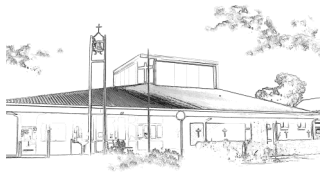


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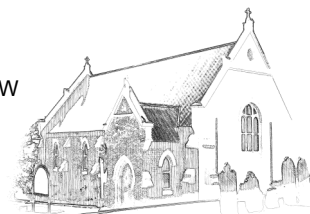
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 28 January 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, and give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the Land.

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.



Save the Date - Sacraments for 2024 ..

Enrolment closing Date	Enrolment Weekend	Parent Information	Weekly Groups	Rehearsal	Ceremonies
Confirmation 10 th April (Year 5+)	6 th & 7 th April 6pm, 7.30am. 9.30am, 5.30pm	Thursday 11 th April 7pm	28 th April	30th May 7pm	St Monica's only 7pm Tuesday 18 th June
Reconciliation / Penance 31st July Year 3 +	27 th & 28 th July 6pm, 7.30am. 9.30am, 5.30pm	1 st August- 7pm	11 th Aug	N/A	St Monica's only 11 th & 12 th September
First Holy Communion 4 th august Year 4+	25 th & 26 th August 6pm, 7.30am. 9.30am, 5.30pm Kurrajong 8am	5 th Sept -7pm	13th Oct	7 th Nov@ St Monica's 7pm	St Monica's or St Gregory's 9 th 10 th 16 th or 17 th November

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Lenten Discussion Groups ..

Lent commences Wednesday 14 February. Would you like to host, facilitate or participate in a parish Lenten Discussion Group? Discussions focus on the Sunday Gospels. Material made available through the Parish.

Yes I/we would like to host a group. Yes I/we would like to participate in a group.

Name:

Preferred Day:

Preferred Time: Morning Evening

Contact number:

E-mail:

Please return to Parish Office or place on collection plate during Mass. Please reply before Tuesday 6 February as books need to be ordered. Groups begin from 11 February. Ash Wednesday 14 February.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Gregory's: Thank you so much to the generous parishioner at St Gregory's, Kurrajong that donated money towards the Christmas flower display. It was greatly appreciated by all.

Congratulations & Thank you to the Organisers of another successful St. Paul's Festa. Thank you to all who supported & worked to make the evening an enjoyable gathering. From young to old there was an atmosphere of friendship & fun.

Best wishes for the new school year: We hope that this year will be a year of growth in wisdom & a sharing of knowledge and respect between Students & Teachers. A special welcome to new families especially those starting Kindergarten. Enjoy!

Blessing of candles: Next Friday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is the traditional day to bless candles that are used at home in a prayer focus and candles used in the Church. Please bring candles that you wish to be blessed to Mass at 9am next Friday. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. Please remember those who have dedicated their lives to God in your prayers.

World Day of Prayer: On Friday 1 March at St Monica's at 10.30am. This year we are hosting this Ecumenical Prayer which has been prepared by the women of Palestine. This annual event is prepared four or five years in advance. Our focus will be on PEACE in the Middle East. We invite to join us as we welcome Parishioners of other Faith denominations throughout the Hawkesbury. The prayer will be followed by morning tea, please bring a plate.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Wednesday 31 January **Saint John Bosco.**
- Friday 2 February **The Presentation of the Lord.**
- Friday 9 February **Anointing of the Sick** will take place at St Monica's during 9am Mass.

Watch found in Church grounds. Contact the office if you think it is yours.

LOST
AND
FOUND

Please be aware as you leave the Church to not block the doorways or paths, so that others may exit safely.

Preparing for Lent!

Did you remember to bring in the palms you received last year so that they can be prepared for the Ashes on Ash Wednesday February 14?



Come and Join the Throng!

Make Lent & Easter extra special this year. Come join our friendly parish singing group and be part of this beautiful way to pray. Every **Tuesday night in the Church 6.30pm - 7.30pm** No obligation, just come along and join the song.



Sacraments News.

The Sacrament of **Confirmation for 2024 will be on Tuesday, 18 June at 7pm.**

This is the only ceremony we have been given. Children who made their First Communion in November 2023, in Richmond Parish are automatically enrolled for Confirmation this year and will receive an email shortly.

NEW enrolments please use the QR code or go to the Parish Website:

[Parish of Richmond – Welcome to the Parish of Richmond](#)

Click on Sacraments – Scroll down to SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - and click on Confirmation. (This may not be available for a week or two)



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
7 Feb 2024
at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church
foyers & parish
website.**

SAVE the DATE:

Parish Formation. More detail to come.

Liturgical Ministries: Sat 24 Feb

(Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & MAs)

Altar Servers: Starting Thurs 15 Feb

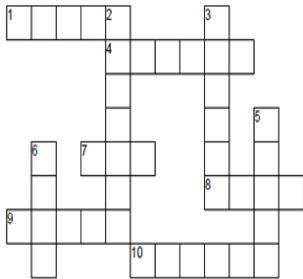


Jesus Drives Out an Unclean Spirit

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." Mark 1:27



The puzzle is based on Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)



HORIZONTAL

- 1. The Son of God
- 4. To be extremely surprised
- 7. An adult male human being
- 8. Immoral, bad, or wicked
- 9. To instruct or train someone
- 10. A supernatural being such as a demon

VERTICAL

- 2. The day of the week set aside by some religions as a day of rest and worship
- 3. Human beings; men, women and children
- 5. Making very little or no noise
- 6. To do what you are told or expected to do

TEACH	PEOPLE	SABBATH	EVIL	QUIET
JESUS	MAN	AMAZED	OBEY	SPIRIT

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 21/01/2024

1st Collection: \$1807.00
2nd Collection: \$3448.90

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Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Joseph Abela, Zaren Bugeja, Beverley Gougeon, Andrew Boyle, Charlie Galea, Maria Sallesse, Honorius Escalante, Hazel Gray, Alma Irwin, Betty Mckay, Diene Boatswain

... and those we remember at this time:

Angela Saliba, Giacinta Bagnara, Pat Mooney, David Woods, Anthony & Maryanne Xiberras, Joseph & Carole Scerry, Maria & Joe Saliba, David Sanson, John Mifsud, Maria Sultana, Joseph Sultana, Agnes Leddy, Anthony & Peter Galea, Mary, John & Alan Moloney, Stan Fienberg, Cis & Ken Luscombe, John Larven, Bev Riley, Julie Bennett, Joan Ryan, Kathleen Breden, Paul McDonald, Carmelo & Catherine Vella, Frank Cauchi

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, Helen Kenny, Rick Vella, Adam Taha, Roy Cutrone, Sr Anne Tregillgas, Vera Brglevski, Barry Wall, Peter Johnson, 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:

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

will resume Monday 29 January at 7pm in the Emmaus Room

Topic: Marriage.

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

3/4 February 2024

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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. Galino S. Tyler

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

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

Minister at the Altar

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

Junior Ministers

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

Data Projector

6.00pm - R. Ingram
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - M. Breden
5.30pm - J. Morley

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C. Kennedy

Cleaners - C. Livingstone A. Edwards
M. Portelli

Counters

28 Jan - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
04 Aug - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 29 January 2024

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 31 January 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 2 February 2024

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

St Gregory's

Saturday 3 February 2024

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 4 February 2024

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan I. Galea T. Misdom

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan A. Vincent

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Data Projector - M. Beggs

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

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Pope Francis @Pontifex February 24:



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