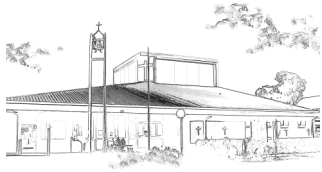


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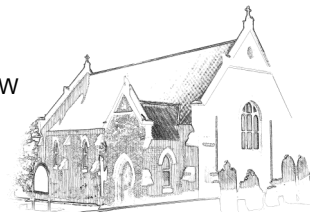
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## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 11 February 2024

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.**

### FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 31:1-2, 5, 11

**I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

### 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.*



### LENT BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY ..

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year until the beginning of their sixtieth year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCI.97,1251f)
- Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised.
- Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.



Pope Francis has centered his Lenten message for 2024 on the Book of Exodus, choosing "Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom" as its main theme to encourage the faithful that the season is a journey from bondage to spiritual renewal and freedom. The Pope offers the following advice during Lent 'Fast from worries and trust in God- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.'

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## PREPARING FOR LENT!

### LENTEN GROUPS

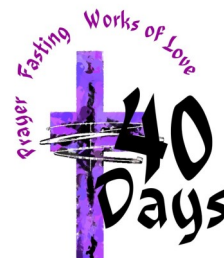
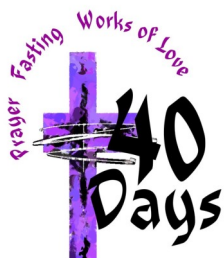
Monday 12 February, 7pm Emaus Room, R.C.I.A

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

Please bring a Bible or a Sunday Missal.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** for the palms, they are now being prepared for the Ashes to be distributed on Ash Wednesday.

**Project Compassion boxes** are available in the church foyer today.

### Ash Wednesday 14 February Mass times:

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

**Stations of the Cross** will be held at St Monica's each Friday during Lent following 9am Mass, and at St Gregory's each Saturday following 9am Mass.

**World Day of Prayer:** Friday 1 March 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 29<sup>th</sup> February, please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

## PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday.**

**Today, Sunday 11 February is World Day of Prayer for the Sick.** Let us remember to pray for the sick, especially those mentioned in the bulletin. If you know of someone who is sick & would like a visit from Fr Gayan or Fr Thomas please contact the Parish Office.

**New members of the Parish Council:** TODAY at 9.30AM Mass the newly nominated Parish Council Members will be commissioned. We thank them & all the members of the Parish Council for their commitment to the life of the Parish.

**Safeguarding Champion:** We are pleased to announce that Zac Culican will be taking on the role of Safeguarding Champion for our Parish. This voluntary position has been established by the Diocese, Zac will collaborate closely with both the Diocese & the Parish.

**Interested in** being a Reader &/or a Eucharistic Minister? If so, you are invited to come along to a parish workshop on 2 March 9.30am for a cuppa & registration. 10-11.30am for training. This is your parish. We need your involvement.



### SAVE THE DATE for our *Parish Gathering 2024*

When: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## Sacraments News.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** – Please note the two changes. Ceremonies will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm & Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm. Due to these dates REHEARSAL for the Sacrament will now be THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June @ 7pm. Child must attend, sponsor to attend if possible. The rehearsal and Sacrament will take place at St Monica's Richmond.

NOTE : Enrolment weekend is Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April @ 6pm Mass, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April @ 9.30am & 5.30pm at St Monica's or Sunday 8am @ St Gregory's – Please email [sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au) to confirm which enrolment Mass you will be attending.

## 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](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

**PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING 13 March  
2024 at 7pm.**

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

## Altar Servers ..

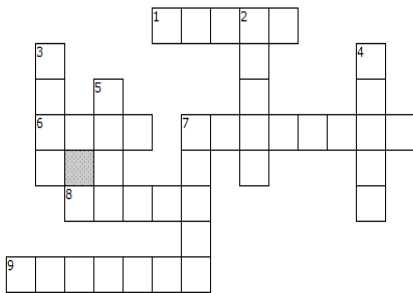
**Introductory meeting all for young people** interested in becoming an **Altar Server**.  
**Thursday 15 February between 6-7pm** in the Emmaus Meeting Room. Enrol through the parish office. Be introduced to the role of Altar Server by meeting the Priests & other trained Altar Servers. Ask questions you may have. Decide if you want to go ahead with the training which will be on **14th March, 11th May & 6th June**.



