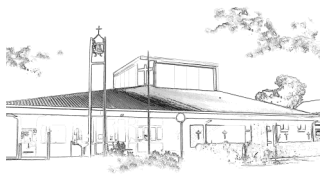


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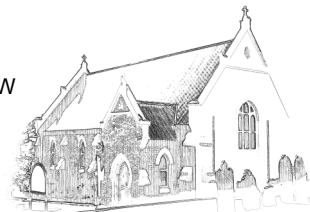
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Second Sunday of Lent – Year B 25 February 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not your enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 115:10, 15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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 26 February, 7pm Emmaus Room, R.C.I.A

Tuesday 27 February, Emmaus Room meet 9.30 for 10am start

Wednesday 28 February, 10am Emmaus Room (Ash Wednesday)

Thursday 29 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.

World Day of Prayer next Friday 1 March at St Monica's, 10.30am. Can you spare an hour to come & pray for Peace in the Middle East? For many decades local churches around the world have participated in this global movement to come together to pray. This year's Service was prepared by the women of Palestine. We do hope you will come & join us as we gather with people from other faith traditions.

Interested in being a Reader &/or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? 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.

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.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Friday 8 March Anointing of the sick** will take place at St Monica's during 9am Mass.

Pope Francis offers the following advice during Lent 'Fast from pressures and be prayerful - Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others'

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.

Easter Ceremonies: Are you attending the Easter Ceremonies? Are you willing & able to be involved in the various liturgies? If so, please see the list in the foyer & add your name **IMMEDIATELY**.

Altar Servers: The Parish needs new Altar Servers. This is a very special ministry. Training for **new Altar Servers** is on **Thursday evenings, 6-7pm. Please come along & bring a friend on March 14th, April 11th, May 23rd & June 6th.**



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
enquiries please email:
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

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

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

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

10am at Richmond will be led by the young people of our Parish.

We invite young people to come & be a part of this special presentation.

Practice times: Sunday 17 March & 24 March in the old Church following 9.30am Mass.

Kindly add your names to the sign-in sheet located in the church foyer.



The Game of Life

What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Mark 8:36

Based on Mark 8:34-37



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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 18/02/2023

1st Collection: \$1527.00

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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.

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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 Crowe, Maria Polito, Endora Au, Hal Moloney, Zlato, 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...

Owen Tanti

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

R.C.I.A journey has now moved to another stage the Period of Enlightenment. The group are walking with Zane who is preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, together with Louise who is preparing to be received into full communion the Church sharing the Scriptures with them at our weekly meetings. The celebration of the Sacraments will take place on Pentecost Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers

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: First Sat after 9am Mass to pray for vocations.



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NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

2/3 March 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year B



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - 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 of the Altar

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

6.00pm -
7.30am - C & E. Cauchi
9.30am - O & M. Saliba
5.30pm - C. Murphy
Data Projector

6.00pm - R. Ingram
7.30am - J. Cauchi
9.30am - M. Breden
5.30pm - C. Thompson
Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C. Kennedy
Cleaners - C. Livingstone A. Edwards M. Portelli

Counters

25 Feb - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman
03 Mar - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 26 February 2024

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 28 February 2024

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 1 March 2024

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

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Pope Francis @Pontifex February 23:



In this season of #Lent, let us retreat into the "desert." May we dedicate time to silence to allow the voice of the Lord to speak to our heart and keep it in goodness.