**

**Readers**

8.00am— M. Ryan T. Misdrom S. Lundy  
**Acolyte/Senior Server** D. Ryan  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am— M. Ryan

**Data Projector** M. Beggs

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