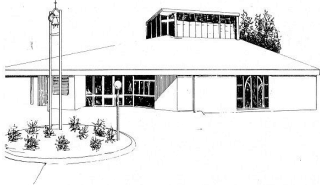


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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 15 January 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 39:2, 4, 7-10

Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-3

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

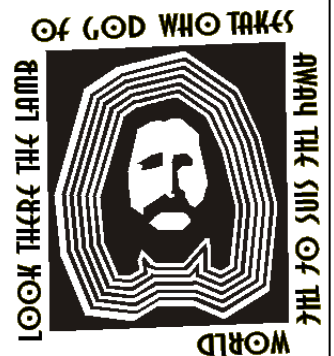
Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

All of us are wounded by sin. The part of us which is most deeply damaged by sin is the heart. The heart is so beautiful, so innocent, but it can be betrayed, scorned and broken. Darkness of heart is the blackest night of all. Emptiness of heart is the greatest poverty of all. A heavy heart is the most wearisome burden of all. A broken heart is the most painful wound of all. Only love can heal the wounds of the heart. Lord, send your Holy Spirit to us, to heal the wounds of our hearts so that we may produce the fruits of love.



Come Join the Celebrations at the St Paul's Feast .. Saturday, 21 January 2023 at 5.30pm at St Monica's, Richmond ..

Feast Mass

Saturday 21 January
St Monica's, Richmond
at 5.30pm followed by
procession

Other Details

Lady Queen of Peace Band, BBQ,
Food & Drink, Chocolate Wheel
and Kids Amusement Rides



**Children interested in walking in the procession at the St Paul's Feast, please contact Vicki 0410 545 783.
Volunteers are needed on the day. Please contact Vicki if you can assist. Thank you.**

BBQ

REFRESHMENTS

CHOCOLATE WHEEL

KIDS AMUSEMENT RIDES

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Parish of Richmond

Sacramental Program 2023:

Forms Available	Enrolment Weekend	Parent Night	Groups Begin	Ceremonies
Confirmation from 18 Feb—26 March online via the parish website & church foyer (Yr 5+)	25 & 26 March	Thursday 30 March 7pm	23 April	27 May 6pm 28 May 9.30am 04 June 9.30am
Penance from 10 June—23 June & online via parish website & church foyer (Yr 3+)	22 & 23 July	Thursday 3 August 7pm	13 August	13 & 14 September
First Eucharist from 22 July—27 Aug & online via parish website & church foyer (yr4+)	26 & 27 August	Thursday 7 September 7pm	8 October	11 & 12 Nov 18 & 19 Nov at All Sunday Masses

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Please note: Next Saturday 21 January, the Vigil Mass will be at 5.30pm followed by the St Paul's Festa. Come and share in the festivities!

VISIT BY LOCAL M.P. Robyn Preston, State Member for Hawkesbury, will visit the Parish to inspect the Emmaus Room on Wednesday 25 January at 10.30am followed by morning tea.

Suggestion Boxes: Do have any suggestions to enrich the life of the Parish that you would like to put forward for consideration? Boxes are now available in the foyer of both Mass Centres. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas Day. Mass will be celebrated and candles blessed on Thursday February 2. We encourage you to bring candles used in home devotions to be blessed on this day.

Reminder: We are using the first option for the Communion Antiphon this year.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Tuesday 17 January **Saint Anthony.***
- *Saturday 21 January **Saint Agnes.***

Happy Holidays!

Fr Thomas will be on leave from 22 Jan - 22 Feb. During this time visiting Priests will be saying the 7.30am & 9.30am Masses at St Monica's. We wish Fr Thomas a happy reunion with his family and friends and a safe journey.

Funeral Service ..

Maureen Anne Reynold's funeral service will be on Friday 20 Jan at 11.30am at St Gregory's Kurrajong.

Remembrance Service ..

The family of Eileen Lutton invite you to join them on Wednesday 8 February at St Monica's, 11am as they remember their Mother. All welcome.

Why do we have the Catechumenate? (R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation).

When people enter your home for the first time, it is hospitable to welcome them! In simplest terms, this is the idea behind the Catechumenate.

