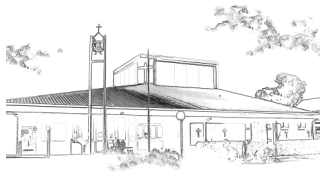


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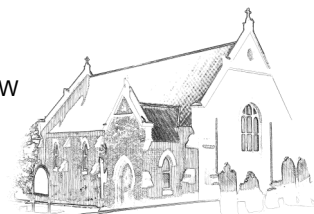
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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 24 September 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:2-3, 8=9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm In keeping your statutes.

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 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 in 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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ASSISTANCE NEEDED!

Altar Servers: Currently we have just 6 active altar servers. We have 5 Masses each weekend which is a minimum of 25 weekend Masses per month. To have 2 altar servers per Mass, this means we need to encourage at least 42 parishioners to become altar servers. Please read the letter on display in the foyer. For further information please contact Mar McGuinness: mary.mcguinness@parishofrichmond.org.au

Music Ministry: Parishioners are invited to choir practice each Tuesday evening from 7pm to 8pm at St Monica's. No obligation. This is for all, no matter which Mass Centre you attend. Choir is a pleasurable hour singing together & keeping up to date with current music happenings in the Parish; an opportunity to revise known hymns & to learn new ones. **MORE MUSCIANS & SINGERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED.** For further information please contact Maria Boyd through the Parish Office.

Gardeners: With the heat & dry weather upon us our plants need a regular drink. If you can assist with watering & pulling out the occasional weed that competes for a drink, please contact Mary McGuinness. This is an ideal task for those who live in close proximity of either Church!

Post & Rail Fence: Do you know where we can get an old post & rail fence? We need 1 panel with a couple of spare rails **by October.** It's for decorative purposes on a special Parish project! If you can help please contact Fr Gayan or Mary McGuinness.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who helped to make our Spring Fair a special day. We especially thank the organizing Committee, Stall holders and Helpers. Many thanks to who all who attended on the day and those who donated goods. Further information to follow.

Please Note: NO Mass on Monday 25 September. A Liturgy of Word with Holy Communion will be held at St Monica's 9am.

Daylight Saving commences next Sunday 1st October, don't forget to put your clock forward.

Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 9am Mass on Friday 13 October.

Catholic Outlook magazine is available in the church foyer. Please take your free copy today.

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

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Wednesday 27 September Saint Vincent de Paul.**
- **Friday 29 September Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.**
- **Saturday 30 September Saint Jerome.**



URGENT Special Religion Education Teachers needed.

Please consider this important role to reach the children in our public schools. For some children we are the only way the children hear the word of God. If you choose to take up this important role of spreading the Good News to our children you will have all the support of all the SRE team.

If you have any questions please contact Sylvia on 0411757252 or contact the parish office.

Sacraments News.

HOLY COMMUNION: Classes will be commencing on 8th Oct.- Please keep this as a reference.

St Greg's	St Monica's	St Monica's	St Monica's	St Monica's	St Monica's	St Monica's	St Monica's
SUNDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Following the 8am Sunday Mass	Following the 9.30am Sunday mass	3.45pm Emmaus Room	3.45pm Emmaus Room	7pm Emmaus Room	3.45pm Emmaus Room	7pm Emmaus Room	4.30pm Emmaus Room
8 th Oct	8 th Oct	9 th Oct	10 th Oct	10 th Oct	11 th Oct	12 th Oct	13 th Oct

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:
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**18 October 2023
at 7pm.**

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

"SAVE THE DATE - THANK YOU BBQ FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS"

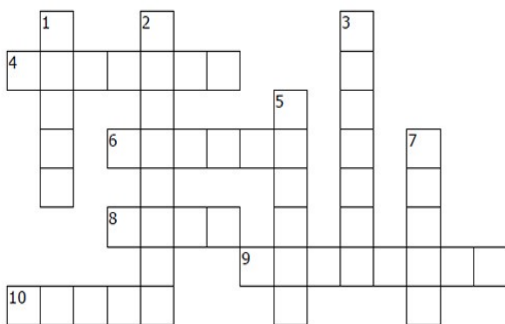
on Friday 27th October
(from 5pm onwards)
at St Monica's Church Richmond in
the Emmaus Room
(more details to follow)



The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



ACROSS

4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
6. The place where God lives
8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
9. A place where grapes are grown
10. Pay received for working

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
2. To give or share freely with others
3. To gripe or complain
5. Not playing by the rules
7. Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 17/09/2023

1st Collection: \$1570.00

2nd Collection: \$2884.25

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.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Jean Fawcett, Trudy Jones, Lana Gillespie, Erika Martin, Sam Coleiro, Bowie Phillips, Vera Gallespie, August Melinz, Charlie Dimech, Joseph Galea, Vincent Jones, Pauline Landrigan

... and those we remember at this time:

Paul Kelleher, Joan Ryan, Joel Murphy, William Doherty, Frank Agresta, Veronica Eves, Rino Camilleri, Philip Azzopardi, John & Rosy Attard, Joseph Baldacchino, Christine Duncan, John Head, James Head, Alice Billy, Josef Somi, Ron Horan, Mary (Josie) Horan, Bill McMahon, Jim Sultana, Annie Collinson, Sr Mary Carmel, Betty Hamilton, Savour Vassallo

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Sandra Deacon, Maree Spencer, Sharon Gregory, Charlie Camilleri, Greg Horan, Delina Galea, Yvette Brander, Pat Stanton, Katie Binggeli, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Rhonda Jones, Helen Kenny, Rick Vella, Adam Taha, Roy Cutrone, Sr Anne Tregillgas, Vera Brglevski, Barry Wall, Peter Johnson, Trishy Rankin, Lorraine Smith, Stan Ujmiak, Leo Barbagallo, Diana Hurley, Ricky Comito, Angele Muscat



We welcome the newly baptized...

Evelyn Drexel

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

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

Resumes Monday 9 October, when we will focus on developing a relationship with God through prayer.

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

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

1 October 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Xiberras C. Hession
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 - P. Hession J. Muscat
7.30am - A. Burnett L. Attard
9.30am - Z. Culican M. McGuinness
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti A. Duarte

Minister of 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 - M. Breaden
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - M. Breaden
5.30pm - C. Thompson

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm -
9.30am -

Cleaners - C. Livingstone T. Tomasella
A. Edwards M. Portelli

Counters

24 Sep - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
01 Oct - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 25 September 2023

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - R. Larven

Wednesday 27 September 2023

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 29 September 2023

Reader - J. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 30 September 2023

Reader - P. Humphrey

EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 1 October 2023

Readers

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

Minister of the Altar - D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Data Projector - M. Beggs

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - A. Falzon

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Pope Francis @Pontifex September 21:



On World Alzheimer's Day, let us [#PrayTogether](https://twitter.com/PrayTogether) for all those who suffer from this disease, for their families and for those who lovingly care for them.