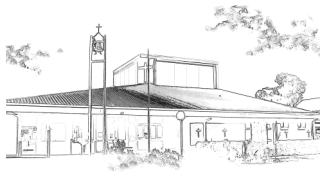


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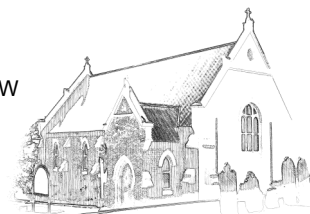
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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 12 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-8

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

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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In view of **Christmas & January school holidays**, would all ministers **read your rosters**, closely! If you know you will be unavailable **make every effort to get a replacement**.

By NOV 30 inform Mary McGuinness if you are not going to be available, of any changes you have made or any challenges you have encountered.

Also, **at Christmas extra ministers will be required at the various Masses**.

Please tell Mary, in advance, of your availability and willingness to assist. Thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Save the date: Come celebrate with us, St Paul's Festa Saturday 20 January 2024.

Piety Stall has a range of gifts for First Communion. Also available now Break Open the Word \$30 & Daily Mass Books \$15. Christmas cards \$5 for a pkt of 8. 2024 Calendars \$15.

Distribution of Holy Communion If you are unable to come forward to receive Holy Communion, please notify the Priest or the Senior Server before Mass. There are allocated reserved seats at the front of the Church, (Tabernacle side) and at the back of the Church for your convenience. Thank you.

Table Tennis will recommence fortnightly on Monday 13 November, 5-7pm in the Old Church. Please contact Tony Fogarty 0490 140 652 for any further information.



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.



PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Friday 17 November** *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary.*
- **Weekend 25/26 November** *Bishop's Christmas Appeal.*

Laudato Si: Boxes are now in the foyer for you to place your donations of old Christmas cards. 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.



From the local St Vincent de Paul

The Parish Conference of the St Vincent de Paul has assisted more than 300 families this year as they struggled to make ends meet. We have been able to do this due to the generosity of parishioners who supported the Winter Appeal. Sadly, many children experiencing poverty may not have a joyful Christmas. This year we are inviting you to donate a **CHILD'S** gift as a part of our Christmas Appeal. If you are able to assist, please take a card from the Christmas Tree which will be in the foyer from November 25 and return the gift by the 15th December. Thank you for your continued support of our SVDP Conference



Congratulations to Fred Mc Eneaney who is the incoming President for the local Conference of SVDP.

We thank Peter Humphrey the retiring President for his leadership of the Group.

Sacraments News.

Congratulations to our young people who are making their First Holy Communion today. We thank all who have helped to them to prepare, especially their Parents, our Sacramental Co-ordinator Maria Boyd and the Facilitators. We also thank all who have assisted in making this celebration a very special day not only for our families but for our Parish Community. May God bless you all.

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 November 2023
at 7pm.**

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

Reminder: Nominations for Parish Pastoral Council Elections

Nominations for the PPC close this weekend.

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:

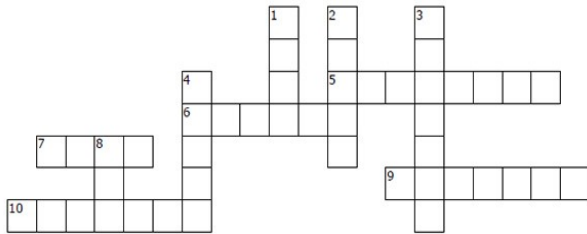
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Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. 12 o'clock at night
6. Not awake
7. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
9. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.

DOWN

1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
2. Devices used to produce light
3. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
4. To observe or look at something
8. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

MIDNIGHT	LAMPS	WATCH	OIL	FOOLISH
ASLEEP	DOOR	BANQUET	WISE	WEDDING

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 04/11/2023

1st Collection: \$1627.00

2nd Collection: \$29570.30

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. 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:

Throughout November we pray together with the whole Church for all who have died. 'It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' 2 Maccabees 12:46

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Maria Polito, 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...

Tyson Fortini

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

Catherine Barber
Michelle Saliba

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

Monday November 13, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

Topic this week - The Church God's People.

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

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



RICHMOND-NTH RICHMOND-KURRAJONG

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
18/19 November 2023
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
 7.30am - S. Duff M. McMahon
 9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea
 5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli
 7.30am - A. Burnett A. Dunbar
 9.30am - F. Yates Z. Culican
 5.30pm - S. Nash A. Duarte

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
 7.30am - C. Fleetwood
 9.30am - A. Brailey
 5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
 7.30am -
 9.30am -
 5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
 7.30am - C. Thompson
 9.30am - L. Culican
 5.30pm - Choir members

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - B. Xuereb
 9.30am - C. Kennedy
Cleaners - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld
 A. Edwards P. Vella

Counters

12 Nov - M. Ryan D. Bowles M. Hoffmann
 19 Nov - R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 13 November 2023

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - R. Larven

Wednesday 15 November 2023

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 17 November 2023

Reader - J. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 18 November 2023

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 19 November 2023

Readers

8.00am - P. Humphrey C. Smiroldo
 N. Fienberg

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Data Projector - H. Gillies

Cleaners - S. McMahon

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Pope Francis @Pontifex November 10:



God alone is Lord. Our lives, the Church's pilgrim way, and the ultimate outcome of history all depend on the tenderness of His love. He gives meaning to our lives. He is the foundation of our joy, the reason for our hope, the guarantor of our freedom.