## On the Mountain Top

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. Mark 9:2

Based on Mark 9:2-9



### ACROSS

- The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
- Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
- A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
- The Son of God
- Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.

### DOWN

- A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
- Having a great distance from top to bottom
- The color of snow or milk
- To have a strong feeling of affection for someone
- Jewish leader who received the Ten Commandments

CLOTHES	MOUNTAIN	WHITE	LOVE	VOICE
MOSES	CLOUD	JESUS	HIGH	GOOD

## STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 4/02/2023

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2nd Collection: \$3180.40

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 you for your generosity and Thank you for your continued support.

## Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Ludvik Feher, Lyn Clegg, Marie Melinz, Joseph Abela, Zaren Bugeja, Beverley Gougeon, Andrew Boyle, Charlie Galea, Maria Sallese, Honorius Escalante, Hazel Gray

## ... and those we remember at this time:

Noleen Lloyd, May Lloyd, Arthur Lloyd, Kristen Llyod, Paul & Frank Carpenter, Joseph Baldacchino, Frank Agresta, Saviour Vassallo, Vassallo Family, Muscat Family, 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, 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...

Banjo Elkington

...to our Christian family



## Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

**R.C.I.A** At 8am Mass at St Gregory's next Sunday 18 February, we will hold the Rite of Sending to the Cathedral as Zane and his sponsor, family and friends are invited to attend the Rite of Election. This ceremony held at the Cathedral, at which Bishop Vincent presides, the catechumens declare before the Church community their intention to receive Baptism. In turn the community affirms their readiness to take this step. The catechumen is now referred to as one of the 'elect' and enters into the third stage of the R.C.I.A the period of enlightenment.

## REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES

Rosary  
 St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.

St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday Mass.

### Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday excluding school holidays during 9.30am Mass at St Monica's.

### 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.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's: Wed after 9am Mass to pray for vocations.  
 St Gregory's: Sat after 9am Mass to pray for vocations.





## NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

17/18 February 2024

1st Sunday of Lent

Year B

### St Monica's

#### Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien  
7.30am - S. Duff M. McMahon  
9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea  
5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

#### Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli  
7.30am - A. Burnett A. Dunbar  
9.30am - F. Yates Z. Culican  
5.30pm - S. Nash A. Duarte

#### Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak  
7.30am - C. Fleetwood K. Bauer  
9.30am - A. Brailey  
5.30pm - P. Delahay

#### Junior Ministers

6.00pm -  
7.30am -  
9.30am -  
5.30pm -

#### Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden  
7.30am - C. Thompson  
9.30am - L. Culican  
5.30pm - Choir members

#### Children's Liturgy

9.30am - K. Kemble

**Cleaners** - C & A. Salkeld A. Edwards  
P. Vella

#### Counters

11 Feb - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri  
18 Feb - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

#### WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 12 February 2024

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 14 February 2024

Reader - A. Aquilina A. Edwards

EMoHC - M. McMahon J. Gorman

Friday 16 February 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

### St Gregory's

Saturday 17 February 2024

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 18 February 2024

#### Readers

8.00am - N. Fienberg P. Humphrey  
C. Smiroldo

**Minister at the Altar** - D. Ryan A. Vincent

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

8.00am - A. Drew

**Data Projector** - H. Gillies

**Altar Preparation** - M. Ryan

**Cleaners** - J. Bondfield

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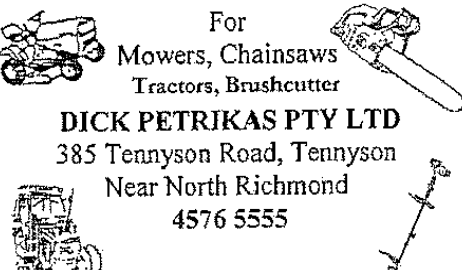
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**Pope Francis @Pontifex February 9:**  
Saint Bakhita encourages us to open our eyes and ears to see those who go unseen and to hear those who have no voice, to acknowledge the dignity of each person and to fight trafficking and all forms of exploitation.

