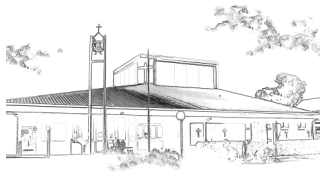


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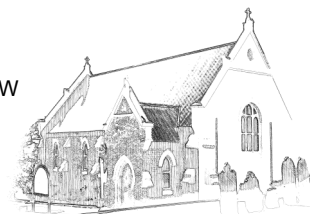
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – Year B 31 March 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord is truly risen, alleluia. To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34. 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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 Message ..

In the Gospel accounts, we learn about Jesus' resurrection, and what's remarkable is that even after rising from the dead, he retained the wounds on his hands and side in his resurrected body. It's like when you mend a favorite toy, but the marks of where it was broken remain. However, rather than serving as a somber reminder, Jesus' scars became a powerful reminder of his enduring love for us.

This mystery of the resurrection teaches us something deep: our struggles and pains don't have to be the end of our story. They are a part of our journey toward healing and renewal, following Jesus' promise of eternal life.

As we celebrate Easter, let's hold firm to this truth. Even when life's challenges weigh heavily upon us and we carry our own scars, they needn't hinder our journey. Instead, they remind us of the strength we gain from our faith in Christ, who bore scars as well. Wishing each and every one of you a blessed Easter!

Fr Gayan



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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 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.

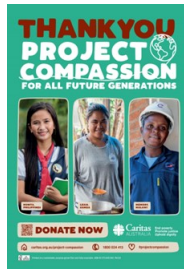


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who prepared and participated in our Easter Ceremonies helping us all to reflect prayerfully on the Life Death & Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Your hard work & devotion are evident. May God bless you all.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. **Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**



Divine Mercy Sunday. Sunday, 7 April. 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.

Catholic Outlook Magazine is available in the church foyer. Please take your free copy today.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Friday 10 May Save the Date for Parish Multicultural Dinner.** More details to follow.
- **Weekend 20/21 April Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal.**

Funeral Mass for the late Anne Kos will be held at St Monica's on Tuesday 2 April at 10am.

Fr Shinto

Fr Shinto will begin his Parish ministry on the weekend of 20th/ 21st April. We warmly welcome him to the Parish of Richmond!

Fr Bob Anderson will celebrate the 7.30am & 9.30am Masses in Richmond on Sunday 14 April.

Congratulations to Peter Humphrey for receiving a lifetime service certificate for St Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your dedication and hard work for this charity.



Fr Thomas

A farewell morning tea is scheduled for Sunday 7 April, following the 9.30am Mass in the Emmaus Room. Additionally, there will be a retiring collection on the weekend of 6/7th April as a parting gift for Fr Thomas. We express our gratitude to Fr Thomas for his faithful ministry in Richmond Parish & extend our prayers as he embarks on a new chapter in his ministry at Baulkham Hills.

Sacraments News.

Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony: 6th & 7th April. Please collect your child's name card at the front and bring it into Mass with you. You will be called forward to make your commitment, then asked to place your card in a basket. Any donations can also be placed in the basket at the same time.

PARENT Information evening – St Monica's 11th April 7pm. You will receive your parent booklet and important information regarding your child's Confirmation.

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 10 April
2024 at 7pm.**

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



This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." —

Psalm 118:24

Christ is risen.

Hallelujah! May the miracle of Easter bring you renewed hope, faith, love, and joy.

Happy Easter to you and your family.

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 24/03/2023

1st Collection: \$2087.00

2nd Collection: \$3107.30

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:

Sr Anne Tregillgas, Anne Kos, Boze Cupic, Mary Mizzi, Saviour Vella, Maria Crowe, Lynette Garrick, Elijah Campbell, Ludvik Feher, Lyn Clegg, Marie Melinz, Joseph Abela, Zaren Bugeja

... and those we remember at this time:

Keith Schembri, Mary Hughes, Josef Somi, John Moloney, Mary Aquilina, Felix Aquilina, Con Mavroforas, Kathy Mavroforas, Joseph Baldacchino, Peter Roth, Michael John McMahan, Anthony & MaryAnn Xiberras, Vince Bartolo, Louis & Giovanna Portelli, Joseph & Concetta Xiberras, Ron & Josie 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, Frank Cauchi

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Camelia Thompson, Leanne Ryan, Vince Head, Maria Polito, Endora Au, Hal Moloney, Jozef Zalic, Drago Gracner, Maria Cracner, Greg Horan, Delina Galea, Yvette Brander, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Helen Kenny, Adam Taha, Roy Cutrone, Vera Brglevski, Barry Wall, Peter Johnson



We welcome the newly baptized...

Rome Smiroldo

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

will resume Monday April 8 7pm in the Emmaus Room
Topic- Sacraments of Initiation-Baptism and Confirmation

At Home with God's People page 107.

Please continue to pray for Zane who is preparing for Baptism & Louise who will be received into full Communion shortly.

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.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

6/7 April 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

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Readers

6.00pm - J. Fewtrell L. O'Brien
7.30am - A. Tabone 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 at the Altar

6.00pm - A. Moloney
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - M. Crew
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. Breaden
5.30pm - C. Thompson

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C. Kennedy

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WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 1 April 2024

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 3 April 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 5 April 2024

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

St Gregory's

Saturday 6 April 2024

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smirolido

Sunday 7 April 2024

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan I. Galea T. Misdom

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan

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Pope Francis @Pontifex March 31:



Today the power of Easter calls you to roll away every stone of disappointment and mistrust. The Lord is an expert in rolling back the stones of sin and fear. He wants to illuminate your sacred memory, your most beautiful memory, to make you relive your first encounter with him.