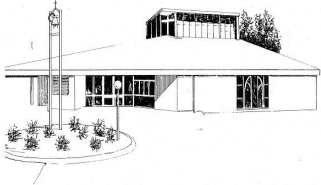


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First Sunday of Lent — Year A 26 February 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2:7-9. 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

RESPONSORIAL PS: 50:3-6. 12-14. 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:12-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty day and nights.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

The prophet Isaiah continues to address his people's false piety with an attack on their Sabbath practices. The Sabbath was a day set aside for rest in the Lord. So integral is the Sabbath that it is safeguarded by both commandment and laws. The intent is clear: rest in God. No work, no malicious speech, no personal interests. Lay it all down for a day. Renew, regroup, and relish the love and blessedness of God. What do our Sundays look like? Do we rest? Not to work seems anathema in our society. Perhaps a good Lenten discipline would be to return Sunday to its rightful place. Remember that we don't run the world, God does. We need a weekly reminder of that.

By Flor McCarthy SDB

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION ..

will take place at St Monica's Richmond on Wednesday 29 March 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.

LAUDATO SI' ..

There is just one more week until we put into action our Parish Clean Up Australia Day plan. Come along next Sunday 5th March. Please 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).

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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Welcome home Fr Thomas we hope you had a wonderful holiday.

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.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer. self-denial and helping others, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.

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.

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.

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.

Choir News: Easter Ceremonies:

You are warmly invited to join music rehearsal for Easter Ceremonies in the church on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm till 8pm we would love to swell the choir numbers for this most Holy time in our church's year.

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.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION Enrolment is now open. Enrolment Form are on the Parish Website: parishofrichmond.org.au, Sacramental Program, Confirmation Enrolment forms. Please complete and submit online. There are paper copies available in the church for those without access to a computer. **ENROLMENT CEREMONIES** – St Gregory's & St Monica's on 25th & 26th March – Please collect the prayer card with your child's name on it from the church foyer on the day and present it to the priest during Mass.

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 ..

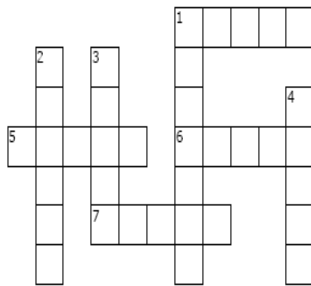
Today **internet technology** plays a crucial role in nearly every aspect of ministry and unfortunately **cyber security** is a pressing issue in today's society. To protect our Parish data, we have the need to establish a **Parish IT Committee**.

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.**

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 1. The entire Earth and all the places and things on it
- 5. A heavenly being, often shown as a human figure with a halo and wings
- 6. A small rock
- 7. The evil ruler of Hell, and enemy of God

DOWN

- 1. To show a strong feeling of love and respect for God
- 2. To feel a need or desire for food
- 3. A food made of flour and water, shaped into loaves, and baked
- 4. To try to get someone to do wrong

hungry	bread	worship	devil
stone	tempt	angel	world

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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 19/02/23

1st Collection: \$1487.00

2nd Collection: \$2250.20

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.

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

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

... and those we remember at this time.

- Anthony & Maryann Xiberras,
- 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

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...

- Zahlia Fidler
- Hudson Rose
- Taliah Vella



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



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.

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

5 March 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent

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. M & O. 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— B. Xuereb
9.30am— K. Kemble M. Brough

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

Counters

26 Feb— C. Thompson A. Dunbar R. Gallyot
05 Mar— R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 27 February 2023

Reader — A. Copland
EMoHC— R. Larven

Wednesday 1 March 2023

Reader — L. Sheffield
EMoHC— A. Moloney

Friday 3 March 2023

Reader — M. Ryan
EMoHC— F. Crew



St Gregory's

Saturday 4 March 2023

Reader— J. Wall
EMoHC— C. Smirolido

Sunday 5 March 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
Altar Preparation M. Ryan
Cleaners C. Livingstone

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