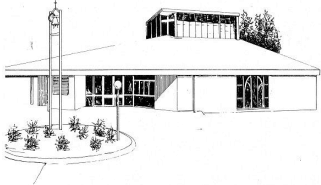


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Second Sunday of Easter — Year A 16 April 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jesus spoke to Thomas: Put your hand here, and see the place of the nails. Doubt no longer, but believe, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PS 117:2-4

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

The doors were locked. Today, they also may have had an alarm and been within a gated community.

We live in an era of heightened security, passwords, and key codes. Maybe we are locked into ourselves too - both selfishly and emotionally.

"Peace be with you." Jesus says.

He brings peace, the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, and the power to forgive to set us free from the walls we have created, from our fear, and from ourselves. We need only to seek peace.



By Flor McCarthy SDB

Laudato Si' ...



Laudato Si' is an encyclical that has been described as the most significant contribution of the Catholic Church to the global environmental debate. In this encyclical, Pope Francis calls on all people of goodwill, especially Catholics, to take care of our common home, the earth. He highlights the urgent need to protect the environment, combat climate change, and promote social justice. Laudato Si' is a wake-up call to all of us to take care of the earth and each other, as both are interconnected.

Pope Francis wrote this encyclical to draw attention to the fact that the earth is facing an environmental crisis that threatens our very existence. He calls on us to recognize that we are part of a larger ecosystem and that our actions have an impact on the environment. He also emphasizes that caring for the environment is not just an issue of social justice, but it is also a matter of faith.

Laudato Si' is a call to action. Pope Francis urges us to change our attitudes and behaviours and to work towards building a more sustainable world. He calls for a global ecological conversion that will involve all people, governments, and institutions. This encyclical challenges us to rethink our relationship with the environment and to take responsibility for the damage that has been done.

As we work towards building a sustainable future, let us remember the words of Pope Francis: "The earth is our common home, and all of us are brothers and sisters. May we learn to love it and care for it, and pass it on, in turn, to future generations."

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Parish of Richmond

*You're warmly invited to our Parish Foundation
Multicultural Dinner ..*

Let's come together to reconnect, build our parish community and celebrate our diverse cultures.
Please bring a dish from your cultural heritage or a family favorite to share with others.



When: Friday 12th May at 6.30pm.
Where: St Monica's (Old Church)
Register your attendance on the sheet in the church foyer.



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Thank you once again to everyone who helped us celebrate the great Feast of Easter. We thank you for your generous contributions to the Holy Land Appeal \$1908.15 and Project Compassion \$9126.20.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions on Sunday 16 April at St Monica's starting with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm followed by the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Benediction. All Welcome.

R.C.I.A. will resume this Monday evening at 7pm. Reading and discussion 'Care of the Planet'.

Focus for ANZAC We would like to include all Services- Army, Navy and Air Force, have you any small items e.g. a hat that you are happy to have displayed in the Church for both 9.30am Mass and Anzac Day. Please leave at the Parish Office by Friday.

Rosemary for Remembrance: We would like sprigs of Rosemary for both the 9.30am Mass next Sunday and Anzac Day. If you can help, please leave at Parish Office Friday or Monday.

FOR HIRE: The Emmaus Room: A small double-room with kitchen & IT facilities is available for hire, through the *Parish of Richmond*, by parishioners & friends. The area is suitable for small social gatherings, workshops & other functions. Availability by arrangement with Parish Office. **Parish Groups** please ensure meeting times are confirmed in the Parish diary. For more information please visit the parish website www.parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day Mass** 9am at St Monica's.

Funeral Mass for the late Edward (Jim) Horsey will be held on Wednesday 19 April, 11am at St Monica's.

Funeral Mass for the late Joan Thatcher will be held on Thursday 20 April, 1.30pm at St Monica's.

St Gregory's Renovations ..

Work commences Monday 8th May the Church will be closed until Friday 19th May 2023.

Please note: There is no 9am Mass on Saturday 13th May & 8am Mass on Sunday 14th May.

Earth Day ..



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...

Please remember to send any missing information and a photo of your child to sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au. Up coming dates for **Instruction** begins Sunday sessions from 23rd April, Monday 24th April, Tuesday 2nd May, Wednesday 26th April, Thursday 27th April and Friday 28th April.
Please keep the date for REHEARSAL free. Thursday 25th 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.

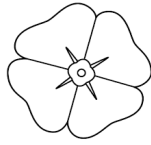
Baptism

By appointment only.
St Monica's: 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
19 April
2023 at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes
available on
notice boards in
church foyers &
parish website.**

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..**



STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 09/04/23

1st Collection: \$3397.00

2nd Collection: \$3938.75

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.

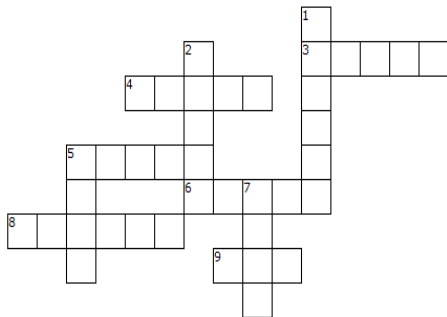
Online Donations are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au. The red "Donate Now" button at the top opens a new window, in the drop down box make your selection then complete all details. Debit or credit card may be used and there are no fees incurred.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Edward Horsey
Joan Thatcher
Michael Agius
Leanne Sultana
Marie Murphy
Paula Mariani
Esina Kramhott
Frank Agresta
Luke Andrew Camilleri

... and those we remember at this time.

Maria & Joe Saliba, Doris Cauchi, Melanie Sheffield, Joseph & Therese Muscat, Saviour, Paul, Carmen Vassallo, Alexander, Pawla Muscat, John Moloney, Josef Somi, Michael John McMahan, Anthony & Maryann Xiberras, Ronald Horan, Sandra Bezzina, Charlie Schembri, Joseph Baldacchino

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

We welcome the newly Baptised...



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jamie Bugeja
Harry Sanson



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

23 April 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm — J. Xibberas 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 -
 9.30am -

Cleaners A. Edwards

Counters

16 Apr — R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon
 23 Apr — C. Barber F. Pausanos

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 17 April 2023

Reader — M. Breden
 EMoHC — F. Crew

Wednesday 19 April 2023

Reader — C. Alison
 EMoHC — A. Moloney

Friday 21 April 2023

Reader — J. Sheffield
 EMoHC — A. Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 22 April 2023

Reader — P. Humphrey
 EMoHC — F. Crew

Sunday 23 April 2023

Readers

8.00am — M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury

Acolyte/Senior Server F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am — C. Smiroldo

Data Projector S. Stennett

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