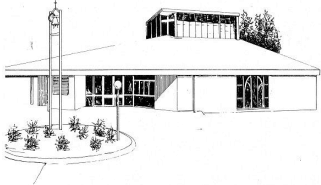


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## Third Sunday of Easter — Year A 23 April 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14. 22-33

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

### RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11

**Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

### SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:17-21

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

### REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Understandably, we tend to zero in on the Eucharistic dimension of this Gospel. Yet, there are other aspects also to consider. Jesus comes as the stranger. He interprets and opens the Scriptures. We could wonder if the disciples would have recognized him otherwise. This passage is popular because it invites us to enter the world of metaphor. A visitor, a story, bread, wine, a lighted candle, all these and more tell us that the ordinary stuff of our lives is not so ordinary. Beyond function and practicality, the journey to Emmaus suggests the sacramentality of our lives.

By Flor McCarthy SDB

## Laudato Si' ...

### The Importance of Caring for Our Common Home



As Catholics, we believe that the earth is a gift from God, and we have a responsibility to care for it. The encyclical Laudato Si' reminds us of this responsibility and calls us to take action. The earth provides us with the resources we need to survive, such as food, water, and air. Without a healthy environment, we cannot thrive, and our very existence is threatened.

The importance of caring for our common home cannot be overstated. The encyclical Laudato Si' calls us to recognize that we are part of a larger ecosystem and that our actions have an impact on the environment. It also calls us to work towards building a more sustainable world, where we can live in harmony with the environment.

Caring for the environment is not just a matter of social justice, but it is also an essential part of our faith. As Catholics, we are called to be stewards of the earth, and we have a responsibility to care for it. This means living in a way that is respectful of the environment, reducing our carbon footprint, and promoting sustainable living.

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Parish of Richmond

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING TO THE FOUNDATION DINNER, please fill in the sheets in the foyer or the TEAR-OFF slip below, place in the collection plate, drop box or hand in at the parish office **before** the 30<sup>th</sup> April - thank you.

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

NAME:..... NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING: .....

CIRCLE AND NAME the type of dish you will be bringing:  
 MAIN ( HOT/COLD ?) ..... DESSERT ..... SIDE/SALAD .....

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS: (We will be contacting you to finalise details and confirm numbers)  
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**Funeral** for the late Patricia Ward will be held on Thursday 27 April, 11am at St Monica's.

**Welcome:** We are pleased to welcome and join in prayer with the members of the Richmond Sub Branch of the R.S.L as we remember all who have given their life in the service of their country.

**Mother's Day:** Sunday May 14. Keep the date in mind. You may like to bring a flower and place it at the Altar as we pray for all Mothers on this day.



**Weekly rosters for Masses** at St Monica's & St Gregory's can now be viewed in full on the Parish website.

**Save the Date: Parish Ministry training** will be conducted in the *Emmaus Meeting Room* at St Monica's on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. The workshops will be for those interested in being a Reader, Eucharistic Minister or Minister of the Altar for any Mass at St Monica's or St Gregory's.

**Save the Date: WORKING BEE 9am – 1pm, June 10<sup>th</sup>** at both St Gregory's & St Monica's. More details to follow. **MUCH HELP IS NEEDED.** Morning Tea will be provided. Sausage sizzle to enjoy for lunch.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

- Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day Mass 9am at St Monica's.
- Wednesday 26 April Saint Mark.
- Friday 28 April Saint Peter Chanel.
- Saturday 29 April Saint Catherine of Siena.

**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 from 7.30pm-8.30pm 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](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au). 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**  
**17 May 2023 at 7pm.**  
*Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers & parish website.*

**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.



**STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 16/04/23**

1st Collection: \$1732.00

2nd Collection: \$2489.65

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.**

**On the Road to Emmaus**

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).



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**Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased**

- Patricia Ward
- Maureen Lawrence
- Edward Horsey
- Joan Thatcher
- Michael Agius
- Leanne Sultana
- Marie Murphy
- Paula Mariani
- Esina Kramhoft

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

- Harry Sanson,
- Joseph Baldacchino,
- Joe Vella, Grezzju & Salvina Camilleri, Maria & Joe Saliba, Doris Cauchi, Melanie Sheffield, Joseph & Therese Muscat, Saviour, Paul, Carmen Vassallo, Alexander, Pawla Muscat, John Moloney, Josef Somi, Michael John McMahon, Anthony & Maryann Xiberras

**WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK**

- Marie Sheffield, 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...**

**Addison Kenny**



**...to our Christian family.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Alex Romano



**Call to Ministry: new to the Parish? Have you been here for a while & are now ready to be involved in one or more of our parish ministries?** If so, please use the QR code to complete the on-line form, indicating any area within which you may be interested. Alternatively, collect a *Call To Ministry* form from the Church foyer, fill it in and return it by posting it in the white drop box at the front door of the Parish Office.



**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**

**30 April 2023**

4th Sunday

Year A



St Monica's

**Readers**

6.00pm — M. McMahon C. Hession  
 7.30am — S. Duff 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. Dunbar M. Fenech  
 9.30am — H. Convey C. Hey  
 5.30pm — A. Duarte S. Nash

**Acolytes/Senior Server**

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

**Junior Ministers**

6.00pm — G. Attard S. Barglik H. Barglik  
 7.30am —  
 9.30am — C. Murphy S. Murphy  
 M. Hoffman 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. Edwards A. Senn

**Counters**

23 Apr — C. Barber F. Pausanos  
 30 Apr — V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 24 April 2023**

Reader — A. Copland  
 EMoHC — R. Larven

**Wednesday 26 April 2023**

Reader — A. Moloney  
 EMoHC — M. McMahon

**Friday 28 April 2023**

Reader — D. Bowles  
 EMoHC — M. Ryan



St Gregory's

**Saturday 29 April 2023**

Reader — M. Ryan  
 EMoHC — J. Wall

**Sunday 30 April 2023**

**Readers**  
 8.00am — J. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst  
**Acolyte/Senior Server** F. Kelleher

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am — J. Wall  
**Data Projector** A. Drew  
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