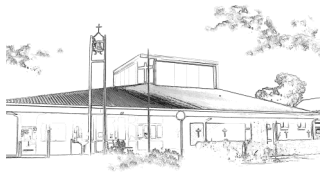


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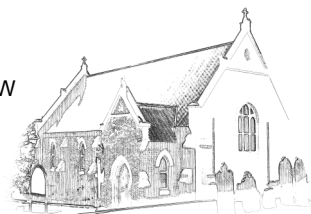
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First Sunday of Advent – Year B 3 December 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Not let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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.



Christmas Mass Times ...

St Monica's: Sunday December 24
6pm Vigil (Children's Mass) Midnight Mass - Carols from 11.30pm

Monday December 25 7.30am & 9.30am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day - Monday 25th December

St Gregory's: Sunday December 24 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Monday December 25 8.00am

**2nd Rite of
Reconciliation
St Monica's,
Richmond
Thursday,
14 December**

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Be Part of Our Synod Journey: Diocesan Synod Report Now Available

The Diocesan Synod Report is now available for download. The newly released Diocesan Synod Report offers a summary of our first Diocesan Synod assembly, held from 13-15 October 2023, its preparatory stages, in-depth details of the proceedings, and insights from delegates. Download your copy from the Parramatta Synod website now: <https://parracatholic.org/synod2023/>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your generous contribution to the Bishop's Appeal \$1284.90 has been forwarded. Envelopes are still available in the foyer if you would like to contribute.

Advent Groups continue THIS WEEK Tuesday December 5 in the Emmaus Room, meet 9.30 for 10am start Thursday December 7 in the Emmaus Room 9.30 start.

Laudato Si thank you to all who contributed cards for the Nursing Home Residents. The young people from Bede Polding and St Monica's are now preparing them for distribution.

Anointing of the Sick will take place at St Monica's during the 9am Mass this Friday 6 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 - 17 Dec after the 9.30am Mass in the old church in Richmond & rehearsal dates for Kurrajong - 10 & 17 Dec following the 8am Mass in Kurrajong.

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

New Liturgical Year commences this weekend, 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 DIARY DATES



- **Friday 6 December Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass at St Monica's.
- **Thursday 7 December Saint Ambrose.**
- **Friday 8 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- **Sunday 10 December St Gregory's Morning Tea** will take place after 8am Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

Funeral Mass for the late Patrick Newman will be held at St Monica's on Monday 4th December at 11am.

To acknowledge the commitment and valued contribution of our **Junior Servers** & as a means of saying "thank you", each one is invited to St Monica's **5pm-7pm**, on **Wednesday Dec 20**, for two hours of food & fun activities. This is a prelude to doing more fun things with the team in 2024.

Mobile phones: Please ensure that you turn off your phone or set it to silent mode before entering the church. Let us focus and support each other in creating a mindset suitable for prayer.



Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones

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 and return the gift by the 15th December. Thank you for your continued support of our SVDP Conference.



Christmas Outreach to John Moroney Correctional Centre - Kindly place either a 250g light fruit cake bar or a 500g square fruit cake into the provided basket in the church foyer. These cakes will be sliced and bagged for distribution on Sun 17 Dec, following the 9:30 am Mass in the old church in Richmond. If you're available to help with the cutting and bagging, please be at the old church by 10:30am. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.



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

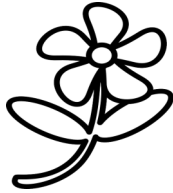
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**PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING 6 Dec
2023 at 7pm.**

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

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.**

Ready for His Return

"Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come." Mark 13:33 (NIV)

Based on Mark 13:32-37 (NIV)



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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 26/11/2023

1st Collection: \$1689.00
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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:

Patrick Newman, John Allen, Gwenneth Doyle, John Cox, Antonia Refalo, Tom Hall, Eric Lillia, Gwen Doyle, Barry Love, Michael Sossine, Pamela Turner, Doug Powers, Garry McGuinness

... and those we remember at this time:

Anthony & Maryanne Xiberras, Frank Cauchi, Theresa Mifsud, Peter Mifsud, 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

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:

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

Monday December 4, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

Topic this week - Anointing of the Sick and The Priesthood.

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
9/10 December 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent
Year B

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - M. McMahon C. Hession
 7.30am - T. Maguire A. Edwards
 9.30am - E. Esposito K. Brough
 5.30pm - T. Scopelliti E. Teuma
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. Barglik H. Barglik
 7.30am - C. Cauchi E. Cauchi
 9.30am - C & S. Murphy M. Hoffmann
 5.30pm - O. Wickett

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
 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

03 Dec - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
 10 Dec - F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 4 December 2023

Reader - M. Breaden
 EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Reader - L. Sheffield
 EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 8 December 2023

Reader - D. Bowles
 EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 9 December 2023

Reader - M. Ryan
 EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 10 December 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 - Cleaners - D. Grima

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Pope Francis @Pontifex December 1:

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.