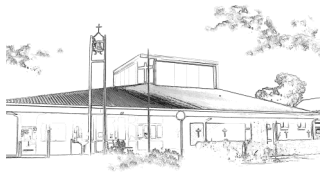


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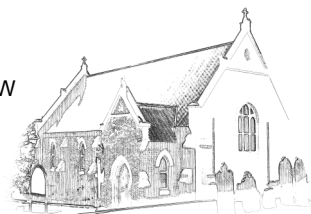
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 4 February 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146:1-6

Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from disease of one kind or another.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

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 Night	Weekly Groups Begin	Rehearsal	Ceremonies
Confirmation 10 th April (Year 5+)	6 th & 7 th April 6pm, 7.30am. 9.30am, 5.30pm Kurrajong 8am	Thursday 11 th April 7pm	28 th April	30th May 7pm	St Monica's only 7pm Monday 17 th & Tuesday 18 th June
Reconciliation / Penance 31st July Year 3 +	27 th & 28 th July 6pm, 7.30am. 9.30am, 5.30pm Kurrajong 8am	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	13 th 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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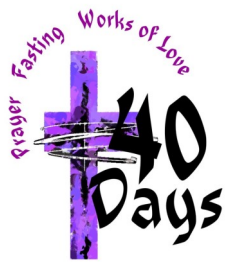
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PREPARING FOR LENT!

LENTEN GROUPS

Monday 12 February, 7pm Emaus Room, R.C.I.A
 Tuesday 13 February, Emmaus Room meet 9.30 for 10am start
 Wednesday 14 February, 10am Emmaus Room (Ash Wednesday)
 Thursday 15 February, 7pm Carol Allison 0428 482 845



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday 14 February Mass times:

St Monica's 9am (School Grades 3-6 attending) & 7pm.
 St Gregory's 6:30pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Sunday 11 February is World Day of for the Sick, anointing of the Sick will take place at St Monica's during the 9am Mass on Friday February 9 & on Saturday morning at St Gregory's during 9am Mass.

World Day of Prayer: Friday March 1 at St Monica's, 10.30am. Have you visited the Holy Land? Do you have any memorabilia e.g. postcards, photos, items made from olive wood, that are suitable for a display? Do you have an Olive Tree, we would like some branches for floral decorations? These will be needed on Thursday 29th February, please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Parking Reminder: Please observe the 'NO PARKING' on the Roundabout at St Monica's. It is very important that there is easy access for Emergency Vehicles. Thank you.

PARISH DIARY DATES

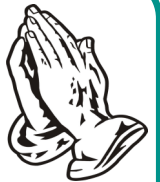


- **Monday 5 February Saint Agatha.**
- **Tuesday 6 February Saint Paul Miki & Companions.**
- **Saturday 10 February Saint Scholastica.**
- **Sunday 11 February St Gregory's Morning Tea** will take place after 8am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Word of God Sunday, Today Sunday 4 February.

Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Do you have a Bible in your home, how often do you open it? There are a number of ways to daily reflect on the Word of God, the Piety Stall has God's Word, Living Faith and Break Open the Word which focus on Sunday's Readings, weekly Readings can be viewed also on the parish website. Tuesday morning prayer group, Advent and Lenten Groups provide us with another rich experience of sharing God's Word in a Group. Some may prefer online access visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday. All readings used in the Mass are also available at <https://liturgy.au/lectionary/>

R.C.I.A - Today, Sunday 4 February at the 8am Mass at St Gregory's, we welcome Zane into the Order of Catechumens. The Catechumenate is the second of four stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. During this period, the unbaptised person becomes more deeply acquainted with the people, teachings and practices of the Catholic Church with the expressed desire of becoming a Catholic. The word Catechumen, comes from an ancient Greek word which means one who echoes the Gospel. During these final weeks of preparation, we invite the whole Parish Community to keep Zane and Louise who will be received into Full Communion with the Church in prayer.



Voluntary Admin Assistant Needed: The Parish needs someone to provide and administrative assistance to the SRE team. The role serves as a connection between the Diocese & the SRE Team. Responsibilities include maintaining records for members & participating in meetings. This person doesn't have to teach in schools. If interested, please contact the parish office asap. Ph 4578 1410 or email admin@parishofrichmond.org.au



SAVE THE DATE for our Parish Gathering 2024

When: Sunday 3rd March 2024 10:30am - 12:30pm
 Theme: 'Being God's Difference For The World'

Our Keynote speaker will be Eleanor Bonwick (Project Officer Catholic Youth Parramatta) and we will also hear from two students from Bede Polding College speaking about their experience of church now and hopes for the future. It will be a great opportunity to gather together as a community to listen to and reflect on our parish now and into the future. Light refreshments will be provided following Mass.



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 7 Feb
 2024 at 7pm.**

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

Altar Servers ..

Introductory meeting all for young people interested in becoming an **Altar Server. Thursday 15 February between 6-7pm** in the Emmaus Meeting Room.



Enrol through the parish office. Be introduced to the role of Altar Server by meeting the Priests & other trained Altar Servers. Ask questions you may have. Decide if you want to go ahead with the training which will be on **14th March, 11th May & 6th June.**

Show Others You Care

The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases. Mark 1:33-34a (NIV)

Based on Mark 1:29-39



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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 28/01/2023

1st Collection: \$1877.00
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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:

Lyn Clegg, Marie Melinz, Joseph Abela, Zaren Bugeja, Beverley Gougeon, Andrew Boyle, Charlie Galea, Maria Sallesse, Honorius Escalante, Hazel Gray, Alma Irwin

... and those we remember at this time:

Frank Agresta, Saviour Vassallo, 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 Breaden, Paul McDonald, 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 Ujniak, Leo Barbagallo, Diana Hurley



We welcome the newly baptized...

Evie Lobejko
 Charli Zahra
...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

Olivia Saliba
to all those celebrating this week:

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) ..

Monday February 5 at 7pm in the Emmaus Room.
 Topic: The Season of Lent leading us to Easter.

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

11 February 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 J. Chapman
7.30am - M. Fenech J. Cauchi
9.30am - N. Esposito C. Hey
5.30pm - S. Nash J. Morley

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - C. Fleetwood A. Vincent
7.30am - R. Ujmiak T. Maguire
9.30am - D. Murphy P. Beirne
5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - S. Barglik H. Barglik
7.30am - C. Cauchi E. Cauchi
9.30am - S & C. Murphy M. Hoffman
5.30pm - O. Wickett

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - M. Saliba
5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Cleaners - M. Jansen T. Reckless
A. Edwards A. Senn

Counters

04 Feb - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson
11 Feb - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 5 February 2024

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 7 February 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 9 February 2024

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 10 February 2024

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 11 February 2024

Readers

8.00am - P. Hurst J. Wall M. Ryan

Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - P. Waterford

Data Projector - A. Drew

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - D. Grima

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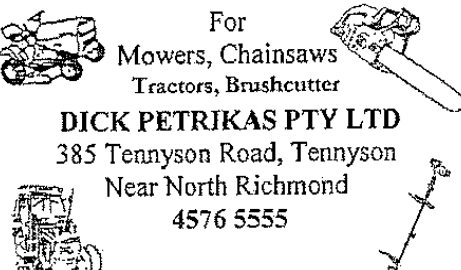
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Pope Francis @Pontifex February 2:



"Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom" is the theme of the Message for the upcoming Season of #Lent. Let us make room for God, who delivers us from all forms of slavery. May we welcome Lent as an opportunity for conversion.