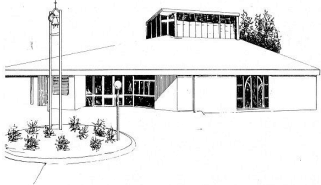


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 13 August 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 84:9-14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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.



Aid to the Church in need ..

This weekend we welcome to our parish, Kylie Cullen who will speak to us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need. Aid to the Church in Need exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians. In fact, they are the only International Catholic Charity dedicated to this mission. At the end of WWII, a Dutch priest, Fr Werenfried Van Staatan, appealed to the Catholic people of Belgium and the Netherlands, to move past their hatred of the Germans, and to see in the suffering of these innocent German families, the suffering Christ. His pleas unleashed so much generosity and he became known as the 'Bacon Priest' because they brought tonnes of bacon to starving German families, along with assisting so many Christians in need. His initiative spread out to the entire world and we now reach thousands of persecuted Christians all around the world. Fr Werenfried led ACN until his death in 2003.

In 2011, Pope Benedict XIV raised the charity to the level of a Pontifical Foundation.

Kylie will speak during Mass and share more about their work and the testimonies of those have been helped.

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Parish of Richmond

Thank You as the time for our Ministries training programme comes to an end, we wish to thank all those who attended. Thank you to Mary McGuinness for her encouragement to be refreshed and renewed in Ministry. A very special Thank you to Ann Moloney who for many years has led our Parish Training Programme. Ann has decided to step aside and we cannot thank her enough for her expertise, knowledge and love of the Eucharist. Over the years Ann kept up to date with Church and Diocesan Policies and passed it on to all, we are truly blessed by Ann's gifts. May the Lord bless Ann, may He be gracious to you and give His Peace.



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The St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal:

Thank you for your generous support of the Appeal last weekend. \$5802.65 was received.

Funeral Mass for the late Charlie Dimech will be held on Monday 14th August, 10.30am at St Monica's.

No Parking Please: Please DO NOT park on the roundabout at the front of the Church. It MUST be clear at all times, so that emergency vehicles can access when necessary. The walkway between the School and the Church is another NON parking area.

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 Parish Office.



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 14 August **Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe.**
- 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.

Revamped bulletin: We will launch the revamped bulletin on the weekend of 26/27 August. Thanks to the PPC working group and the Diocesan Parish Support Team.



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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 6/08/23

1st Collection: \$1594.00

2nd Collection: \$3040.15

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.

A Psalm of David

Even in darkness I cannot hide from you. Psalm 139:12

Based on Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (NIV)



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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- August Melinz
- Charlie Dimech
- Joseph Galea
- Vincent Jones
- Pauline Landrigan
- Josephine Galea
- Betty Considine
- Elizabeth (Beth) Price
- Leslie Crane
- Joyce Conlon

... and those we remember at this time.

- Savour Vassallo, Alexander & Pawla Muscat, Pawlu & Carmen Vassallo, Frank Agresta, Sr Carmel Martin OSC, Cardinal Edward Clancy, Michael Grech, Joseph Cauchi, John & Vicky Cauchi, Reno Camilleri, Joseph Camilleri, Christine Duncan, Joseph Baldacchino, Frank Cauchi, Philip Vassallo, Isabelle Said, Bev Riley, Joe Vella, Rada Primorac

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

- Katie Binggeli, Rose Galea, 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...

Theodore Cameron



...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Mary Mooney
- Rita Crane
- Helen Garrick



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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.

First Friday Benediction & Mass

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 HYPMA Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

20 August 2023

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison 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 A. Duarte

Acolytes/Senior Server

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - A. Brailey
5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
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

13 Aug - C. Barber F. Pausanos C. Thompson
20 Aug - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 14 August 2023

Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - R. Larven

Wednesday 16 August 2023

Reader - C. Allison
EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 18 August 2023

Reader - J. Sheffield
EMoHC - A. Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 19 August 2023

Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 20 August 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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