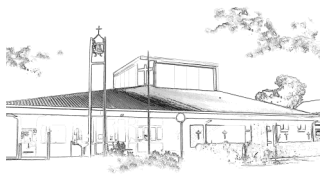


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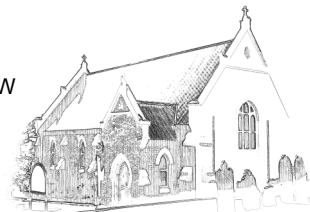
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First Sunday of Lent – Year B 18 February 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you .. The waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24:4-9

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan & the angels looked after him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

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.



Project Compassion Prayer ..

God of all hope, we pray for our world with all its beauty and need. We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love. May all creation know your compassion this Lent and may we take courage to share it, especially with those who don't have what they need. In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses: 'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things. Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, move us to act in the company of your Spirit, showing compassion and acting for justice to renew the face of the Earth, now and for all future generations. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

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PREPARING FOR LENT!

LENTEN GROUPS



Monday 19 February, 7pm Emaus Room, R.C.I.A
Tuesday 20 February, Emmaus Room meet 9.30 for 10am start
Wednesday 21 February, 10am Emmaus Room (Ash Wednesday)
Thursday 22 February, 7pm Carol Allison 0428 482 845
Please bring a Bible or a Sunday Missal.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Compassion boxes are available in the church foyer today.

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 29th February, please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

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.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Thursday 22 February **The Chair of Saint Peter.**

Memorial Mass for the late Lyn Clegg will be held at St Monica's on Friday 23rd February at 11am.

FOR HIRE: The Emmaus Room: A small double-room with kitchen & IT facilities is available for hire, through the *Parish of Richmond*, by parishioners & friends.

The area is suitable for small social gatherings, workshops & other functions. Availability by arrangement with Parish Office. **Parish Groups** please ensure meeting times are confirmed in the Parish diary.

For more information please visit the parish website www.parishofrichmond.org.au or contact the parish office.

Daily reflection books for the season of Lent are on sale at the Piety Stall and at Kurrajong- a helpful guide for prayer during this Holy season. Cost \$8 each.



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.

Sacraments News.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Please note the two changes. Ceremonies will be on Monday 17th June @ 7pm & Tuesday 18th June @ 7pm. Due to these dates REHEARSAL for the Sacrament will now be THURSDAY 13th 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 6th April @ 6pm Mass, Sunday 7th April @ 9.30am & 5.30pm at St Monica's or Sunday 8am @ St Gregory's – Please email 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

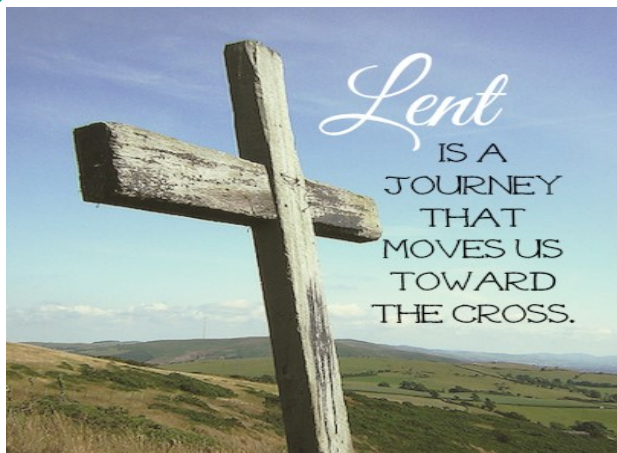
By appointment only.
St Monica's: 2nd & 3rd Sundays
at 11am.
St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11am
Booking & Preparation are essential.

Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum
of 6 months notice is required. All
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**PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING 13 March
2024 at 7pm.**

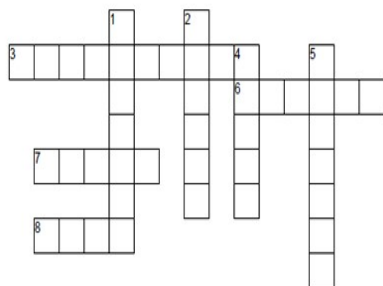
**Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church
foyers & parish
website.**



Into the Wilderness with Jesus

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. Mark 1:12-13 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 1:12-15 (NIV)



HORIZONTAL

3. A deserted area
6. Heavenly beings that protected Jesus in the wilderness.
7. The number that is ten more than thirty.
8. The opposite of bad.

VERTICAL

1. Encouraged someone to do something even though it was wrong.
2. To turn away from sin.
4. The fallen angel who tempts someone to do wrong.
5. To accept something to be true.

WILDERNESS	REPENT	GOOD	BELIEVE
FORTY	SATAN	ANGELS	TEMPTED

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 11/02/2023

1st Collection: \$1725.00

2nd Collection: \$3317.15

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. 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:

Elijah Campbell, Ludvik Feher, Lyn Clegg, Marie Melinz, Joseph Abela, Zaren Bugeja, Beverley Gougeon, Andrew Boyle, Charlie Galea, Maria Sallesse, Honorius Escalante

... and those we remember at this time:

Daniel Spice, 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

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 Barballo, Diana Hurley



We welcome the newly baptized...

Emilio Micallef

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Samuel Grima

R.C.I.A: Today during 8am Mass at St. Gregory's, we 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 ACTIVITIES

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.



RICHMOND-NTH RICHMOND-KURRAJONG

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

24/25 February 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year B



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Xiberras C. Hession
7.30am - S. Duff A. Tabone
9.30am - L. Sheffield M. Mizzi
5.30pm - J. Fewtrell R. Azzopardi

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - P. Hession J. Muscat
7.30am - M. Fenech A. Dunbar
9.30am - L. Ryan J. Cauchi
5.30pm - D. D'Mello J. Morley

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - A. Moloney
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - C. Pritchard
5.30pm - R. Ujmiak

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
7.30am -
9.30am - C & E. Cauchi
5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
7.30am - R. Ingram
9.30am - M. McGuiness
5.30pm - A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - M & M. Pastoors

Cleaners - K. Murphy C. Sultana
A. Edwards

Counters

18 Feb - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
25 Feb - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 19 February 2024

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 21 February 2024

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 23 February 2024

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 24 February 2024

Reader - P. Humphrey

EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 25 February 2024

Readers

8.00am - L. Ducksbury M. Mooney A. Drew
Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smiroldo

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation -

Cleaners - K. Hodgson

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Pope Francis @Pontifex February 16:



Prayer, almsgiving, & fasting are not three unrelated exercises, but a single movement of openness & self-emptying. We cast out the idols that weigh us down & the attachments that imprison us. Then will our atrophied & isolated heart revive. #Lent