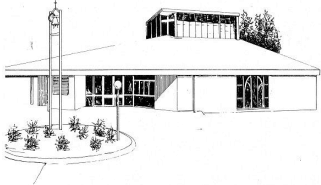


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Sixth Sunday of Easter — Year A 14 May 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 8:5-8. 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PS 65:1-7. 16. 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord. The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia.

Parish Prayer ..

Ever loving God, we the community of the Catholic Parish of Richmond, praise you and dedicate our lives to you. Through the example of St Monica, St Gregory and St John of God we aspire to be people of faith and prayer, who extend peace, hope and light to the wider community. When we listen to your Word, let it nourish us, giving us strength and perseverance in our daily lives. May the Holy Spirit enkindle in us a spirit of compassion and hospitality and a profound respect for each other. Help us to care for the sick, the elderly and those in need. Bless our young people that they may be inspired to know, love and serve You. May we strive to grow in holiness and dedicate our lives to Your service. We make this prayer through the intercession of our Mother Mary and Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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 2 weekends, including Pentecost, **all ministers will be commissioned by Fr Gayan or Fr Thomas at one of the parish Masses on the weekend of May 20/21.**

The Role of Faith in Laudato Si' ...

Faith plays a significant role in Laudato Si'. The encyclical emphasizes that caring for the environment is not just an issue of social justice, but it is also a matter of faith. As Catholics, we believe that the earth is a gift from God, 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 promote sustainable living. The encyclical also recognizes that faith can provide us with the inspiration and motivation we need to take action. Our faith calls us to be stewards of the earth, and we have a responsibility to care for it. By living in a way that is respectful of the environment, we can demonstrate our love for God and our commitment to the common good. The role of faith in Laudato Si' is to inspire and guide us in our efforts to care for the environment. It provides us with a moral framework that considers the impact of our actions on future generations and promotes the dignity of all human beings. Our faith can inspire us to take action, even in the face of daunting environmental challenges.

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Parish of Richmond

Blessing For Mothers ..



May the God of our mother Sarah be your fountain of life to bless you and give you health and happiness, so that you may be a blessing to your family and to all who are in your care.

May Jesus, the Son of Mary, be your Protector to give you strength and health and peace, so that you may be a refuge and haven for your family.

Announcements

Commencing this weekend: The Parish Prayer will be introduced & said. We will then alternate each weekend with the Prayer for Ukraine. We thank those who contributed to the formation of our Parish Prayer.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal will be held on weekend 20/21 May. The appeal is raising awareness and funds for our Aboriginal Catholic Care drop-in centre at Emerton, supporting First Nations people, and anyone in need.

Thank you: We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed financially, those who volunteered their time and assisted in moving furniture for St Gregory's refurbishment project.

A special thanks to the organisers and all who supported the Multicultural Dinner last Friday enabling us to come together to get to know each other and enjoy good food.

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.*

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Sunday 21 May The Ascension of the Lord.** Students from St Monica's School will participate in the 9.30am Mass leading us in prayer & song.
- **Sunday 21 May Commissioning of Ministers at all Masses.**

Funeral Mass for the late Charles Vassallo will be held at St Monica's on Tuesday 23rd May at 10.30am.

St Gregory's Renovations ..

Work has commenced in the Church & will be closed until Friday 19th May 2023.

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. 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.

Walk Everyday May is a fitness fundraising event for a Family Violence Charity called RizeUp. The founder of the event releases blog posts and video interviews throughout May to raise awareness on Domestic Family Violence effects, how survivors can be more included in society and various therapies that aim to heal intergenerational trauma caused by family violence. If you would like to follow and support this event check out their link tree.

<https://linktr.ee/walkeverydaymay>

Please help victims of domestic family violence feel valued and supported.

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 07/05/23

1st Collection: \$1667.00

2nd Collection: \$2911.60

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.

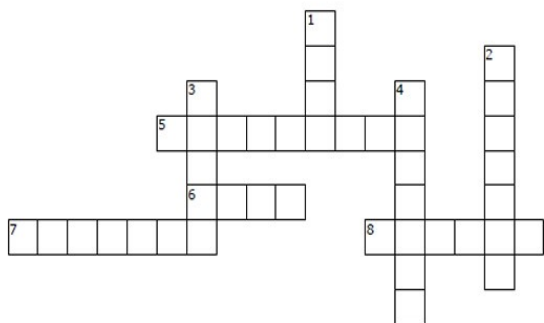
Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit



John 14:16

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the _____.

DOWN

1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

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... and those we remember at this time.

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Joseph Baldacchino,
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Joseph & Therese Muscat,
Saviour, Paul, Carmen Vassallo

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

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We welcome the newly Baptised...



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stan Ujmiak



World Communication Day - Today Sunday 14 May...

Pope Francis message entitled 'Speaking with the heart' "

The truth in love" (Eph 4:15)' can be found online. World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. Have you checked out the Parish website lately? 'May the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt.'

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

21 May 2023

The Ascension of the Lord

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm — C. Alison J. Fewtrell
 7.30am — S. Duff M. McMahon
 9.30am — K. Petersen M. Manea
 5.30pm — C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm — J. Gorman J. Portelli
 7.30am — A. Burnett M. Clark
 9.30am — H. Convey Z. Culican
 5.30pm — S. Nash

Acolytes/Senior Server

6.00pm — A. Moloney
 7.30am — C. Fleetwood
 9.30am — A. Brailey
 5.30pm — P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm — J. Vella J. Vella
 7.30am —
 9.30am —
 5.30pm —

Data Projector

6.00pm — M. Breden
 7.30am — C. Thompson
 9.30am — L. Culican
 5.30pm — Choir members

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - B. Xuereb
 9.30am - C. Kennedy

Cleaners C & A. Salkeld A. Edwards P. Vella

Counters

14 May — M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffman
 21 May — C. Thompson A. Dunbar
 R. Gallyot

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 15 May 2023

Reader — M. Breden

EMoHC — F. Crew

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Reader — C. Alison

EMoHC — A. Moloney

Friday 19 May 2023

Reader — J. Sheffield

EMoHC — A. Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 20 May 2023

Reader — F. Crew

EMoHC — M. Ryan

Sunday 22 May 2023

Readers

8.00am — P. Humphrey C. Smiroldo
 N. Fienberg

Acolyte/Senior Server D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am — A. Drew

Data Projector H. Gillies

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