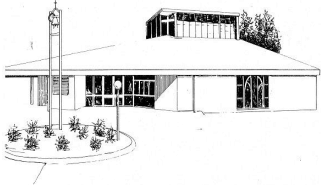


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The Transfiguration of the Lord — Year A 6 August 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

FIRST READING: DANIEL 7:9-10. 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 96: 1-2, 5-6, 9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

SECOND READING: 2 PETER 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK commences today.

'God has a plan for us. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people. During Vocation Awareness Week, you are encouraged to pray seeking guidance about how God is calling you to live your own vocation. We also pray for more and generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We all have a vocation. The word vocation comes from the Latin vocare, which in English means to call. God calls each one of us to holiness, called to love God and others.

(Broken Bay Diocese website)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - PARRAMATTA DIOCESE ..

Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous 'Yes'.

Make our Diocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.

May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

Bless those men and women called to consecrated life, permanent deacons and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.

We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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 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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Happy Feast Day! We ask God's blessing on the Poor Clare Sisters as we celebrate the Feast of St Clare this Friday 11th August.

Anointing of the Sick will take place this Friday 11th August during the 9am Mass.

No Parking: Please do not park in the walkway between the school and the church.

Funeral Mass for the late Vincent Jones will be held on Tuesday 8th August, 10.30am at St Monica's.

Organisers of the Plant Stall at the Spring Fair need the help of all "green fingers" in the parish! Donations of healthy plants to sell will be much appreciated, plus any assistance. Further enquiries contact the



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.

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

- **Tuesday 8 August Saint Mary of the Cross.** Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's at 9am.
- **Thursday 10 August Saint Lawrence.**
- **Friday 11 August Saint Clare.**
- **Sunday 13 August St Gregory's Morning Tea** following 8am Mass. If anyone wishes to bring a plate, it would be most appreciated. All welcome.
- **Tuesday 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's at 9am (St Monica's students will be in attendance) & 7pm. Mass at St Gregory's 6.30pm.



St Monica's Spring Fair.. Helpers for the White Elephant & Book Stall -



We are ready to receive donations for Books and White Elephant items. We would love to take all the good items that you no longer need. Such as toys, puzzles, crockery, glass sets, kitchen items, unwanted gift sets, unused toiletry items, make up, linen, Christmas decorations, unused candles, pictures, shoes, scarves, hats, bags, jewellery, some clothing, stationary, nick nacks, ornaments etc. **Please no** large furniture, baby seats, computers or TV's. Contact for Book Stall - Narelle 0416 002 893. Contact for White Elephant Stall - Joan 0405 157 466. Goods will be accepted in the Old Church from Monday 14th August. Drop off times: Mon - Fri 9am - 3pm. Helpers are needed, if you can assist please add your name to the sheet in the church foyer. Help is needed during these hours over the following weeks, an hour or two will help to prepare the books & magazines for sale & help setting up the White Elephant Stall.

Sacraments News:

RECONCILIATION – Groups begin from Sunday 13th August 9am at St Gregory's and 10.30am at St Monica's. Monday 3.45pm, Tuesday 3.45pm, Wednesday 3.45pm, Thursday 7pm and Friday 4.30pm at St Monica's.

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: 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
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 16/07/23

1st Collection: \$1547.00
2nd Collection: \$2753.70

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.

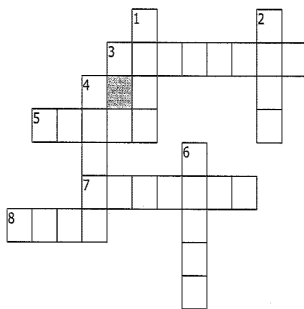
Online Donations are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au. The red "Donate Now" button at the top opens a new window, in the drop down box make your selection then complete all details. Debit or credit card may be used and there are no fees incurred.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



ACROSS

- 3. A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
- 5. A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
- 7. Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.
- 8. To have a strong feeling of affection for someone

DOWN

- 1. Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
- 2. Having a great distance from top to bottom
- 4. The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
- 6. The color of snow or milk

HIGH	CLOUD	WHITE	MOUNTAIN
VOICE	GOOD	LOVE	CLOTHES

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.

- Cardinal Edward Clancy,
- Michael Grech, Joseph Cauchi,
- John & Vicky Cauchi, Renu Camilleri, Joseph Camilleri,
- 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

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 BIRTHDAY

- William Xiberras
- Shaun Bugeja
- Alfondzo Chaplin



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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.

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
13 August 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm— M. McMahon C. Hession

7.30am— T. Maguire A. Edwards

9.30am— K. Brough

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— M. Crew

7.30am— R. Ujmiak

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. Hoffmann

C. Cauchi

5.30pm— O. Wickett

Data Projector

6.00pm— M. Breaden

7.30am— M. Clark

9.30am— M. Saliba

5.30pm— A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - M. Bertenshaw

9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Cleaners M. Jansen A. Edwards A. Senn

Counters

06 Aug— R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

13 Aug— C. Barber F. Pausanos C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 7 August 2023

Reader — M. Breaden

EMoHC— H. Convey

Wednesday 9 August 2023

Reader — A. Aquilina

EMoHC— M. McMahon

Friday 11 August 2023

Reader — D. Bowles

EMoHC— M. Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 12 August 2023

Reader— M. Ryan

EMoHC— J. Wall

Sunday 13 August 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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