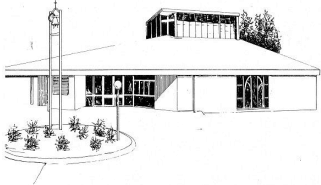


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## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord — Year A 2 April 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

### RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 21:8-9

**My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

### SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

In the midst of a city in a Passover fever, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt, not as a conquering king, but as man of peace. In the middle of all this flurry, he remains committed to the Reign of God and is willing to see his mission to the end. As we walk these last days of Lent, where is our commitment? Where is our peace?



## HOLY WEEK

By Flor McCarthy SDB



### Easter Schedule:

**Additional Reconciliation times: Reconciliation will be available this Monday & Wednesday following 9am Mass at St Monica's**

**Holy Thursday, 6 April at 7pm. Thursday of the Lord's Supper  
Altar of Repose until 10:30pm**

**No First Friday evening Mass, Good Friday April 7**

**Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 7 April: Richmond 10am followed by Reconciliation  
Kurrajong 10am followed by Reconciliation**

**Richmond 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord followed by Reconciliation**

**Holy Saturday, 8 April at 7pm Easter Vigil**

**No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday**

**Easter Sunday, April 9 at Richmond 7:30am, 9:30am and 5:30pm**

**Kurrajong 8am**

**Reminder: There will be no First Friday Mass or devotions on Good Friday.**

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**Parish of Richmond**

**Parish Foundation Multicultural Dinner ..  
Save the date: Friday 12th May in the Old Church.**

*Are you able to help? We're looking for volunteers to help prepare for the night. If you are able to help with being on a small organizing committee, setting up decorations and/ or tables and chairs on the day, cleaning up after the event or in any other way.*

*Please put your name down on the sheet in the church foyer. Many hands make light work.  
We are looking forward to a fun night celebrating our Parish community.*

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**Attention all who are participating in the Holy Week Liturgies:** Please check the times for rehearsals for all ceremonies, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ATTEND!

**Good Friday** IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

**Good Friday Station of the Cross** 10am at Richmond will be led by the young people of our Parish. Practice **TODAY** April 2 in the old Church following 9.30am Mass. Please come and join us.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - Second Sunday of Easter, 16 April. Devotions will take place at St Monica's at 3pm.

**Preparation Rites for R.C.I.A:** As we welcome Michael & Luke into the Church at the Easter Vigil. We invite you to support them by coming to pray as a community on Saturday 8 April, 10am-10.45am.

**Project Compassion Boxes:** Please return by Holy Thursday.

**Supper after the Easter Vigil.** We would like to celebrate Easter joy following the Vigil. Help is needed to set up & serve. Please bring a plate to share. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.



**Please note:** The chairs near the organ are reserved for choir members only.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

- **Friday 7 April Good Friday.**
- **Sunday 9 April Easter Sunday.**
- **Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day Mass** 9am at St Monica's.

**Palm Crosses** once again we thank all who have made the crosses for Palm Sunday. We thank St John of God Hospital and a kind parishioner for the palms. A special thank you to those who collected and delivered them to us..

**Bishop's Appeal:** Thank you \$1466.10 was contributed last weekend. Envelopes are still available in the Church should you wish to contribute.

**Daylight Saving: Did you remember to change your clocks?**



*We encourage parishioners to turn off their lights for an hour over the weekend of 22nd-23rd April as a practical symbol of our commitment to reducing power consumption and the associated environmental impacts.*

**Sacraments News ...**

Thank you to all the families who took part in the Enrolment Ceremonies last weekend and the Parent Information evening on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Your dedication and commitment are a great example to your child. Up coming dates for instruction begins Sunday sessions from 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Please keep the date for REHEARSAL free - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7pm.

