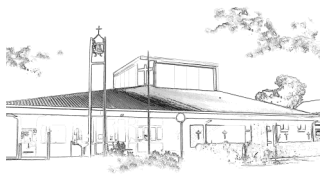


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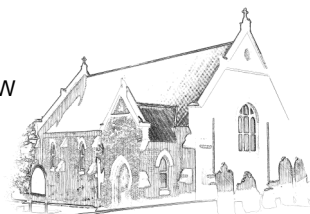
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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year B 10 March 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be
satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in
the exile and liberation of his people.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 136

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to
life.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God
loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be
saved through him.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,

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.*



Easter Schedule:



Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Monica's, Thursday 21 March
at 7pm

**Holy Thursday, 28 March at 7pm. Thursday of the Lord's
Supper**



Altar of Repose until 10:30pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 29 March: Richmond 10am followed by Reconciliation

Kurrajong 10am followed by Reconciliation

Richmond 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord followed by Reconciliation

Easter Vigil Saturday 30 March at Richmond 7pm

Easter Sunday, 31 March at Richmond 7:30am, 9:30am and 5:30pm

Easter Sunday, 31 March at Kurrajong 8am

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Exciting News for the Youth of the Catholic Parish of Richmond and greater community!

We are thrilled to announce the Luke 24 Youth Ministry. Luke 24 is dedicated to nurturing and empowering young people in their faith journey, we are excited to invite all youth to join us for a special Open Night. At the heart of Luke 24 Youth Ministry is our mission to support the spiritual growth and development of young people in our Parish and wider community.

We do this through engaging activities, meaningful discussions & of course Fun & Food all in a safe & welcoming environment. Luke 24 Youth Ministry is a space where youth can experience shared values and friendships.

We invite all young people from Year 3-7 & Year 8-12 to get involved, whether you're looking to connect with others, deepen your faith, or simply have fun this is the place for you!

Join as we come together for our Open Night on the 8th of April at 5.30-7.30 pm to celebrate faith, friendship, and community. To Register for this exciting event simply scan the QR code on the Luke 24 Flyers or contact the Parish office for further information.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Members of the Parish Pastoral Council who organised the Parish Gathering last Sunday. The Diocesan Youth Leader, spoke & was followed by three Year 11 Students from Bede Polding College. Thank you to you all for your insight. Some time was spent in discussion around our vision of Church & hopes for the future. The meeting was capably led by Emma Mizzi. It was a good opportunity to express our ideas, meet new acquaintances & catch up with others. Printed copies of the Reports are available at the Church doors

Palm Crosses: Can you help make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday, 24 March? Palms are available in the church foyer today, please return by Friday 22 March ready for distribution on the following Sunday.

Chism Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm. We thank Bernadette & Amy from our emerging Youth Ministry who will attend and receive the Oils on behalf of the Parish. All are welcome to attend to celebrate this special Mass with Bishop Vincent & the Priests of the Diocese.

World Day of Prayer: Once again 'Thank you' to all who helped us host the World Day of Prayer & those who attended praying for peace in the Middle East. A special Thanks to the Teachers & Students of Bede Polding College & St Monica's School for their attendance & participation. May God bless you all.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Sunday 17 March Saint Patrick.**

Pope Francis offers the following advice during Lent. 'Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity - Fast from bitterness and be filled with joy.'

Mass kit for nursing homes: Mass is now being celebrated once a month at all four Nursing Homes located within the Parish. We are seeking donations for a second Mass kit, including a chalice and pattern, to be kept at St. Gregory's for use at Kurrajong and Ron Middleton Nursing Homes. Your support is appreciated. Please contact the Parish office if you can help.

Lenten Groups

Monday 11 March, 7pm Emmaus Room R.C.I.A
Tuesday 12 March, Emmaus Room meet 9.30 for 10am start
Wednesday 13 March, 10am Emmanus Room
Tuesday 14 March, 7pm Carol Allison home
Please bring a Bible or Sunday Missal



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

Sacraments News.

SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION. Please send all applications now to the Sacramental coordinator. Enrolment ceremony will take place at Kurrajong Sunday 7th April at 8am Mass, and Richmond 6th April at 6pm Mass. & 7th April at 7.30am, 9.30am and 5.30pm Masses. Please ensure that you have notified the Sacramental coordinator which mass you will be attending with your child, this ensures that their Name Card is ready for them to collect in the foyer and hand to the Priest when asked.

sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au PARENT Information evening Thursday 11th April @7pm.

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:
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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.



Walking in the Light

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. John 3:19-20 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 3:18-22

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STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 03/03/2023

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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:

Boze Cupic, Mary Mizzi, Saviour Vella, Maria Crowe, Lynette Garrick, Elijah Campbell, Ludvik Feher, Lyn Clegg, Marie Melinz, Joseph Abela, Zaren Bugeja, Beverley Gougeon

... and those we remember at this time:

Caro Graham, Ivy Sharpless, Barbara Harnischmacher, Phillip Cain, Velo & Stana Cupic, Joseph & Carmen Teuma, George & Marta Schembri, John Pratt, Joe Vella, Grezzju & Salvina Camilleri, Frank Cauchi, Daniel Spice, Noleen Lloyd, May Lloyd, Arthur Lloyd, Kristen Llyod, Paul & Frank Carpenter, Joseph Baldacchino, Frank Agresta, Saviour Vassallo, Vassallo Family, Muscat Family

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We welcome the newly baptized...

Anneliese Vaz
Genevieve Vaz

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

Why Lent?

In the early Church Lent originated at a time of repentance for those preparing for Baptism. Having experienced the call to conversion, those seeking initiation into the Christian community resolved to turn away from sin and embrace a Gospel life. They were baptized at the Easter Vigil. Today, the six week period of Lent is a time of repentance and renewal for the whole Church. It is a time when we prayerfully take stock of our lives, turn away from all lifestyle habits that contradict the Gospel and renew our commitment to Christ and each other.

(The Story Source -Teresa Pirola)

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.

Benediction & Mass

St Monica's: Every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm - 7.30pm
St Gregory's: Every 1st Saturday after 9am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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



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NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

16/17 March 2024

5th 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 at the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
7.30am - 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. Breden
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

10 Mar - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson
17 Mar - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 11 March 2024

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 13 March 2024

Reader - A. Aquilina

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 15 March 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 16 March 2024

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 17 March 2024

Readers

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

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 - S. McMahon

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Pope Francis @Pontifex March 8:



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