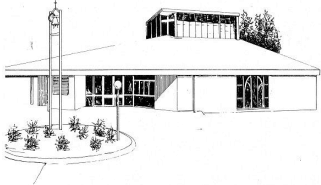


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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A 20 August 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 66:2-3, 3-6, 8
O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

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.



ST MONICA'S

SPRING FAIR 2023

SATURDAY
16 SEPT
9AM - 3PM

32 Francis Street,
Richmond

FREE
ENTRY

Book Stall Food & Drink
Market Stalls Rides
Face Painting Cake Stall
White Elephant NSW Furies
Entertainment Plant Stall

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Parish of Richmond

9 WEEK NOVENA towards the Diocesan Synod ...

As we approach the Synod, a sacred time of discernment and renewal for our diocesan community, we recognise the significance of seeking God’s guidance and grace. For this reason, over the next 9 weeks, all Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta are invited to pray a Novena for the Diocesan Synod.

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 is 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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Clergy Support Foundation - Bishop’s Father’s Day Appeal will be held weekend 2/3 September. Thank you for your kind donation.

Cross for St Monica’s: ‘A LED CROSS’ is set to be placed on the rooftop of St Monica’s to mark the feast day. It is positioned facing the traffic lights & the colours will be adjustable to match those of the seasons of the church. We extend our gratitude to a very generous parishioner who dedicated his time, skills and resources to design and create this cross.

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.



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

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

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.

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

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Monday 21 August **Saint Pius X.**
- Tuesday 22 August **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- Thursday 24 August **Saint Bartholomew.**

Please Note: NO Mass on Monday 21 August.
A Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion will be held at St Monica’s 9am.



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, 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 - 2pm. 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... First Holy Communion: Electronic enrolments are available on the Parish Website (Sacramental Program – Link) or using the QR code here on the bulletin or on the church poster. Enrolment will close on 6th September. Enrolment ceremonies will take place at the Sunday masses 26th & 27th August. PARENT information Session is September 7th at St Monica’s at 7pm – Here parents will receive their books and be given vital information regarding First Communion.

sacrament@parishofrichmond.org.au



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
23 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 13/08/23

1st Collection: \$1670.00

2nd Collection: \$2522.20

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.

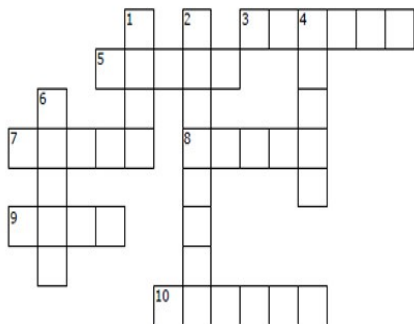
Online Donations are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au. The red "Donate Now" button at the top opens a new window, in the drop down box make your selection then complete all details. Debit or credit card may be used and there are no fees incurred.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 3. To experience physical or mental pain
- 5. An adult female human being
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. An very large amount of something
- 9. Unable to be found
- 10. Small pieces of bread or cake

DOWN

- 1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
- 2. A female child in relation to her parents
- 4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
- 6. An evil spirit

JESUS	DAUGHTER	SUFFER	CRUMBS	DEMON
WOMAN	GREAT	FAITH	DOGS	LOST

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

- Bowie Phillips
- Vera Gallespie
- August Melinz
- Charlie Dimech
- Joseph Galea
- Vincent Jones
- Pauline Landrigan
- Josephine Galea
- Betty Considine
- Elizabeth (Beth) Price

... and those we remember at this time.

- Mary (Josie) Horan, Bill McMahon, Jim Sultana, Annie Collinson, Sr Mary Carmel, Betty Hamilton, Saviour Vassallo, Alexander & Pawla Muscat, Pawlu & Carmen Vassallo, Sr Carmel Martin OSC, Cardinal Edward Clancy, Frank Agresta, Michael Grech, Joseph Cauchi, John & Vicky Cauchi, Reno Camilleri, Joseph Camilleri, Joseph Baldacchino

WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

- Yvette Brander, Pat Stanton, 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, Angele Muscat

We welcome the newly Baptised...

- Avery Camilleri
- Joseph Camilleri
- Elyse Pausanos Escalante
- Abigail Kovacek

...to our Christian family.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all those celebrating this week



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R.C.I.A. RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS -ENQUIRY ...

COMMENCES NEXT Monday August 28, 7pm. in the Emmaus Room.

'COME! DO NOT BE AFRAID' - 'COME, LISTEN' ...

No obligation- ALL Welcome.

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 HYP A Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

27 August 2023

21st 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 J. Cauchi
5.30pm - D. D'Mello A. Aquilina

Acolytes/Senior Server

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

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
7.30am -
9.30am - C & E. Cauchi
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 - M & M. Pastoors

Cleaners A. Edwards

Counters

20 Aug - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
27 Aug - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 21 August 2023

Reader - M. Breaden
EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 23 August 2023

Reader - A. Moloney
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 25 August 2023

Reader - D. Bowles
EMoHC - M. Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 26 August 2023

Reader - P. Humphrey
EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 27 August 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

Altar Preparation

Cleaners K. Hodgson

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