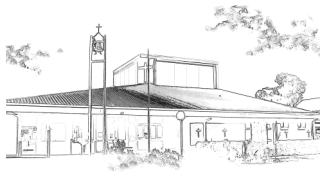


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## Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 27 August 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 137:1-3,6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

### SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

### 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

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## Prayer for the Feast days ...



As we celebrate the Feast of St Monica today and St Gregory next week we pray:  
God our Father, you have placed our community under the protection of St Monica & St Gregory, through their lives may we be inspired to be people of faith, hope and love. Bless our families may they like St Monica never abandon their children to the ways of the world but surround them with love and hold them in prayer, assuring them at all times of Your great love and mercy. May we, like St Gregory, be faithful to the teachings of the Church, listen attentively to the Scriptures and follow Your will in all things. St. Monica pray for us, St Gregory pray for us.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Please keep in your prayers

Those who are considering becoming a part of the R.C.I.A.  
Our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.  
Our young people enrolling to prepare for their First Holy Communion.  
The Diocesan Synod.

**Happy Feast Day!** We pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received through the intercession of St Monica and ask that she continues to protect our Parish and School Communities.

**Welcome** to the families who are enrolling children for First Holy Communion, taking the next step on their faith journey. We also **welcome** St Monica's School Community at 9.30am Mass.

**Clergy Support Foundation-Bishop's Father's Day Appeal** will be held next weekend 2/3 September.

**Next Sunday is Father's Day:** A special blessing & prayers will be offered for all Dads & Grandfathers.

**Readers, EMS & MAs** please check your email for the current rosters & ministers' contact list sent to you in the past two weeks.

**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.



## PARISH DIARY DATES



- Monday 28 August **Saint Augustine.**
- Tuesday 29 August **Saint John the Baptist.**



### 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 good items that you no longer need.

**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 are now being accepted in the Old Church.  
Drop off times: Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm.

**Helpers are needed Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm.**  
**If you can assist please add your name to the sheet in the church foyer. Even for an hour or two to help prepare the books & magazines for sale & setting up the White Elephant Stall.**

**If you would like to have an early browse through the books, please drop in Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm.**

## 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. Enrolments will close on Wednesday 6th September.

**PARENT information Session** is Thursday 7th September at St Monica's at 7pm. Here parents will receive their books and be given vital information regarding First Communion.

[sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au)



## PARISH MASS TIMES

**St Monica's**  
Saturday: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 7.30am,  
9.30am, 5.30pm  
Mon, Wed & Fri: 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 9.00am 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 11am.  
St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11am  
Booking & Preparation are essential.

### Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum  
of 6 months notice is required. All  
enquiries please email:  
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**PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING 20 Sept  
2023 at 7pm.**

**Meeting Minutes  
available on notice  
boards in church  
foyers & parish  
website.**

**Today is Social Justice Sunday:**

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement.

Access the statement at:  
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>



**Peter's Confession of Christ**

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



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**STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 20/08/2023**

1st Collection: \$1695.00  
 2nd Collection: \$2373.30

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**

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:**

Josef Somi, Ron Horan, 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**

Greg Horan, Delina Galea, 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, Stan Ujmiak, Helen Payne, Jeanette Farley, Leo Barbagallo, Diana Hurley, Ricky Comito, Angele Muscat



**We welcome the newly baptized...**  
 Layla Attard, Ryan Camilleri, Amaru & Rodrigo Henshaw, Mackenzie Milgate

*...to our Christian family*



**Happy birthday**  
 to all those celebrating this week

**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 ACTIVITES**

**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.

**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**

**3 September 2023**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A**



**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 A. Duarte

**Minister at the Altar**

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

**Junior Ministers**

6.00pm -  
7.30am -  
9.30am - S. O & M. Saliba  
5.30pm - S & C. Murphy

**Data Projector**

6.00pm - R. Ingram  
7.30am - M. McMahon  
9.30am - M. Breden  
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**

27 Aug - F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want  
03 Sep - M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffmann

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 28 August 2023**

**Reader - A. Copland**

**EMoHC - R. Larven**

**Wednesday 30 August 2023**

**Reader - C. Allison**

**EMoHC - A. Moloney**

**Friday 1 September 2023**

**Reader - M. Ryan**

**EMoHC - F. Crew**



**Saturday 2 September 2023**

**Reader - J. Wall**

**EMoHC - C. Smiroldo**

**Sunday 3 September 2023**

**Readers**

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

**Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am - M. Ryan

**Data Projector - M. Beggs**

**Altar Preparation - M. Ryan**

**Cleaners - C. Livingstone**

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