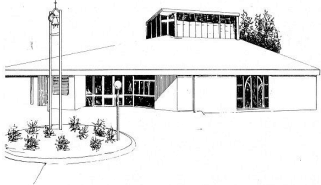


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The Ascension of the Lord — Year A 21 May 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God: praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, 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.



FAITH CONVERSATIONS ...

Are you interested in reading and exploring the Gospel of John?

Come along on Monday nights (7pm – 8pm) for the next seven weeks and join in community to listen and learn from Fr Mike Schmitz ('Bible in a Year' podcasts) as he reads and explores the Gospel of John. There will be short discussions after each session. Bring a pen and a Bible. The first session is **Monday 29th May at 7pm in the Emmaus Room**, and thereafter every Monday night until 10th July. (You are welcome come to all or one, or as many as you like). If you can, please inform the Parish office if you are interested in attending.

Date: Monday 29th May 7pm – 8pm. Venue: Emmaus Room, St Monica's Parish Church

Environmental Ethics in Laudato Si' ..

Laudato Si' emphasizes the importance of environmental ethics in addressing environmental challenges. Environmental ethics is a branch of ethics that deals with the moral principles and values that govern our relationship with the environment. It recognizes that the environment has intrinsic value and is not just a resource to be exploited for human use.

The encyclical also emphasizes that environmental ethics must be based on a holistic and integrated view of the world. It must consider the interconnectedness of all living things and the impact of our actions on the environment.

Environmental ethics must also be guided by principles of social justice that promote the common good and protect the most vulnerable members of society.

The role of environmental ethics in Laudato Si' is to provide us with a moral framework for caring for the environment. It helps us to recognize the value of the environment and our responsibility to protect it. Environmental ethics also encourages us to live in a way that is respectful of the environment, reducing our carbon footprint, and promoting sustainable living.

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Parish of Richmond

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY MAY 21-28 ..

'Do good; seek justice.' (cf Isaiah 1:17)

'God of justice and truth, we seek your guidance to embody the prophet's call to do good and to seek justice. May we grow with the courage and compassion of Christ, and walk in the way of peace and reconciliation. May God's Spirit enliven and embolden us to stand in solidarity with others until all are treated with dignity and worth.

May our holy living be a foretaste of the mercy and blessing of the reign of God. Amen'

Further information and resources: <https://www.ncca.org.au/about-faith-unity>

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Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal will be held this weekend. 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 to the Staff, students & their families who join us at 9.30am Mass today to lead us in payers & song. Your presence enriches our Parish community.

Thank you Volunteers. We are truly blessed & deeply grateful to all who serve our community with a great variety of gifts & generosity, helping to continue the mission of Jesus here in the Parish of Richmond. God bless you all.

Thank you: The Multicultural dinner was attended & enjoyed by over 80 parishioners & showcased the multicultural diversity of our community. The variety & quantity of food ensured that all tastes were catered for & enabled some to enjoy a menu not experienced before. The old church was decked out in flags of many countries & filled with the sound of chattering voices. **Thank you** to those who prepared the venue & organised the evening, also to those who attended & brought food to share.

Parish Prayer: There are laminated copies of the Parish Prayer at the doors of the Church.

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

- **Wednesday 24 May Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.** National Patronal Feast of Australia. Come together at 9am Mass at St Monica's & pray for Country, our leaders & the people of Australia.
- **Friday 26 May Saint Philip Neri.**
- **Weekend 27/28 May Confirmation Ceremonies.** Please keep our young people in your prayers.
- **Sunday 28 May Pentecost Sunday.**

Annual Leave: Fr Gayan will be on his annual leave from 12th June to 12th July. In his absence, Fr Thomas will celebrate the weekend Masses in Kurrajong, and the visiting priests will celebrate 7.30am and 9.30am Masses in Richmond.

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.

Sacraments News: LIMITED SEATING – 27th, 28th May & 4th June. Dear Parishioners please be aware the Sacrament of Confirmation will be taking place at the 6pm Mass, 27th May and 9.30am Mass 28th May and the 9.30am Mass on 4th June. There will be 15-20 children being Confirmed at each Mass. Seats will be allocated to each family. Please understand that there will be more limited seating options at these masses. Please continue to prayer for the children and their families as they prepare to receive this Sacrament.

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 July

2023 at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes

available on

notice boards in

church foyers &

parish website.

PLEASE DO NOT WALK PAST THE SIGN ON SHEETS ON DISPLAY AT EACH DOOR.

We need: individuals & families to welcome people at each of our Masses. **collectors** to assist with collecting money donations.



Senior & junior altar servers & Ministers at the Altar young adults to develop a Parish Youth Group.

Musicians, especially keyboard players.

Already we have many generous volunteers in the Parish. Thank you for your ministry.

WE NEED MORE TO ASSIST.

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 14/05/23

1st Collection: \$1592.00

2nd Collection: \$2664.40

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. 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.

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53



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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- Delia Camat Higoy
- Charles Vassallo
- Sadie Hogan
- Dawn Edwards
- Patricia Ward
- Maureen Lawrence
- Edward Horsey
- Joan Thatcher
- Michael Agius

... and those we remember at this time.

- Josephine Said, John Mary Said, Maria Saliba, Bernadet Saliba, Doris Cauchi, Carmen Camilleri, Phyllis Deguara, Leon Mallon, John Ryan, Brian Goodwin, Julie Bennett, Tony Suman, Peter Roth, Harry Sanson, Joseph Baldacchino, Joe Vella, Grezzu & Salvina Camilleri, Maria & Joe Saliba, Doris Cauchi, Melanie Sheffield

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

- Helen Kenny, Katie Binggeli, 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...

- Dominic Attard
- Jorshaan Ekanayake
- Jackson Traini



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Josephine Vella
- Mason Galea



RISE	REPENT	PROPHETS	TAKEN
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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

28 May 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Xiberras 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. Breaden
7.30am - M. Clark
9.30am - M. McGuinness
5.30pm - A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - M. Sultana
9.30am - L. Northern

Cleaners A. Edwards

Counters

21 May - C. Thompson A. Dunbar R. Gallyot
28 May - R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 22 May 2023

Reader - A. Copland
EMoHC - R. Larven

Wednesday 24 May 2023

Reader - A. Moloney
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 26 May 2023

Reader - D. Bowles
EMoHC - M. Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 27 May 2023

Reader - P. Humphrey
EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 28 May 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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