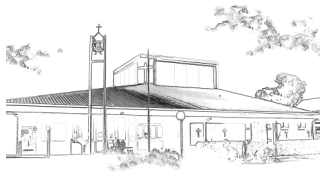


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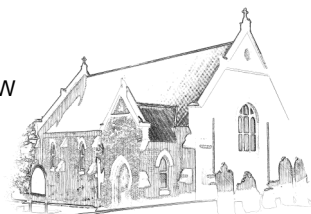
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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year B 24 December 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 88:2-5, 8-12, 14, 16

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done, Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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



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Thank you to the many helping hands who cut and bagged Christmas cake to bring joy to the prisoners at John Moroney Centre. The Emmaus Room became a very happy production line with Parishioners from all corners of the Parish working together with Christmas Carols playing in the background. 'Many hands truly do make work light.'
Please visit our Parish YouTube channel to view a video featuring it.
<https://tinyurl.com/richmondparish>

Thank
You



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Today's **evening** Mass marks the beginning of Christmas with the Vigil of Christmas and at **6pm**.

Parish Office hours: The Parish Office will be closed from 4pm next Friday 22 December until 9.30am Monday 8 January. Messages can be left on the Parish phone number where an emergency contact number is available if you need a Priest.

Please note: There is NO First Friday Mass & Benediction 6.30pm on Friday 5th January at St Monica's.

Anointing of the Sick will take place during the 9am Mass on Friday 12 January, 2024

No Parking Please: Please DO NOT park on the roundabout at the front of the Church. It MUST be clear at all times, so that emergency vehicles can access when necessary. The walkway between the School and the Church is another NON parking area.

Children's liturgy will not be held during the school holiday break, but it will recommence on Sunday 4 Feb 2024.

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.

Stamps: Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children. Thank you for your continued support.



PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Tuesday 26 December Saint Stephen.**
- **Wednesday 27 December Saint John.**
- **Thursday 28 December The Holy Innocents.**
- **Monday 1 January Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.** Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's, 9am.

Thank you note from Br Cyril.

Please extend our thanks and appreciation to the parishioners for their generous support as our inmates spend another Christmas away from families and friends.

The Christmas cakes were warmly received.

Officers were grateful for the thoughtfulness of the parish thinking of them.

**Come Join the Celebrations at the
St Paul's Feast ..
Saturday, 20 January 2024 at 5.30pm
at St Monica's, Richmond ..**

Feast Mass

Saturday 20 January
St Monica's, Richmond
at 5.30pm followed by procession

Other Details

Lady Queen of Peace Band, BBQ,
Food, Drink & Chocolate Wheel

**Volunteers are needed on the day.
Please contact Vicki 0410 545 783 if you
can assist. Thank you.**



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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**PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING 14 Feb
2024 at 7pm.**

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

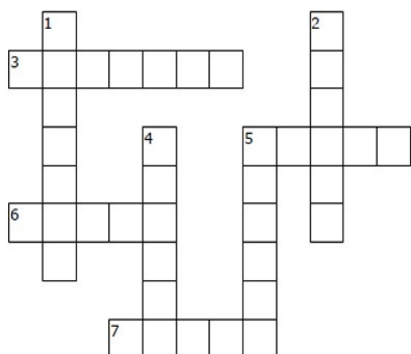
Congratulations and best wishes
to our HSC Students.
May the Holy Spirit guide you on the
path of Life.



An Angel Visits Mary

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him
Jesus. Luke 1:31 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 1:26-38



ACROSS

3. To be joined together as husband and wife
5. A heavenly being; a messenger for God
6. The son who was born to Mary
7. A very young person especially between infancy and youth

DOWN

1. The name of the angel who appeared to Mary
2. A young unmarried woman; a maiden
4. The man to whom Mary was engaged to marry
5. To be filled with fear

JOSEPH	MARRIED	AFRAID	VIRGIN
GABRIEL	CHILD	ANGEL	JESUS

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 17/12/2023

1st Collection: \$1682.00

2nd Collection: \$3618.15

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.

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Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Hazel Gray, Alma Irwin, Betty Mckay, Diene Boatswain, Patrick Newman, John Allen, Gwenneth Doyle, John Cox, Antonia Refalo, Tom Hall, Eric Lillia, Gwen Doyle, Barry Love, Michael Sossine

... and those we remember at this time:

Mary, John & Alan Moloney, Stan Fienberg, Cis & Ken Luscombe, John Larven, Bev Riley, Julie Bennett, Joan Ryan, Kathleen Breden, Paul McDonald, Maryanne Mizzi, Carmelo & Catherine Vella, John & Gwen McGuigan, Shirley Kearney, Domenico Galatin, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ronald Clark, Warren & Bettridge, Ernest Bettridge, Anthony & Maryanne Xiberras, Joseph & Concetta Xiberras, Louis & Giovanna Portelli, Frangisk & Grezzja Xerri, Frank Cauchi, Manweli & Carmela Azzopardi

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Maria Polito, Endora Au, Hal Moloney, Zlato, Maree Spencer, Sharon Gregory, Charlie Camilleri, Greg Horan, Delina Galea, Yvette Brander, Pat Stanton, 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...

Aerith Adeline
Peter & Archie Grochowski

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

Caroline Pritchard
Jasmine Romano
Rebecca Ujmiak

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

Will take a break over the holiday season.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We hope you might come and join us. No obligation.

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.

NO First Friday Benediction & Mass

on Friday 5th January 2024
6.30pm—7.30pm.

Suspended until further notice Youth Group Social

Meet every 1st Friday of the month after 6.30pm HYPMA Mass



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
30/31 December 2023

Holy Family
Year B

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. Galino 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 of 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 -
9.30am -

Cleaners

Counters

24 Dec - R. Larven L. Clegg M. McMahon
31 Dec - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 25 December 2023

Reader - Special Christmas Day Roster

EMoHC -

Wednesday 27 December 2023

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 29 December 2023

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 30 December 2023

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 31 December 2023

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan T. Misdorn 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 - N. Fienberg

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Pope Francis @Pontifex December 22:



And if we truly want to celebrate #Christmas, let us rediscover awe before a God who becomes little, who is not born in splendour, but in the poverty of a stable. To meet Him, we must go where He is. We must lower ourselves, make ourselves little.