The Catechumenate is the process of initiation through which people are baptised Christians. After a period of preparation, the catechumens are baptised, confirmed and receive the eucharist at the Easter Vigil. A period of further catechesis follows. Various smaller rituals are celebrated at points along the overall journey. In the early Church, initiation was a joyous celebration of the immersion of the newly baptised into the Christian community. Over the centuries, however, the communal orientation of this process died out.

In 1972 under the name of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) the ancient Catechumenate was revived as the norm for adult baptism. Its introduction has challenged parishes to develop a greater spirit of welcome and celebration involving the whole Parish community.

(The Story Source Teresa Pirola)

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 9am 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: 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 February 2023 at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers & parish website.

**AUSTRALIA DAY THURSDAY 26 JANUARY
MASS 9AM AT ST MONICA'S...**

Let's come together to pray in thanksgiving for our nation & its people.

'Remember we are but travellers here.'

St Mary MacKillop

'If you live in this land and are prepared to look after the part you live on, then you belong.'

Mowaljarlai, a Kimberley Elder

Australia: the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 08/01/22

1st Collection: \$1584.00

2nd Collection: \$2771.40

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. 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.

Show and Tell

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." John 1:32,34 (NIV)

Complete the activity.



A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

Testifying About Jesus

John the Baptist saw _____ coming and said, "Look, the _____ of _____, who takes away the _____ of the world. I myself did not know him, but the reason I came _____ with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then he gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from _____ as a _____ and remain on him. I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

The next day, John was with two of his followers. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When they heard him say this, they _____ Jesus.

Andrew, Simon Peter's _____ was one of the two who followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the _____." And he brought him to Jesus.

Based on John 1:29-42 (NIV)

Lamb	heaven	followed	Jesus	God
dove	brother	baptizing	Messiah	sin

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- Cardinal George Pell
- Audrey Rodrigues
- Katerina Mavroforas
- Peter Timbs
- Greg Fraser
- Nancy Doyle
- Colin Zakrajcek
- Rodney Payne
- Bob Hargrave

... and those we remember at this time.

- John Moloney, Mary Moloney,
- Alan Moloney, Rita Lembke,
- Frank Cauchi, Joseph Baldacchino, Giacinta Bagnara, Saviour Vassallo, Guza & Leli Grech, Joseph & Georgia Tabone, Marianne Mizzi, John Larven, David Woods, Bill McMahan, Michael John McMahan, Cis & Ken Luscombe, Stan Fienberg, Kathleen Breden

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

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

We welcome the newly Baptised...



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



It's time to start preparing ..

How will you prepare for Easter this year? Ash Wednesday 23 February is only a month away.

We invite you to consider being involved in a Lenten discussion group. Think about hosting a group in your home, inviting family, friends and neighbours to join you in prayer and reflecting on the Sunday Gospels.

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.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
22 January 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm— M. Manea C. Hession
 7.30am— S. Duff A. Edwards
 9.30am— J. Sheffield M. Mizzi
 5.30pm— R. Ingram C. Alison

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm— P. Hession J. Muscat
 7.30am— M. Fenech A. Dunbar
 9.30am— L. Ryan F. Yates
 5.30pm— D. D'Mello A. Aquilina

Acolytes/Senior Server

6.00pm— A. Moloney
 7.30am— C. Fleetwood
 9.30am— C. Pritchard
 5.30pm—

Junior Ministers

6.00pm—
 7.30am—
 9.30am—
 5.30pm—

Data Projector

6.00pm— M. Breden
 7.30am— M. Clark
 9.30am— M. McGuiness
 5.30pm— A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
 9.30am -

Cleaners A. Edwards

Counters

15 Jan— M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffman
 22 Jan— R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 16 January 2023

Reader — M. Breden
 EMoHC— F. Crew

Wednesday 18 January 2023

Reader — C. Alison
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

Friday 20 January 2023

Reader — J. Sheffield
 EMoHC— A. Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 21 January 2023

Reader— P. Humphrey
 EMoHC— F. Crew

Sunday 22 January 2023

Readers

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

Acolyte/Senior Server F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— C. Smiroldo

Data Projector S. Stennett

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