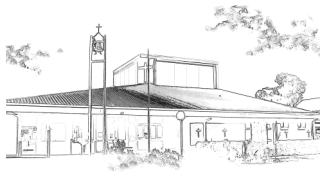


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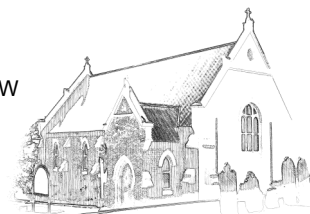
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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 22 October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope and honour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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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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 McGuiness: mary.mcguiness@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 McGuiness. This is an ideal task for those who live in close proximity of either Church!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations and thank you to the newly trained Ministers who are commissioned at 9.30am Mass today.

Reminder: Pastoral Care Prayer Reflection Day will be held on Saturday 28 October 9.30am in the Emmaus Room.

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.

All Souls Day Mass on 2 November at St Monica's, 9am and 7pm. 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.

A time to remember: Throughout November the Church prays for all who have died. If 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.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Saturday 28 October **Saints Simon and Jude.**
- Wednesday 1 November **All Saints Day Mass** at St Monica's, 9am.

Please note: Commencing Monday 6 November at Weekday Masses only, we will resume the practice of offering Holy Communion under both kinds. The Communicant must consume the Body of Christ before approaching the Minister distributing the Blood of Christ. Intincture (dipping of host) is not permitted.

Today is World Mission Sunday.
Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, reflects on the theme "hearts on fire, feet on the move," based on the story of the disciples who encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus (cf. Next weekend at St Monica's 6pm, 7.30am & 9.30am Mass we will have a guest speaker from Catholic Mission & a collection to support Catholic Mission will be taken up at all Masses.
 Thank you for your generous support.

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 14 Nov 2023 at 7pm.

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

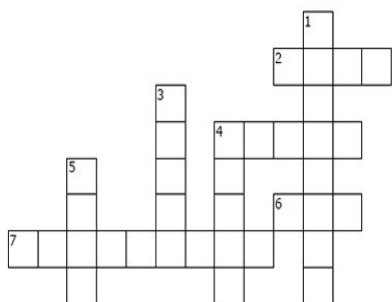
Upcoming Parish Pastoral Council Elections 2023

At the end of 2023, three members of the PPC will be stepping down and we are calling for nominations. Do you know someone who would be a great representative on the Parish Pastoral Council? Nominations will be open from November 4th -12th. If elections are needed, this will occur 25th-29th November both online and at each mass. Paper nomination forms will be available in the church foyer from next week as well as an online nomination form.

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
4. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
6. To give someone money in return for something.
7. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

DOWN

1. A picture of a person -- usually showing the face.
3. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
4. Money paid to the government.
5. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.

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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 15/10/2023

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Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

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

... and those we remember at this time:

Barbara Capp, John Borg, Lonza Deguara, 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

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Hal Moloney, 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...

Elsie Sheffield

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

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

Monday October 23, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

Topic this week - The God of Revelation - The Birth of the Church.

Come and join us. No obligation, this is an opportunity for you to learn more and refresh your faith.

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
28/29 October 2023
30th 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
Minister of the Altar
 6.00pm - A. Moloney
 7.30am - R. Ujmiak
 9.30am - C. Pritchard
 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 - M. Sultana
 9.30am - M & M. Pastoors
Cleaners - A. Edwards
Counters
 22 Oct - C. Barber F. Pausanos C. Thompson
 29 Oct - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 23 October 2023
Reader - A. Copland
EMoHC - R. Larven
Wednesday 25 October 2023
Reader - A. Moloney
EMoHC - M. McMahon
Friday 27 October 2023
Reader - D. Bowles
EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 28 October 2023
Reader - P. Humphrey
EMoHC - F. Crew
Sunday 29 October 2023
Readers
 8.00am - M. Mooney A. Drew L. Ducksbury
Minister of the Altar - F. Kelleher
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 8.00am - J. Wall
Data Projector - S. Stennett
Altar Preparation
Cleaners - N. Fienberg

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Pope Francis @Pontifex October 20:
 Like the Good Samaritan, we are called to be neighbours to all the wayfarers of our time, to save their lives, to heal their wounds and to soothe their pain.