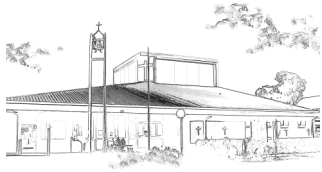


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Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year B 21 April 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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.



Parish of Richmond



Foundation Day Multicultural Dinner

Let's Celebrate!

When

Friday 10 May 2024
6:30pm

Where

St Monica's Old Church

Who

Everyone is invited to attend.
Register your attendance in the church foyer.

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The Luke 24 Youth Ministry open night was a successful inspiring evening consisting of 20 enthusiastic children from Year 3 to Year 12 Children. The open night centred around The Walk to Emmaus from the Gospel of **Luke (24:13-35)**, teaching faith, communication and learning to walk with Jesus in their daily lives. The open night featured engaging activities, inspiring gospel readings, small group discussions, pizza & powerful messages that resonated with our youth helping to enrich their young lives. The sense of community was evident at the open night & seeing friendships forming through our faith was truly remarkable. The youth had fun and are looking forward to inviting friends to the next night on the 13 May, at 5.30pm, we are looking forward to doubling the numbers at our next session and continuing to grow the Ministry. Huge thank you to our special and dedicated leaders this could not happen without them & to all the parents, grandparents & carers who bring the children. Don't miss our next session on the 13th May at 5.30-7pm register now!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Fr Shinto to the Parish of Richmond. We trust that as we walk together in faith we will grow in the love of God. Father, take time to enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us in the Hawkesbury District, we are truly blest.

Good Shepherd Appeal will be held this weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

ANZAC Day Thursday April 25. Mass will be celebrated 9am at St Monica's. If you have some rosemary could you please leave it at St Monica's by Wednesday. Thank you.

Laudato Si'. This year we have exciting plans to celebrate Laudato Si week which runs from 19th -26th May. The theme this year is "Seeds of Hope". We are inviting parishioners (young and old) to design an A5 size (half an A4 page) message/ sign/ biblical quote/ artwork related to the theme "Seeds of Hope" that we will laminate, attach to sticks and display in our beautiful gardens at both Richmond and Kurrajong. Younger parishioners are invited to decorate a rock which will add to our beautiful garden display. Please ensure your name is on the back of your work and have them to the Parish Office by Friday 19th May.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Thursday 25 April ANZAC Day.**
- **Friday 26 April Saint Mark.**



Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations ..

In his message for this, the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis urges Christians to welcome our shared vocation to sow the seeds of hope & peace in our world. The Pope also urged everyone to pray for vocations to the priesthood & religious life, so that the Lord may "send out labourers into His harvest fields of peace." (Vatican Website)

Parish Foundation Multicultural Dinner

Our Parish Foundation Multicultural dinner is happening on Friday 10th May 2024! The night is an opportunity to bring together our parishioners over a shared meal, games and prizes. All are welcome including children. The event is **FREE** for all to attend, however we invite people to bring a dish from their culture if they are able to. BYO drinks - tea, coffee & soft drinks are provided. Where: St Monica's (Old Church) Register your interest in the church foyer on the sign up sheet or via the Google Form <https://forms.gle/FkJRByy9xmKn433q9>



SCRUTINIES ..

For those preparing for Baptism, and indeed for all Christians, turning away from sin is a gradual and life-long process. The R.C.I.A. includes three short ceremonies called scrutinies which contribute to this process. During a scrutiny we call on God's healing presence to free the Catechumens from the forces of darkness and to be open more fully to the goodness and fullness of life promised us by Christ. The scrutinies will be held over the next three weekends.

The Story Source, 1993. Teresa Pirola

Sacraments News.

Confirmation classes as below.

St Gregory's SUNDAY after 8am Mass Margaret Commencing 28 th April	St Monica Sunday After 9.30am Mass Kellyanne Commencing	Monday 3.45pm Pauline Commencing 29 th April	Tuesday 3.45pm Mark Commencing 30 th April	Tuesday 7pm Alyson Commencing 30 th April	Wednesday 3.45pm Maria Commencing 15 th MAY	Thursday 7pm Tony Commencing 1 st May	Friday 4.30pm Scott Commencing 2 nd May
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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 8 May 2024 at 7pm.

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

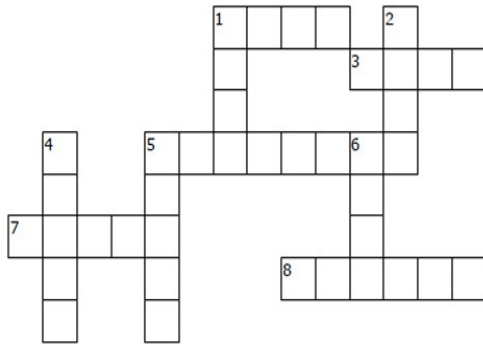
Old Presbytery Renovations ..

We are pleased to announce that we have received the required quotes for the old presbytery. The quotes have been reviewed by the Parish Finance Committee and upon submitting the Application to Spend to the Bishop, the project has been approved to proceed. This project involves damp proofing, floor leveling, installing new flooring, and painting. If you're interested in learning more about the project or how you can support it, please contact the Parish office.

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



ACROSS

1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

DOWN

1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 14/04/2024

1st Collection: \$2147.00

2nd Collection: \$3439.70

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:

Martin Deguara, Marco Dodds Snr, Anne Kos, Boze Cupic, Saviour Vella, Maria Crowe, Lynette Garrick, Elijah Campbell, Ludvik Feher, Lyn Clegg, Marie Melinz, Joseph Abela

... and those we remember at this time:

Jason Vella, Saviour Vassallo, Mora O'Doherty, Melanie Sheffield, Sr Anne Tregillgas, Mary Mizzi, Keith Schembri, Mary Hughes, Josef Somi, John Moloney, Mary Aquilina, Felix Aquilina, Con Mavroforas, Kathy Mavroforas, Joseph Baldacchino, Peter Roth, Michael John McMahon, 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, Frank Cauchi

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Paul Refalo, Anna Papallo, 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, Roy Cutrone, Vera Brglevski, Barry Wall, Peter Johnson



We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

Next meeting Monday 22nd April 7pm in the Emmaus Room

Topic: The Scrutinies usually held in last weeks of Lent are based on the Gospel of St John. You may like to read John 4:5-42 as we celebrate the First Scrutiny next weekend 5.30pm Mass at St Monica's.

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES

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.

Luke 24 Youth Group

Monday 13th May in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

27/28 April 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

 **St Monica's**

Readers

6.00pm - J. Xiberras C. Hession
7.30am - T. Maguire A. Tabone
9.30am - L. Sheffield M. Mizzi
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti L. Azzopardi

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - P. Hession J. Muscat
7.30am - M. Fenech A. Burnett
9.30am - A. Aquilina 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. Breaden
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - M. McGuinness
5.30pm - A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - M & M. Pastoors

Cleaners - K. Murphy C. Sultana
A. Edwards

Counters

21 Apr - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
28 Apr - F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 22 April 2024

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 24 April 2024

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 26 April 2024

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

 **St Gregory's**

Saturday 27 April 2024

Reader - P. Humphrey

EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 28 April 2024

Readers

8.00am - L. Dicksbury M. Mooney A. Drew

Minister at the Altar - A. Vincent

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smiroldo

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - K. Hodgson

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 **Pope Francis @Pontifex April 19:**
God is peace and He desires #Peace. Those who believe in Him should reject war, which only worsens conflicts. War is always and only a defeat. It is a road leading nowhere; it opens no horizons but extinguishes all hope.