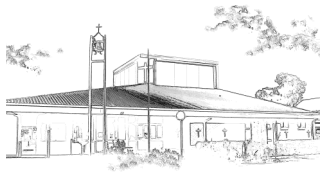


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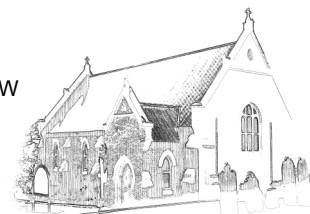
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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 5 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

FIRST READING: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2, 8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

They do not practice what they preach.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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.



ADVENT GROUPS:

I would like to host _____ facilitate _____ join a small group.

Suitable day: _____ Time: _____ am/pm

I would like to purchase an Advent Daily Reflection Book \$7.00

Name: _____

Contact phone/email: _____

Groups begin the week commencing 26th November.

Sharing Christmas Joy

It has been proposed that we reach out to the inmates at John Moroney Correctional Centre, Windsor during this Holy Season. We are inviting you to bring a bar of light fruit cake (approx. 250g) or a 500g square fruit cake on weekends 2/3 & 9/10 Dec. They will be cut into slices & bagged for distribution on Sunday 17th December, following the 9.30am Mass at St Monica's. If you are able to help with cutting & bagging the cakes, please contact the office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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DIOCESAN SYNOD:

It has been two weeks since our first-ever Synod for the Diocese of Parramatta, a momentous event that brought together 280 faithful from across Western Sydney, the Blue Mountains, and beyond to discuss the future of the local Church. Read more about the Synod here: <https://catholicoutlook.org/diocese-of-parramatta-concludes-its-first-ever-synod-a-model-for-engagement-discernment-and-decision-making/> Experience the Synod gathering in a full highlight video of the three-day assembly: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PltRCqSPLng>

Next Steps Upon reflection and discernment of the outcomes and proceedings of the Synod assembly, a brief report will be released. Following this, in January 2024, the official Decrees and Declarations will be launched, outlining the outcomes of the synod. This will be used as the foundation of the development of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, which will be launched in April 2024. Opportunities for local listening and dialogue will continue through the process towards our new Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Finally, in May of 2024, the Diocese of Parramatta will hold a Diocesan Gathering, to invite all the faithful of our diocese in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to discuss the implementation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan within our communities.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who prepared & served the 'Thank you' BBQ last Friday evening, especially the Bede Polding Staff member & students who cooked & shared their hospitality skills. The new friendship garden was blessed, possibly a place for quiet contemplation & remembering. **Thank you** to all involved in preparing the garden, we are blessed by your generosity & creative talents.

Catholic Mission Appeal: Thank you for your support of the Mission Appeal, \$2894.90 has been forwarded. Envelopes are still available in the church foyer.

Memorial Mass. A special memorial Mass with Blessing of the graves will be held at St Gregory's on Friday 24 November at 6.30pm.

Piety Stall has a range of gifts for First Communion. Also available now Break Open the Word \$30 & Daily Mass Books \$15.

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.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Thursday 9 November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.**
- **Friday 10 November Saint Leo the Great.**
- **Friday 10 November Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass at St Monica's.
- **Saturday 11 November Saint Martin of Tours.**

Laudato Si: As part of our commitment to Laudato Si and our parish outreach, we are asking for donations of used Christmas cards. We will be recycling the front pictures of the Christmas cards to make cards for residents of local aged care facilities. Students from St Monica's & Bede Polding College will assist making the cards. Please place your donations in the Christmas wrapped boxes in the foyer and look out for the opportunity to come along and help make the cards. We will be collecting card donations until Sunday 26th November.

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.



Sacraments News.

WE PRAY: For all our young people who will receive Jesus for the very first time next weekend and the weekend after, and for their families that have supported them throughout this journey. A huge thank you to our generous and giving facilitator who make the program possible as they pass on their faith as disciples of Christ. Their generosity allowed us to offer 8 timeslots for instruction to cater to the needs of our families.

Please consider becoming a facilitator for 2024. It can mean as little as one hour a week for 4 weeks. All resources are provided. Contact Maria Boyd – 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
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admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**14 November 2023
at 7pm.**

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

Reminder: Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council Elections

To nominate someone for the PPC, click on the link below or on the Parish website to fill out the Google form or complete a paper copy available in the church foyer. Please contact the Parish office for any further information or assistance.

Parish PPC Nomination link below:
<https://forms.gle/eKWWmB7Z6dsfmmun9>

The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

Based on Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)



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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 29/10/2023

1st Collection: \$1440.00
 2nd Collection: \$2154.65

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:

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

... and those we remember at this time:

Doris Cauchi, Peter Blumenthal, 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, Joseph Baldacchino

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Diana Ivsan, Dienne Boutswain, Endora Au, Hal Moloney, Zlato, Chris & 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



We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

Thelma Murphy
 Connor Murphy

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

Monday November 6, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

Topic this week - Peter and the Church - Mary Mother 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
11/12 November 2023
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

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Readers

6.00pm - M. McMahon C. Hession
 7.30am - T. Maguire A. Edwards
 9.30am - E. Esposito K. Brough
 5.30pm - T. Scopelliti A. Aquilina

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - P. Hession R. Larven
 7.30am - M. Fenech J. Cauchi
 9.30am - N. Esposito C. Hey
 5.30pm - J. Morley S. Nash

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - C. Fleetwood
 7.30am - R. Ujmiak
 9.30am - D. Murphy
 5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - S & H. Barglik
 7.30am - C & E. Cauchi
 9.30am - C & S. Murphy M. Hoffmann
 5.30pm - O. Wickett

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
 7.30am - C. Thompson
 9.30am - M. Saliba
 5.30pm - M & E. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - M. Bertenshaw
 9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Cleaners - M. Jansen T. Reckless
 A. Edwards A. Senn

Counters

05 Nov - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
 12 Nov - M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffmann

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 6 November 2023

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 8 November 2023

Reader - A. Aquilina

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 10 November 2023

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 11 November 2023

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 12 November 2023

Readers

8.00am - J. Wall M. Ryan P. Hurst

Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - P. Waterford

Data Projector - A. Drew

Altar Preparation

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Pope Francis @Pontifex November 3:

Your prayers give me strength and help me to discern and accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit