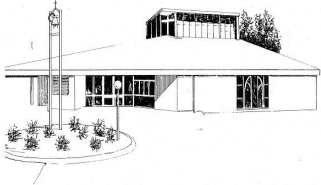


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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 19 February 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING: LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

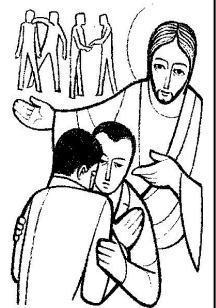
I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him.

Yet when Lincoln won the election he gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why? Because he considered him the best man for the job. And Lincoln was proved right. Stanton gave him loyal service.

Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied, 'Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?'



By Flor McCarthy SDB

St Gregory's Restoration Appeal ..

Next year the current Church at St Greg's will be a hundred & twenty years old. It is in need of a facelift. These mainly consist of repairs to front & back walls, plastering & repainting the whole Church. The roof also needs attention. The building is listed by the local Heritage Council & we are applying for a Grant to assist in the cost of the renovations. These works will necessitate the closing of the Church for 2-3 weeks. We have to find \$26000.00 to fund the project cost & so we are seeking your support for this project. Please support this appeal which will be held on 11-12 March. We will keep you updated as things progress.

LAUDATO SI' ..

As urbanization increases, gardens are increasingly being regarded as wildlife havens, particularly if they are adjacent or close to natural areas. To preserve biodiversity in our gardens, consider creating habitat for native animals by planting some local native species in your garden and leaving logs and rocks for shelter. Also consider avoiding the use of pesticides and herbicides, as they contaminate waterways and soils. They also potentially expose us, our pets and wildlife to negative health effects from toxic chemicals. Where you must use them, consider using those made from natural ingredients, such as pyrethrum.

The countdown is on until our Clean up Australia Day event on March 5th. 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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ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE ..

Children's Guardian Act 2019 & the Child Safe Standards ..

From 1 February 2023, the Children's Guardian now has power in law to take action to ensure organisations comply with the Child Safe Standards. From: <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-scheme/implementing-child-safe-standards/our-approach-compliance-and-enforcement>

If you would like to complete the training independently online you can do so at your own pace.

Follow this link: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au>

You can also take advantage of the face-to-face opportunities. Starting now the 'New Year's Dash Training' begins at: Glenbrook, Rooty Hill, Springwood and Quakers Hill & Richmond on Saturday 6th May. Please register for any of these sessions by contacting: safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org

Let's get this done and show our Parishes are committed to building safe communities!

The Diocese requires that all volunteers complete the Safe guarding children Training.

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Ash Wednesday ..

Wednesday February 22

Mass at St Monica's 9am & 7pm & School Mass at 11.30am. St Gregory's at 6.30pm.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent following morning Mass at St Monica's and following Saturday morning Mass at St Gregory's.

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.

RCIA Rite of Sending will take place at 7.30am Mass next Sunday when our Catechumens Luke & Michael, together with their Sponsors & Team members will be sent to the Cathedral. Please keep Luke & Michael in your prayers as they prepare for Baptism at Easter.

Project Compassion Boxes are available at the Church doors today. Each Sunday during Lent we will show a short video highlighting the people being helped by your generosity.

Lent Ordo page 39.

Daily Lenten Reflection Books are available at the Piety Stall and Kurrajong \$5 each.

World Day of Prayer will take place at St Matthew's Anglican **HALL** on Friday March 3 at 10am. All Welcome.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Wednesday 22 February Ash Wednesday.**

Funeral Mass for the late Frank Agresta will be held on Monday 20 February, 11am at St Monica's.

Save the Date: *Second Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter will be on 29th March at St Monica's, 7pm.*

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 or Drop Box at the office door.

Sacraments News.. 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 are a limited number of paper forms available in the Foyer from this weekend, 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 March 2023 at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers & parish website.

IT Committee ..

Today **internet technology** plays a crucial role in nearly every aspect of ministry and unfortunately **cyber security** is a pressing issue in today's society. To protect our Parish data, we have the need to establish a **Parish IT Committee**.

If any parishioner is interested in developing IT within our parish, or if you have a family member or friend interested and/or skilled in sound, audio, video, software, technology & communications, **would you consider joining our committee? Please contact the Parish Office & provide your contact details.**

Love Your Enemies

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:43-44

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 19-16-15-22 _____
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- 17-19-3-5-17-7 _____
- 26-1-1-7 _____
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ENEMY	GOOD	EVIL	LOVE
REWARD	FRIENDS	PRAY	HATE

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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 12/02/23

1st Collection: \$1627.00

2nd Collection: \$2997.25

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

- Frank Agresta
- Luke Andrew Camilleri
- Merla Wood
- David Sanson
- Robert Mallon
- Pat Payten
- Cardinal George Pell
- Audrey Rodrigues
- Katerina Mavroforas

... and those we remember at this time.

- Pauline Said, Emanuel Said,
- Joan Carpenter, Saviour Vassallo,
- Paul & Carmen Vassallo,
- Joseph Baldacchino,
- John & Lorenza Saliba,
- Paul Carpenter, Noeleen Lloyd,
- May Lloyd, Arthur Lloyd,
- Kristen Keegan, Joan Ryan, Frank Cauchi, Sam & Mary Cremona,
- Angela Saliba, Marie Batty,
- Florence Crew, John Head

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Sr Anne Tregillgas, Vera Brglevski, Michael Agius, Barry Wall, 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

Samuel Grima



Lenten Groups ..

Commence tomorrow Monday 20 February: following 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 bring your **Sunday Missal** or **Bible** with 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 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
26 February 2023

1st Sunday of Lent

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm — J. Xiberras 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. McGuinness
 5.30pm — A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - M. Sultana
 9.30am - L. Northern

Cleaners A. Edwards

Counters

19 Feb — M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffman
 26 Feb — R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 20 February 2023

Reader — M. Breden
 EMoHC — F. Crew

Wednesday 22 February 2023

Reader — A. Moloney
 EMoHC — M. McMahon

Friday 24 February 2023

Reader — D. Bowles
 EMoHC — M. Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 25 February 2023

Reader — P. Humphrey
 EMoHC — F. Crew

Sunday 26 February 2023

Readers
 8.00am — M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury
Acolyte/Senior Server F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am — C. Smirolido

Data Projector S. Stennett

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