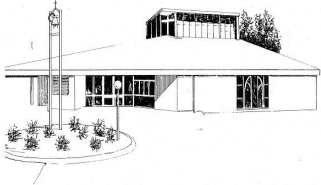


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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 29 January 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 2:3, 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 145:7-10

Happy the poor in spirit: the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

It's easy to get lost in the images of the Beatitudes and lose sight of the challenges. Mourning is painful, but it only happens if we love. Meekness and cleanliness of heart are not values we see on the average television show. What models do we have to cultivate the Beatitudes? Mercy isn't part of our world either; vengeance is much more common. Finally, we will be persecuted. Which of the Beatitudes do you find most challenging today?

By Flor McCarthy SDB

LAUDATO SI' ..

Clean up Australia Day ..

As part of our parish commitment to Laudato Si' we are excited to be part of Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 5th from 10:45-12:30pm. Interested parishioners are invited to meet at the café carpark opposite the RAAF base immediately after the 9:30am Mass. Please bring along your garden gloves (some will be supplied if needed). We can each make a difference by this small action. Please contact Cathy Hey on 0404471242 for further information.



This action relates to Laudato Si' goal #1 Response to the Cry of the Earth.

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Parish of Richmond

LENTEN DISCUSSION GROUPS...

Lent commences Wednesday 22 February. Would you like to host, facilitate or participate in a parish Lenten Discussion Group? Discussions focus on the Sunday Gospels. Material made available through the Parish.

Yes I/we would like to host a group. Yes I/we would like to participate in a group.

Name:

Preferred Day:

Preferred Time: Morning Evening

Contact number:

E-mail:

Please return to Parish Office or place on collection plate during Mass. Please reply before Tuesday 31 January as books need to be ordered. Groups begin from 19 February. Ash Wednesday 22 February.

Announcements

Congratulations & Thank you to the organising Committee of St Paul's Festa & the many helpers. It was great to see the people enjoying the night, how blessed were we with the weather! The steaks were special. Well done!

Welcome back to our School Staff & Children, we hope 2023 will be a great year for all! A special welcome to our new Religion Education Co-Ordinator Simon Stennett. We thank Leanne Ryan, who is now enjoying retirement following 43 years devoted to teaching, 30 at St Monica's & for her dedication to the children of St Monica's. May God bless you.

RCIA Group resumes next Monday 30 January at 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas Day. Mass will be celebrated & candles blessed on Thursday 2 February at St Monica's, 9am. We encourage you to bring candles used in home devotions to be blessed on this day.

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.

Now is the time to return your Palms: Baskets will be in the Church foyers from next weekend. The Palms are burnt & used for the distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 31 January Saint John Bosco.**
- **Thursday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord.**
- **Friday 10 February Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass. Followed by morning tea, please bring a plate.
- **Saturday 11 February World Day of Prayer for the Sick.** Anointing will take place during Mass at St Gregory's 9am.

HYPAR-Benediction and Mass recommences this Friday 3 February, at St Monica's 6.30-7.30pm. All Welcome.

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.

MARK THE DATE Bishop Vincent Long will visit St. Gregory's Kurrajong on Sunday 19 March to celebrate Mass at 8am, followed by morning tea.

First Aid Kits:

In the case of an accident First Aid Kits have been placed in the Parish Office, Emmaus Room, St Gregory's (Sacristy) and St Monica's (Confessional). All incidents of injury should be reported to the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation Enrolment: Enrolment for Confirmation will be available for children in **Yr 5 or older**. Enrolment forms are on the Parish Website in Sacramental Program. Limited print forms will also be available from the **18th February until 26th March**. We ask every candidate to attend an Enrolment Ceremony with a parent or guardian to make a commitment to their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The ceremony will take place at every Sunday Mass on the weekend of 25th & 26th March. We look forward to this happy event.

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.*

The Parish Council

will shortly be seeking your input to determine how future Parish Gatherings should be conducted. Parish Gatherings (Assemblies) are a useful means of relaying information about our Parish life. Please give some thought to how you might contribute to this important topic.

The "Bee Attitudes"

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

Matthew 5:1-2 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12



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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 22/01/23

1st Collection: \$1697.00

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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.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- Robert Mallon
- Pat Payten
- Cardinal George Pell
- Audrey Rodrigues
- Katerina Mavroforas
- Peter Timbs
- Greg Fraser
- Nancy Doyle
- Colin Zakrajcek

... and those we remember at this time.

- Angela Saliba, Marie Batty,
- Florence Crew, John Head,
- Vince Head (Snr), Michael Head,
- James Head, Alice (Billy) Head,
- Anthony & Maryann Xiberras,
- John Moloney, Mary Moloney,
- Alan Moloney, Rita Lembke,
- Frank Cauchi, Joseph
- Baldacchino, Giacinta Bagnara,
- Saviour Vassallo, Guza & Leli
- Grech, Joseph & Georgia Tabone

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

- Vera Brglevski, Michael Agius, 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, Paul Refalo, Vasco Rodrigues

We welcome the newly Baptised...

Mackenzie McCarthy



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



The pink chairs throughout St Monica's Church have come from St John of God Hospital, at no cost to the Parish. The reason for the change is that the old cream-coloured chairs were getting very tattered. Some cream chairs, with arms, remain for the sake of those parishioners who need the added support for standing up. Please leave these chairs for people with special needs. Thank you.

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

5 February 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - R. Azzopardi J. Fewtrell
7.30am - A. Dunbar M. Fenech
9.30am - C. Hey 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 - Z. Culican M. McGuinness
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti S. Mulford

Acolytes/Senior Server

6.00pm - A. Moloney
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - M. Crew
5.30pm - D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

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

Data Projector

6.00pm - R. Ingram
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - M. Breden E. Aponte
5.30pm - C. Thompson

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
9.30am -
Cleaners C. Livingstone T. Tomasella
A. Edwards M. Portelli

Counters

29 Jan - C. Barber F. Pausanos
05 Feb - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 30 January 2023

Reader - M. Breden
EMoHC - A. Moloney

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Reader - L. Sheffield
EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 3 February 2023

Reader - M. Ryan
EMoHC - F. Crew



St Gregory's

Saturday 4 February 2023

Reader - J. Wall
EMoHC - C. Smioldo

Sunday 5 February 2023

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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