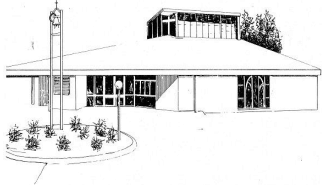


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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 30 July 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5. 7-12

*You have asked for wisdom.*

### RESPONSORIAL PS: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

### SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:28-30

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44-52

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

### 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.*

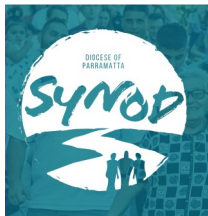
*Help us to care for the sick, the elderly and those in need.*

*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 ...

A Synod is both an event and a process where clergy, consecrated, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church.

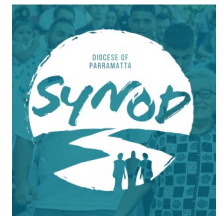
Synods are transformative events that lead to renewal in the Church's life. Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 12-15 October 2023.

Our Synod will gather clergy, religious, and the laity across our Diocese to listen, discern, and respond to the Holy Spirit through voices of the People of God in Western Sydney and The Blue Mountains.

From May to July 2023, in the lead up to the Synod, all are invited to participate. Submissions can be provided online, placing them in the suggestion box in the church foyer or drop box at the office. For online submissions,

please visit the website or click <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/> or use the QR code.

**Submissions close 31 July.**



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**Parish of Richmond**

**St Monica's Feast Day:** Come together, Let's Celebrate is the opening line of a hymn and this is what we are inviting you to do, come and celebrate the **Feast Day of St Monica. August 27** is the date, this year it falls on a Sunday and the Sunday of the Ordinary Time takes precedence over the Feast Day. It is important however for us as a community to celebrate and reflect on the life of our Patron St Monica. By her life she has shown us how important it is for us to persevere in prayer. Through her prayers, her son Augustine, turned his life around and became a Doctor and Saint of the Church. St Monica's School Community will participate in the 9.30 Mass. A special Morning Tea will follow. The celebration will not be complete if **YOU** are not there. Mark the date in your diary NOW!

**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.

Sat 5 Aug 10 am **ALL** EMoHC & MAs (includes practical training in the church) Approx. 1.5 hrs  
 Sat 12 Aug 10 am **MAs** only (includes practical training in the church & Thurifer training) Approx. 1.5 hrs  
**Venue: Parish Emmaus Meeting Room**

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The St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal will be held at all Masses **THIS** weekend. Are you interested in knowing more about the work of the Society, possibly joining & helping those in need? Speak to a Member TODAY!

**Feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord** occurs next Sunday August 6. Please note the Readings are of the Feast Day.

If you would like a visit from Fr Gayan or Fr Thomas or bless your house please contact the parish office.

**Aid to the Church in need:** Kylie Cullen, Diocesan Outreach Assistant, will speak to promote the work of 'Aid to the Church in need', at Richmond on the weekend 12/13 August, & Kurrajong Sunday 20 August.

**Advertising in the bulletin:** There are currently three vacant spots on the back of the Bulletin. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

**Be on the lookout—coming soon** a revamped Bulletin!

**The parish phone ministry..** If you are parishioner who may be living on your own and would like to receive a call from a fellow, friendly parishioner, please contact the Parish Office on 4578 1410. Alternatively, if you know someone who may like to receive a call, eg an elderly family member or friend, speak with them and seek their permission to contact the Parish Office with their name and contact details. If you are giving the details of family member or friend, please do not do so before speaking with that person.

**PARISH DIARY DATES**

- Monday 31 July **Saint Ignatius of Loyola.**
- Tuesday 1 August **Saint Alphonsus Liguori.**
- Thursday 3 August **Saint Dominic.**
- Friday 4 August **Saint John Vianney.**
- Sunday 6 August **The Transfiguration of the Lord.**
- Tuesday 8 August **Saint Mary of the Cross.** Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's at 9am.

**Distribution of Communion:** If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Please inform Father or the Senior Server before Mass.

**It's happening! Mark your calendar!**  
**St Monica's Spring Fair- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept..**  
**The Organising Committee is seeking Sponsors, please contact the parish office if you can help.**  
**Donations will be accepted from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August.**  
**Please note that the old church will be not be available from 18<sup>th</sup> August to 29<sup>th</sup> September.**



**Sacraments News:**

**RECONCILIATION – Parent Meeting** – 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7pm ( at this meeting you will receive your parent booklet and choose your date and time for Reconciliation. Reconciliation Enrolments close 3rd August.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS** are now available via the Parish Website ( Sacramental Program) – or using the QR code on the Poster in the foyer or here on the bulletin.



**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**  
**16 August 2023 at 7pm.**  
**Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers & parish website.**

*The St Paul's Celebration Committee will be having its annual AGM on Tuesday 8th August, 7.30pm in the Emmaus Parish Meeting room. Anyone wishing to be part of the committee to help continue the tradition of the annual St Paul's Festa @ St Monica's Richmond is welcome to attend. We have 4-6 meetings a year and your support is needed to continue the running of the annual festa. If you are unable to attend and have a genuine interest in being part of the committee please contact the parish office.*

**STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 23/07/23**  
 1st Collection: \$1280.00  
 2nd Collection: \$3157.50  
 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.**

## Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)  
 Based on Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)



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### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- Joseph Galea
- Vincent Jones
- Pauline Landrigan
- Josephine Galea
- Betty Considine
- Elizabeth (Beth) Price
- Leslie Crane
- Joyce Conlon
- Carmen Camilleri
- Valencia Worrell

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

- Christine Duncan, Joseph Baldacchino, Frank Cauchi, Philip Vassallo, Isabelle Said, 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

### WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

- Pam Everingham, Rhonda Jones, Helen Kenny, Marie Sheffield, Rick Vella, Adam Taha, Roy 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...



...to our Christian family.

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- David & Caroline Pritchard
- Josephine & Charlie Zahra



### R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—Enquiry:

Do you know someone who may be interested - a family member or a friend? Have you opened the conversation yet or perhaps issued an invitation to 'Come and See'? We commence our enquiry period **Monday 28 August, 7pm**, in the Emmaus Room. Would you like to be a member of the Team sharing your Faith and supporting others on their Faith Journey? If you need more information, please contact 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 of the month at St Monica's & every second Sunday of the 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.

- HYPA-R 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 HYPA Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

6 August 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - R. Azzopardi J. Fewtrell
7.30am - A. Dunbar M. Fenech
9.30am - C. Hey M. Manea
5.30pm - J. Morley S. Tyler

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm - D. Grima V. Muscat
7.30am - A. Burnett L. Attard
9.30am - Z. Culican M. McGuiness
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti

Acolytes/Senior Server

6.00pm - A. Moloney
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - M. Crew
5.30pm - D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
7.30am -
9.30am -
5.30pm - S. Murphy

Data Projector

6.00pm - R. Ingram
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - M. Breaden E. Aponte
5.30pm - C. Thompson

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - B. Xuereb
9.30am - K. Kemble M. Brough
Cleaners C. Livingstone T. Tomasella
A. Edwards M. Portelli

Counters

30 Jul - M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffmann
06 Aug - R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 31 July 2023

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 2 August 2023

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 4 August 2023

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew



St Gregory's

Saturday 5 August 2023

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smioldo

Sunday 6 August 2023

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan T. Misdrom S. Lundy

Acolyte/Senior Server D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

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