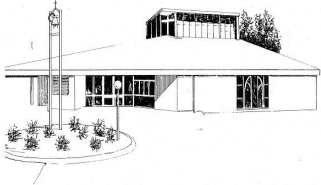


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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 5 February 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 111:4-9

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Being the "light of the world," a phrase usually mentioned in relation to Christ, and "the salt of the earth," can seem overwhelming. Do we do what we do to get credit from God or prove ourselves to another? The last line in today's Gospel provides the answer. We are called to be "light and salt" neither for ourselves not for others, but "to glorify your heavenly Father." It is always about God, not about us.

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



Lenten Groups:

At this moment there are four opportunities to join a Group. **Commencing Monday 20 February:** following Monday morning Mass in the Emmaus Room. Monday evening with the RCIA Group at 7pm. Tuesday 21 February gather at 9.30am for morning tea, group starts at 10am.

Thursday 23 February 7pm at the home of Tom and Carol Allison, Nth Richmond.

Please phone the parish office ASAP as books have to be ordered. How will you prepare for Easter this year?

Ash Wednesday, February 22 is only a month away.

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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

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.

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.

Children's Liturgy recommences today Saturday evening 6pm Mass and Sunday 9.30 am. A special time for our young people to listen to the Word of God. A special Thank you to our Volunteers who lead this Ministry.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: Saturday 11 February, Mass at St Gregory's 9am will include Anointing of the Sick..

Today is the Word of God Sunday. The day presents an opportunity to encourage people to read, appreciate and pray daily with sacred Scripture, especially through the practice of lectio divina. Let us embrace the Word of God to help us launch our new year with a deeper and richer encounter with the Risen Lord.

Table Tennis is commencing fortnightly on Monday 6 February in the Old Church from 5-6pm. Please phone Tony Fogarty on 0414 623 194 if you require any further information. All welcome.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Friday 10 February **Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass. Followed by morning tea, please bring a plate.
- Sunday 12 February **St Gregory's Morning Tea** following 8am Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

Ordination to the Presbyterate:

Deacons Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian & Jack Elkazzi were ordained as priests by Bishop Vincent Long on Thursday 2 February at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. We ask God to bless them continually as they carry out their priestly ministry in our Diocese. This is a joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community.

Invitation to create our own special "Parish Prayer"....

Fr Gayan & the Parish Pastoral Council are inviting fellow parishioners to contribute in creating our very own "**Parish Prayer**" which will be a special prayer that will be recited at the end of selected Masses and will remain a permanent fixture in our weekly Parish Bulletins & Website! We are therefore very excited to invite you to help produce this special prayer! Note that the "**Parish Prayer**" needs to be limited to between 100 - 130 words & make reference to "The Parish of Richmond" in it. It is also suggested that the *spirit* of our "Vision & Mission" statements be considered when preparing the "Parish Prayer" (please refer to our Parish of Richmond Website for these statements). **Please submit your entries by Monday 6th March** in either: The suggestion box (in church foyer) or Parish Office Reception or Drop Box.

Sacraments News ... PLEASE NOTE: Enrolment for the Sacrament CONFIRMATION this year, is available on the Parish Website. Go to Sacramental Program, click on Confirmation enrolment and submit. If you have no access to a computer, there will be a limited number of paper forms available in the Foyer from Feb 18th to March 26th. Enrolment Ceremonies will take place at every Mass on the weekend of 25th & 26th March. A prayer card will be available for you to hand up at the enrolment ceremony.

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.

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 29/01/23

1st Collection: \$1587.00

2nd Collection: \$2486.20

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.

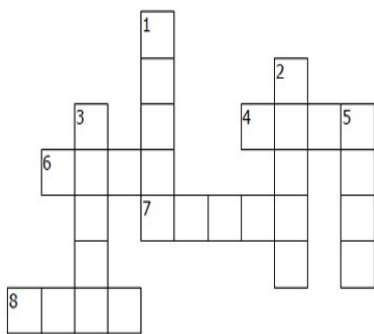
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Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
- 6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
- 7. The performance of good acts
- 8. A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

- 1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
- 2. A place where families live
- 3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
- 5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

DEEDS	HILL	LIGHT	WORLD
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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.

- Sam & Mary Cremona,
- 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

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...



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Henry Xiberras
- Olivia Saliba
- Olivia Rose Towell



Congratulations and Welcome ..

We warmly welcome Michael and Luke who are preparing for Baptism at Easter and this weekend take another step as they are accepted into the Order of the Catechuminate.

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 Weekend 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.

HYPA-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 HYPA Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
12 February 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm — M. McMahon C. Hession
 7.30am — T. Maguire A. Edwards
 9.30am — A. Brailey F. Yates
 5.30pm — T. Scopelliti A. Aquilina

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm — P. Hession R. Larven
 7.30am — A. Vella M. Fenech
 9.30am — H. Convey C. Hey
 5.30pm — A. Duarte S. Nash

Acolytes/Senior Server

6.00pm — A. Moloney
 7.30am —
 9.30am — D. Murphy
 5.30pm — P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm — G. Attard S & H. Barglik
 7.30am — J. Azzopardi
 9.30am — C & S. Murphy M. Hoffmann
 C. Cauchi
 5.30pm — O. Wickett

Data Projector

6.00pm — M. Breden
 7.30am — M. Clark
 9.30am — M. Saliba
 5.30pm — M & E. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
 9.30am -

Cleaners M. Jansen T. Reckless A. Senn
 A. Edwards

Counters

05 Feb — V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
 12 Feb — F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 6 February 2023

Reader — M. Breden
 EMoHC — A. Moloney

Wednesday 8 February 2023

Reader — A. Aquilina
 EMoHC — M. McMahon

Friday 10 January 2023

Reader — D. Bowles
 EMoHC — M. Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 11 February 2023

Reader — M. Ryan
 EMoHC — J. Wall

Sunday 12 February 2023

Readers

8.00am — J. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

Acolyte/Senior Server F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am — P. Waterford

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