**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.

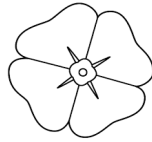
**Baptism**

By appointment only.  
St Monica's: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 11.00am.  
St Gregory's: 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
19 April  
2023 at 7pm.  
Meeting Minutes  
available on  
notice boards in  
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# ANZAC DAY

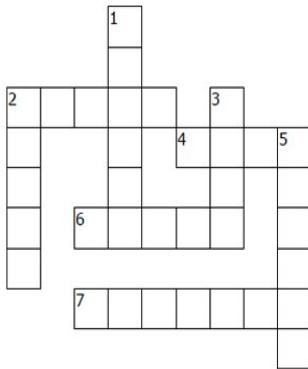
St Monica's will host the local RSL Service for Anzac Day on Sunday 23 April at 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Thank you.  
**Lest We forget..**



## The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



### ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

### DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

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| BRANCH | COLT    | ROAD   | CLOAK |
| SHOUT  | VILLAGE | DONKEY | CROWD |

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## STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 26/03/23

1st Collection: \$1722.00

2nd Collection: \$2908.40

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](http://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

Michael Agius  
Leanne Sultana  
Marie Murphy  
Paula Mariani  
Esina Kramhoft  
Frank Agresta  
Luke Andrew Camilleri  
Merla Wood  
David Sanson

### ... and those we remember at this time.

Saviour, Paul, Carmen Vassallo, Alexander, Pawla Muscat, John Moloney, Josef Somi, Michael John McMahan, Anthony & Maryann Xiberras, Ronald Horan, Sandra Bezzina, Charlie Schembri, Victor Bonanno, Br John Gibson, Joseph Baldacchino, Julie Bennett, Michael Angelo Galea, Caro Graham, Ivy Sharpless

### WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Rick Vella, Adam Taha, Roy Anthony Cutrone, Sr Anne Tregillgas, Vera Brglevski, Barry Wall, Peter Johnson, Trishy Rankin, Lorraine Smith, Cathy Donnev, Stan Ujmiak, Helen Payne, 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

Joseph Attard  
Ciara Murphy  
Eleanor Xiberras  
David Pritchard



## The parish is formally establishing a phone ministry, that begun during covid.

If you are parishioner who may be living on your own and would like to receive a call from a fellow, friendly parishioner, please contact the Parish Office on 4578 1410. Alternatively, if you know someone who may like to receive a call, eg an elderly family member or friend, speak with them and seek their permission to contact the Parish Office with their name and contact details. If you are giving the details of family member or friend, please do not do so before speaking with that person.



## 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 during School Terms.

### 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**

**9 April 2023**

Sunday of the Resurrection

Year A



St Monica's

**Readers**

See Special Roster

7.30am – T. Maguire A. Edwards

9.30am – A. Brailley F. Yates

5.30pm – T. Scopelliti A. Aquilina

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

See Special Roster

7.30am – A. Vella M. Fenech

9.30am – H. Convey C. Hey

5.30pm – A. Duarte J. Morley

**Acolytes/Senior Server**

See Special Roster

7.30am – C. Fleetwood

9.30am – D. Murphy

5.30pm – P. Delahay

**Junior Ministers**

See Special Roster

7.30am – J. Azzopardi

9.30am – M. Hoffman C. Cauchi

5.30pm – O. Wickett

**Data Projector**

See Special Roster

7.30am – M. Clark

9.30am – M. McGuinness

5.30pm – M & E. Teuma

**Children's Liturgy**

6.00pm -

9.30am -

**Cleaners** M. Jansen T. Reckless

A. Edwards A. Senn

**Counters**

02 Apr – M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffman

09 Apr – C. Thompson A. Dunbar R. Gallyot

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 3 April 2023**

**Reader** – M. Breaden

**EMoHC** – H. Convey

**Wednesday 5 April 2023**

**Reader** – L. Sheffield

**EMoHC** – A. Moloney

**Friday 7 April 2023**

**Reader** – M. Ryan

**EMoHC** – F. Crew



St Gregory's

**Saturday 8 April 2023**

**Reader** – M. Ryan

**EMoHC** – J. Wall

**Sunday 9 April 2023**

**Readers**

8.00am – J. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

**Acolyte/Senior Server** F. Kelleher

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am – P. Waterford

**Data Projector** A. Drew

**Altar Preparation**

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