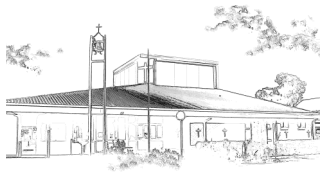


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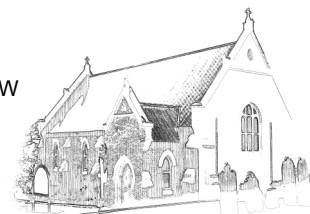
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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 19 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Give her a share in what she has worked for.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 127:1-5
Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the 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.



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 \$8.00

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 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.

Advent groups will commence Tuesday November 28 in the Emmaus Room, meet 9.30am for 10am start. Thursday November 30 in the Emmaus Room 9.30am start. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend. Books \$8.

Piety Stall: 2024 Calendars \$15.00 each. Christmas cards \$5.00 for a pkt of 8. God's Word, a daily reflection book \$20.00 each. Break Open the Word \$30. Also available at St Gregory's.

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

Christmas is coming: This year we will be presenting the Christmas Nativity play during the Christmas Eve Mass at Richmond and Kurrajong. Young people, if you would like to participate, we invite you to sign up today, sheets are in the Church foyer. Rehearsal dates for Richmond - 3 & 17 Dec after the 9.30am Mass in the old church in Richmond & rehearsal dates for Kurrajong - 3, 10 & 17 Dec following the 8am Mass in Kurrajong.

No Parking Please: Please DO NOT park in the walkway between the School and the Church this is a NON parking area.

Parish Financial Report will be presented at all Masses on the weekend of 2/3 December.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Tuesday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- **Wednesday 22 November Saint Cecilia.**
- **Friday 24 November Saints Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions.**
- **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.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

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



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.

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

**6 Dec 2023
at 7pm.**

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

Parish Pastoral Council - new members

We would like to announce that Cathy Vogt, Catherine Littlejohn and Michael Pastoors will be joining the PPC in 2024. We thank them for accepting this position on the council and look forward to their contributions to the Parish. With this in mind, there will be no need for elections. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rhonda Jones, Jacqui Morley and Mary McGuinness for their service to the parish over the past four years as a valued member of the PPC. Mary McGuinness will continue to contribute to the council in an ex officio capacity, given her role as the Parish Coordinator of Ministries.

The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18
Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 12/11/2023

1st Collection: \$1994.00
 2nd Collection: \$3597.60

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:

Gwen Doyle, Barry Love, Michael Sossine, Pamela Turner, Doug Powers, Garry McGuinness, Jean Fawcett, Trudy Jones, Lana Gillespie, Erika Martin, Sam Coleiro, Bowie Phillips

... 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, 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:

Seanna Saliba

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

Monday November 20, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

Topic this week - The Sacraments 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
25/26 November 2023

Christ the King
Year A

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St Monica's

Readers

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

Extraordinary Ministers at 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 at the Altar

6.00pm - A. Moloney
 7.30am - R. Ujmiak
 9.30am - C. Pritchard
 5.30pm -

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
 7.30am -
 9.30am - C & E. Cauchi
 5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
 7.30am - R. Ingram
 9.30am - A. Brailey
 5.30pm - A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - M. Sultana
 9.30am - M & M. Pastoors

Cleaners - A. Edwards

Counters
 19 Nov - R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon
 26 Nov - C. Braber F. Pausanos
 C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 20 November 2023

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 22 November 2023

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 24 November 2023

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 25 November 2023

Reader - P. Humphrey

EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 26 November 2023

Readers

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

Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smiroldo

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation -

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Pope Francis @Pontifex November 17:



Everyone is our neighbour, regardless of the colour of their skin, their social standing, where they come from. We are called to encounter every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning our indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being.