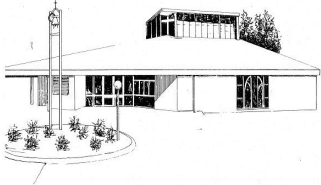


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Fifth Sunday of Easter — Year A 7 May 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with Spirit and wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us. As we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, alleluia .

REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

By Flor McCarthy SDB

Laudato Si' ..

Laudato Si' week will be celebrated on 21-28 May.

*The theme this year is **Hope for the Earth. Hope for humanity.***

*To raise awareness of the important messages of Laudato Si week we would like to invite the children of the parish to design a poster to be displayed in the foyer of the church. Posters should be A4 in size, can use any medium and should include the words **Hope for the Earth, Hope for the future.***

Please make sure your name is included on the poster and it is received at the Parish Office by Wednesday 17th May.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.



Commissioning of Ministers ..

Our Catholic Parish of Richmond is alive and active. Look around at the strong witness shown by many parishioners who assist with the fifty plus parish ministries. They contribute through our liturgies & with liturgical support; music & evangelisation; community building & outreach; hospitality; fundraising; parish administration & maintenance; church cleaning & other behind the scenes activity. **Why do people volunteer their services so generously & with commitment?** It's because **Grounded in the Sacraments of Initiation, lay people continue to be called to exercise their proper part in the mission and ministry of Christ, each in their own way, according to their own gifts.**

(Lumen Gentium 12, 31) Each year we are given the opportunity to re-commit ourselves to ministry. In recent years we have done this at the parish Masses on Pentecost Sunday. This year because the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated within our Parish over two weekends, including Pentecost, **all ministers will be invited to complete the *Recommitment to Ministry* form and to be commissioned by Fr Gayan or Fr Thomas at one of the parish Masses on the weekend of May 20/21. Do mark this event in your diary.**



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



Parish Prayer: Sincere thanks to all those who contributed towards our Parish Prayer. The Parish prayer will be introduced during the Multicultural Dinner and recited as a Parish fortnightly during all of the weekend Masses starting from Sat 13 May.

Anointing of the Sick will take place during 9am Mass on Friday 12 May.

Save the Date: Parish Ministry training will be conducted in the *Emmaus Meeting Room* at St Monica's on July 15th, 22nd, 29th & Aug 5th. 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 10th 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.*

Stamps: Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Friday 12 May Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass.

No Mass at 9am on Monday 8 May - The Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion (Communion Service) will be held at St Monica's on Monday, May 8, in place of the regular 9am Mass.

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.*

Update on St John of God North Richmond Hospital & Chapel

The redevelopment of St John of God North Richmond Hospital into a 112 bed state of the art facility is progressing. The new Wellness Centre which will house a gym, indoor heated pool and yoga studio is due to open in August with the new residences, dining room and café scheduled for October 2023. Once the new residences are complete, clients will move over from the old building and work will commence on refurbishing the main admin building which is where **the new Chapel will be located.**

These works are due to be finished mid-2024.

For more information go to: <https://www.sjog.org.au/our-locations/st-john-of-god-richmond-hospital/about/redevelopment>

Sacraments News.. THANK You to all the families for attending your first preparation class for Confirmation. Time of sessions are Sunday after 8am Mass Kurrajong, After 9.30am Mass -St Monica's, Mondays 4pm, Tuesdays 3.45pm, Wednesday 3.45pm, Thursday 7pm, Friday 4.30pm. If you are unable to attend your regular class, please attend a different session to catch up. It is important that the candidate and parent attend 4 sessions. Reminder: to send a jpeg image of your child and any requested information (Chosen Name, Name of sponsor, Number attending) to sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au Please keep the date of the REHEARSAL FREE – Thursday 25th May, 7pm at St Monica's

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
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 30/04/23

1st Collection: \$1780.00

2nd Collection: \$2719.20

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.

"I Am the Way"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Based on John 14:1-14



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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

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

... and those we remember at this time.

- John Ryan, Sadie Hogan,
- Julie Bennett, Tony Suman,
- Peter Roth, 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

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...



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



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

14 May 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

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

Acolytes/Senior Server

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

Junior Ministers

6.00pm— G. Attard S & H. Barglik
7.30am— J. Azzopardi
9.30am— C & S. Murphy M. Hoffman
C. Cauchi
5.30pm— O. Wickett

Data Projector

6.00pm— M. Breaden
7.30am— M. Clark
9.30am— M. Saliba
5.30pm— M & E. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - M. Bertenshaw
9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Cleaners M. Jansen T. Reckless

A. Edwards A. Senn

Counters

07 May— F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want
14 May— M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 8 May 2023

Reader— F. Crew
EMoHC— R. Larven

Wednesday 10 May 2023

Reader— A. Aquilina
EMoHC— M. McMahon

Friday 12 May 2023

Reader— D. Bowles
EMoHC— M. Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 13 May 2023

Reader— M. Ryan
EMoHC— J. Wall

Sunday 14 May 2023

Readers

8.00am— J. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

Acolyte/Senior Server F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am— P. Waterford

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