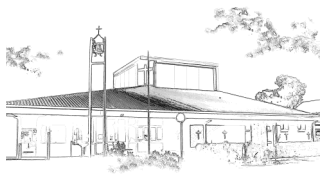


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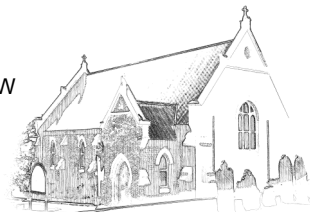
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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B 17 March 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 50:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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

Memorial Mass. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 9am Tomorrow Monday 18 March, for the repose of the soul of Lyn Garrick. Light refreshments will be served in the Emmaus Room following Mass. All Welcome.

Palm Crosses: Thank you to all who took the palms last Sunday. A special word of thanks to a parishioner for getting the palms & delivering them to the Church. Please return the crosses by Friday 22 March ready for distribution on the following Sunday.

Volunteers to be in the **Palm & Offertory Processions** on Palm Sunday are still needed for most Masses at St Monica's. **Please add your name to the list in the foyer.**

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.

Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm. All our welcome to attend to celebrate this special Mass with Bishop Vincent and the Priests of the Diocese.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Sunday, April 7. Devotions will be held at St Monica's starting with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm followed by the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions and Benediction. We wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks the donation of an image of the Divine Mercy which will be hung in St Monica's Church following the Feast.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Monday 18 March **Saint Patrick.**
- Tuesday 19 March **Saint Joseph.**
- Friday 10 May **Save the Date for Parish Multicultural Dinner.** More details to follow.

Easter Rosters: All people rostered to minister at the Easter ceremonies will have been sent an email with the completed roster. **Please check your emails.** Do note your rostered times plus practice times. The roster is also on display in the Church foyer. If you have not received an email, or if you have any concerns about the roster, please contact Mary McGuinness immediately. Thank you.



Happy St Patrick's Day!

If we look at our Parish history most of our founding families came from Ireland bringing with them their faith. We pray in thanksgiving for the foundations they laid for us here in the Hawkesbury. We still have families with very close connections to Ireland, celebrate and enjoy!



Lenten Groups

Monday 18 March, 7pm Emmaus Room R.C.I.A.
Tuesday 19 March, Emmaus Room meet 9.30 for 10am start.

Wednesday 20 March, 10am Emmanus Room.

Please note No Thursday evening group
Please bring a Bible or Sunday Missal.



Sacraments News.

CONFIRMATION Please note registration for confirmation is closing very soon. If you have not put your enrolment form in please do so ASAP. **Using the QR code here.** Enrolment ceremony will take place at Kurrajong Sunday 7th April at 8am Mass & Richmond 6th April at 6pm Mass & 7th April 7.30am, 9.30am & 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 & 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:
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**10 April 2024 at
7pm.**

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

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.



STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 10/03/2023

1st Collection: \$1679.00

2nd Collection: \$2817.25

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:

Ron Horan, Jess McGuinness, Carmelo Farrugia, Joseph & Teresa Muscat, Br John Gibson OH, Fr Mick O'Callaghan, Caro Graham, Ivy Sharpless, Barbara Harnischmacher, Phillip Cain, Velo & Stana Cupic, Joseph & Carmen Teuma, George & Marta Schembri, John Pratt, Joe Vella, Grezzu & Salvina Camilleri, Frank Cauchi, Noleen Lloyd, May Lloyd, Arthur Lloyd, Kristen Llyod, Joseph Baldacchino, Frank Agresta, Saviour Vassallo

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Camelia Thompson, Leanne Ryan, Vince Head, 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, 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...

Jayce Cilia



Happy birthday
to all those celebrating this week:

...to our Christian family

On a Journey to be Richer by Faith

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OPEN NIGHT

Embark on a journey of faith, fun, and friendship at our Catholic Youth Ministry Open Day, where young hearts are invited to discover the joy of community.
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Next Sunday is Palm Sunday- Why do we hold Palms on that day?

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday leading into Holy Week, we commemorate the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

The Gospels that describe this event speak of large crowds laying palm branches on the road before Jesus and proclaiming him as king. Here is a man with charisma, with a stirring message! And yet, before the week is out, he has been betrayed into the hands of his enemies and crucified. Palm Sunday (also called Passion Sunday) highlights the paradox of Christ's kingship. Our palms represent his victory, but a victory that only comes through suffering and self-sacrifice. (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

23/24 March 2024

Palm Sunday

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 - A. Aquilina J. Cauchi
5.30pm - D. D'Mello J. Morley

Minister at 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 - M. McMahon
9.30am - M. McGuinness
5.30pm - A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - M & M. Pastors
Cleaners - K. Murphy C. Sultana
A. Edwards

Counters

17 Mar - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
24 Mar - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 18 March 2024

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 22 March 2024

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

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Pope Francis @Pontifex March 15:

God loved us first. He waited for us. He keeps loving us. This is our identity and our strength: we are God's beloved.

