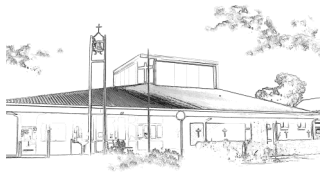


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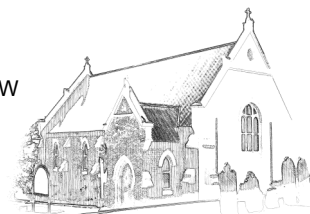
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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A 26 November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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 As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we thank you for your support throughout the year. It is by your generosity and giving of self that we fulfil our Vision Statement as we strive to be:
*'A living and nurturing community, expressing Christ's presence among us
A nourishing community of faith and prayer
A welcoming community of hospitality and outreach
A compassionate community of healing and pastoral care'.*

May God bless you all.

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

Advent groups will commence THIS WEEK Tuesday November 28 in the Emmaus Room, meet 9.30 for 10am start. Thursday November 30 in the Emmaus Room 9.30 start. Please bring your Sunday Missal or Bible. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to attend. Books \$8. These daily reflection books are also available at the Piety Stall and at Kurrajong to help families and individuals to prepare for the Christmas celebration.

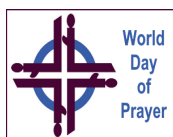
New Liturgical Year commences next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. Our Sunday Readings are taken from Year B and weekdays Year 11. The Alternate Entrance and Communions Antiphons will be used where one is proposed.

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

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.

World Day of Prayer March 2024:

We will be hosting the World Day Prayer next year. A meeting will be held in the Emmaus Room **THIS** Wednesday 29 November at 10am together with representatives from other Faith Communities throughout the Hawkesbury to start to prepare. All welcome.



PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Thursday 30 November Saint Andrew.**

Bishop's Christmas Appeal will be held this weekend.
Thank you for your support.

Funeral Service for the late Gwenneth Doyle will be held at St Monica's on Monday 27 November at 11am.

Funeral Service for the late John Cox will be held at St Monica's on Tuesday 28 November at 10am.

Funeral Service for the late Antonia Refalo will be held at St Monica's on Thursday 30 November at 1.30pm.

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.



Thank You!

Sacraments News.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who assisted and facilitated our First Holy Communions over the last two weekends.

Please WATCH THIS SPACE For 2024 Sacrament Details.

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 December 2023
at 7pm.**

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES:

If interested in having a loved one remembered in the Parish Memorial Garden please print on an envelope, **the name of the person/s**, also **the name & phone number of the person placing the order.**

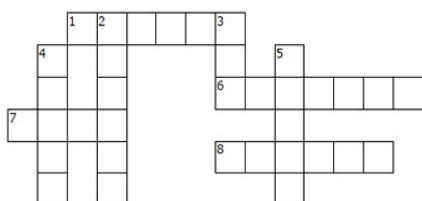


To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door.**

Unto the Least of These

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. A special chair used by a king or queen
6. The need or desire to drink something, especially water
7. A man who rules a country
8. A place where people are kept as a punishment

DOWN

2. To feel a desire or need for food
3. To put food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow it
4. To take in and swallow liquid through the mouth
5. To go to spend time with someone

EAT	THIRSTY	HUNGRY	PRISON
VISIT	KING	THRONE	DRINK

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 19/11/2023

1st Collection: \$2120.00
2nd Collection: \$2869.90

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:

John Allen, Gwenneth Doyle, John Cox, Antonia Refalo, Tom Hall, Eric Lillia, Gwen Doyle, Barry Love, Michael Sossine, Pamela Turner, Doug Powers, Garry McGuiness, Jean Fawcett

... 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, 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:

Ruth Larven
Leo Barbagallo

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

Monday November 27, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

Topic this week- Cycle and Seasons of the Church Year

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

3 December 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Year B

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - R. Azzopardi L. O'Brien
7.30am - A. Dunbar M. Fenech
9.30am - C. Hey F. Yates
5.30pm - T. Gallo S. Tyler

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - D. Grima V. Muscat
7.30am - A. Burnett L. Attard
9.30am - Z. Culican H. Convey
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti A. Duarte

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - A. Moloney
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - M. Crew
5.30pm - D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
7.30am -
9.30am - S. O & M. Saliba
5.30pm - S. Murphy C. Murphy

Data Projector

6.00pm - R. Ingram
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - M. Breaden
5.30pm - C. Thompson

Children's Liturgy

6.00pm - B. Xuereb
9.30am - K. Kemble M. Brough

Cleaners - C. Livingstone T. Tomasella

A. Edwards M. Portelli
Counters
26 Nov - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson
03 Dec - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 27 November 2023

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - R. Larven

Wednesday 29 November 2023

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 1 December 2023

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

St Gregory's

Saturday 2 September 2023

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 3 September 2023

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan T. Misdrom S. Lundy

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Data Projector - M. Beggs

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - A. Falzon

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Pope Francis @Pontifex November 24:

Adoration is not a departure from life; rather, it is the space to give meaning to everything, to receive the gift of God's love and to be able to bear witness to it in fraternal charity.