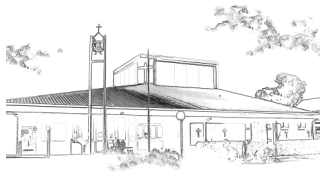


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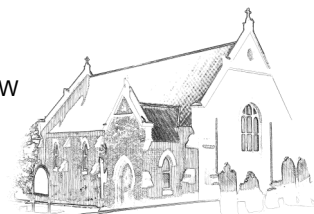
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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 15 October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me..

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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.



THANK YOU BBQ - Invitation ...

Fr Gayan, Fr Thomas and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite all the volunteers in our Parish to a **BBQ on Friday 27th October 2023** to thank you all for your dedicated service to the Parish community.



Venue: The Emmaus Room at St Monica's Church Richmond.

Time: from 5pm.



As the Parish will provide burger patties, bread rolls, soft drinks, tea and coffee, all you need to bring along is any alcohol, you plan to drink, and if possible, a salad or dessert to share. Make sure you 'Save the date' and come along to celebrate in the spirit of sharing and fellowship. For catering purposes, please fill in the lists which are located in the Church Foyer.

*A **special highlight** of this gathering be the **unveiling and blessing of a new garden**, established to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers who have given to our Parish, since its foundation. Our Parish is what it is today because of the faith, generosity and hard work of countless people over many years.*

Come one, come all so that we can celebrate together.

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DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA SYNOD

'Behold, I am doing a new thing' Isaiah 43-19

Over 5000 submissions were received and have been categorized by the representatives selected from the clergy, religious and the laity to discern and make recommendations to Bishop Vincent. Our representatives are Mary and Bill Clark together with Fr. Thomas. We thank them for undertaking this role and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all who are participating. We will be hearing from our reps shortly who will give us a report on the Synod.

We pray:

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 of 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A time to remember: Throughout November the Church prays for all who have died. Should you wish to have the names of your family & friends included in the Masses, envelopes are available in the Church foyer. Names will be placed into our Book of Remembrance & displayed in the Churches.

All Souls Day Mass on 2 November at St Monica's, 9am and 7pm followed by Blessing of Columbarium and Memorial Garden. We invite you to remember your loved one/s by bringing a flower which you will be invited to place at the Altar at the beginning of Mass. A special memorial Mass with Blessing of the graves will be held at St Gregory's on Friday 24 November at 6.30pm.

Help is needed for all Masses at St Gregory's & St Monica's. A person at each of the Masses is needed to operate the Data Projector. While some knowledge of a computer is helpful, training for the new operators will be offered immediately. To provide this ministry, you are asked to operate the DP on one Sunday each month.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 17 October **Saint Ignatius of Antioch.**
- Wednesday 18 October **Saint Luke.**
- Wednesday 1 November **All Saints Day Mass** at St Monica's, 9am.



Important Reminder: Please arrive on time for Mass, or better yet, come a little early to prepare your heart and mind through prayer before Mass begins. Let us gather in a spirit of devotion and reverence to celebrate the Eucharist.

Please note: Would all parishioners who are involved in any ministry, please check your email box for a recent message, sent to you from the parish.

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 0411 757 252 or contact the parish office.



Sacraments News.

First Communion will take place at the 6pm, 9.30am and 5.30pm Masses at St Monica's on 11th & 12th, 28th & 19th November. And at St Gregory's on the 12th & 19th November.

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

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 Oct
2023 at 7pm.**

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

Prayer for H.S.C Students

We pray for those sitting the HSC exams. Father, we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and express themselves clearly. May the Holy Spirit enrich them with the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding. Amen.

(extract from a prayer included in the Maitland Newcastle Diocese Bulletin)

The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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- 22-18-3-22-8-12-14 _____
- 14-22-18-18-12-2 _____
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- 17-13-18-11-21-12-8 _____
- 2-12-16-21-7-12-14 _____

INVITED	WEDDING	BANQUET	DINNER
SERVANTS	GUESTS	PARABLE	REFUSED

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 8/10/2023

1st Collection: \$1595.00
2nd Collection: \$3470.35

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:

Doug Powers, Garry McGuinness, Jean Fawcett, Trudy Jones, Lana Gillespie, Erika Martin, Sam Coleiro, Bowie Phillips, Vera Gallespie, August Melinz, Charlie Dimech, Joseph Galea

... and those we remember at this time:

Joseph Camilleri, Joe Vella, Bev Riley, Marie Clifford, Bernard Lloyd, Margaret & Roseanne Attard, Carmen Cassar, George Muscat, Joseph Caruana, 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

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Zlato, Chirs & Gail Dunne, 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...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

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

*Monday October 16, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.
The Bible the Word of God and The Bible and the Church
Come and join us. 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

21/22 October 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
7.30am - S. Duff A. Edwards
9.30am - J. Sheffield M. Mizzi
5.30pm - J. Fewtrell C. Allison

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli
7.30am - M. Fenech A. Dunbar
9.30am - L. Ryan J. Cauchi
5.30pm - D. D'Mello A. Aquilina

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
7.30am - R. Ujmiak
9.30am - A. Brailey
5.30pm - M. Clark

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 - B. Xuereb
9.30am - C. Kennedy

Cleaners - A. Edwards

Counters

15 Oct - R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon
22 Oct - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 16 October 2023

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 18 October 2023

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 20 October 2023

Reader - J. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 21 October 2023

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 22 October 2023

Readers

8.00am - M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury

Minister of the Altar - F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smiroldo

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation -

Cleaners - K. Hodgson

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Pope Francis @Pontifex October 20:



Participation, mission, and communion are the characteristics of a humble Church, one that is attentive to the voice of the Spirit and one that is not self-centred. #Synod #MissionaryMonth