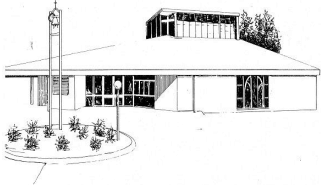


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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 16 July 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

### FIRST READING: ISAIAH 55:10-11

*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

### RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 64:10-14

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

### SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:18-23

*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23

*A sower went out to sow.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.**

### 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.*

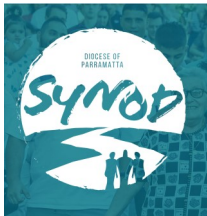
*Help us to care for the sick, the elderly and those in need.*

*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.*

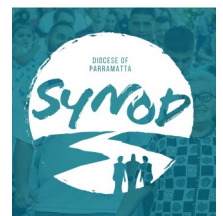


### Diocese of Parramatta Synod Prayer ...

*O God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united. Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod. Keep us anchored in your love. Open our hearts as we listen and discern. Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep. Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility. May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your Kingdom now, and forever.*

*Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.*



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**Parish of Richmond**

## PARISH LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING ...

for those **new to the ministry** and a **refresher for those already trained.**

**READERS** read the Commentary and/or the Readings at Mass.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** assist with the distribution of Holy Communion.

**MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR** assist the Priest at the Altar.

Please **SIGN THE SHEET IN THE CHURCH FOYER IMMEDIATELY** to register for the following workshops.

Sat 22 July	10 am	<b>ALL</b> Readers, EMoHC & Ministers at the Altar (MA)	Approx. 1 hr
Sat 29 July	10 am	<b>ALL</b> Readers & MAs (includes practical training in the Church)	Approx. 1.5 hrs
Sat 5 Aug	10 am	<b>ALL</b> EMoHC & MAs (includes practical training in the church)	Approx. 1.5 hrs
Sat 12 Aug	10 am	<b>MAs</b> only (includes practical training in the church & Thurifer training)	Approx. 1.5 hrs

**Registration: IMMEDIATELY.**

**Venue: Parish Emmaus Meeting Room**

# Announcements

Welcome Home Fr Gayan. We hope you had a restful holiday.

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED?** Please note this is the last week to sign-up for the **Parish Ministry Workshops**, as listed on this bulletin.

**Thank You** for your welcome to Sr Maria and your interest in her work in Belarus. Your generous support and donations will assist the orphans and homeless. A special Thank You to Carol and Tom Allison who kindly extended a place for Sister to stay on Saturday evening. May God bless you for your hospitality.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal** will take place on the weekend 29-30 July.

**Cutlery-Glasses-Tea towels** a quantity of various items were left after the Multi-Cultural Dinner.

Are you missing any of these items in your cupboards and wondering where you could have put them? Please contact the Parish Office to collect, all unclaimed items will be donated to the White Elephant Stall.

**FaithLIFE – 3 Night Short Course on Synodal**

**Spirituality:** Pope Francis has invited the Church to be more 'synodal'. Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on synodal spirituality with Sr Patty Andrew, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesdays: 22 Aug + 29 Aug + 5 Sep. Downstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre: 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown.

RSVP via <https://pfparra.org.au/faithlife/>

## PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Saturday 22 July Saint Mary Magdalene.**
- **Weekend 22/23 July Enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**
- **Weekend 22/23 July Bible Sunday in Australia.**
- **Weekend 22/23 July World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.**

*Families are called to share their stories with the first Diocesan Synod ...*

Bishop Vincent wants to hear from families and households across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Your stories will inform the direction of our local Church into the future through what is known as a synod.

Our Diocesan Synod is both an event and a process where people gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church.

Synods are transformative experiences that lead to renewal in the Church's life. The success of the Synod relies on your participation.

Families and households are encouraged to participate in the Synod at home using the resources

'Synod at Home' found here:

[https://parracatholic.org/synod2023\\_resources/](https://parracatholic.org/synod2023_resources/)

**Sacraments News: Sacrament RECONCILIATION** enrolment is available using the LINK on the Parish Website (under Sacramental Program -) or using the QR code here and in the foyer. ENROLMENT ceremony is next week. Please advise [sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au) which mass you will be attending – so your child's name card is available. **Parent Information** evening is **7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> August** – at this meeting you will choose your date and time for Reconciliation. **FIRST COMMUNION** enrolment will be available from 22<sup>nd</sup> July on the Parish Website Link or via the QR code which will be available in the bulletin or in the church foyer.



### 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](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**19 July**  
**2023 at 7pm.**  
*Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers & parish website.*

**MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES:**



If interested in having a loved one remembered in the *Parish Memorial Garden* please print on an envelope, **the name of the person/s, also the name & phone number of the person placing the order.**

To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door.**

**The Parable of the Sower**



But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a  
Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)

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**STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 09/07/23**

1st Collection: \$1247.00  
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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.**

**Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased**

Elizabeth (Beth) Price  
Leslie Crane  
Joyce Conlon  
Carmen Camilleri  
Valencia Worrell  
Delia Camat Higoy  
Charles Vassallo  
Sadie Hogan  
Dawn Edwards  
Patricia Ward

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

Isabelle Said, Philip Vassallo, Frank Cauchi, Bev Riley, Joe Vella, Rada Primorac, Bob Garrick, Frank Agresta, Lyal Binns, Keith Schembri, Cristiano Bagnara, Charles Crew, Saviour Vassallo, Guza-Leli Grech, Alan Moloney, Kath & Brian Berkley, Karen Bantolo, Isaac Aquilina, Anthony & Maryann Xiberras, Emmanuel & Carmen Azzopardi, Frank & Grace Xerri

**WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK**

Rhonda Jones, Helen Kenny, 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

**We welcome the newly Baptised...**

**Angus Witton**



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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

To all those celebrating this week



**R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS -ENQUIRY:** When two people meet each other for the first time there is usually a ‘getting to know you’ period before the relationship proceeds to a deeper level. The initial stage of the RCIA- the Enquiry period- is a bit like that. As a person expresses interest in the Catholic community, **PARISHIONERS** respond to the enquirer’s questions and share something of their own experience of being Catholic. No formal commitment is called for at this stage. It is a time of initial exploration as the enquirer, **WITH THE HELP OF THE PARISH COMMUNITY**, decides whether he/she will undertake the journey towards Baptism and full communion with the Catholic Church. (*The Story Source Teresa Pirola.*) Have you opened the conversation yet or perhaps issued an invitation to ‘Come and See’? We commence our enquiry period at the end of August.

**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 July 2023**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. Allison

**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 — C. Pritchard  
 7.30am — C. Fleetwood  
 9.30am — A. Brailey  
 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 — B. Xuereb  
 9.30am — C. Kennedy

**Cleaners** A. Edwards

**Counters**

16 July — V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri  
 23 July — F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 17 July 2023**

Reader — M. Breden  
 EMoHC — F. Crew

**Wednesday 19 July 2023**

Reader — C. Allison  
 EMoHC — A. Moloney

**Friday 21 July 2023**

Reader — J. Sheffield  
 EMoHC — A. Aquilina



St Gregory's

**Saturday 22 July 2023**

Reader — P. Humphrey  
 EMoHC — F. Crew

**Sunday 23 July 2023**

**Readers**

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

**Acolyte/Senior Server** F. Kelleher

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am — C. Smiroldo

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