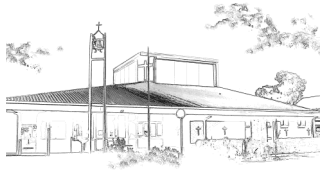


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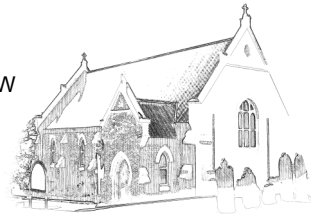
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Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year B 28 April 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 13:44-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 97:1-4

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! If you stay in my word, you will indeed be my disciples, and you will know the truth, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:7-14

He who sees me, also sees the Father.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Father, I wish that, where I am, those you gave me may also be with me, that they may see the glory that you gave me, 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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LUKE 24 Parish Youth Group



Successful Luke 24 Youth Ministry open night inspired 20 children from Yr 3 to 12, centered on Luke 24:13-35, emphasizing faith, communication, & walking with Jesus. Engaging activities, gospel readings, discussions, pizza, and impactful messages enriched youth. Community & friendships flourished. Next session on May 13, 5.30-7pm in the Emmaus Room. Register now!



Readings for Ascension - Pentecost ..

Ascension 1st Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11: **2nd reading - Eph 1 :17-23**

Pentecost: Vigil-6pm 1st Reading- Genesis 11:1-9: 2nd Reading Letter of St. to the Romans 8:22-27

Day 1st reading -Acts 2:1-11: 2nd reading- Gal 5:16-25: Gospel- Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your donation to the Bishop's Appeal last weekend \$1784.65 was contributed. Envelopes are still available in the Church should you wish to donate to support the Seminarians.

Thank you for the rosemary for ANZAC Day.

Anointing of the Sick will take place during 9am Mass on Friday 10 May. If you are unable to attend & would like a Priest to visit you at home, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

Mother's Day - Sunday 12 May. We invite you to remember your Mother in prayer, perhaps you would like to bring a flower or card to place at the Altar as we pray together & ask blessing on all Mothers.



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 & old) to design an A5 size message/ sign/ biblical quote/ artwork related to the theme "Seeds of Hope" that we will laminate, attach to sticks & display in our beautiful gardens at Richmond & 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 & have them to the Parish Office by Friday 17th May.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Monday 29 April Saint Catherine of Siena.**
- **Thursday 2 May Saint Athanasius.**
- **Friday 3 May Saints Philip and James.**

Pentecost Sunday - 19 May. We are inviting people from various National backgrounds to take part in the Prayers of the Faithful. If you would like to take part, you will be provided with a prayer for you to translate into your language and then read it at Mass on the day. Please speak to Fr Gayan or Fr Shinto today!

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 ..

Today at 5.30pm Mass we welcome Zane as he takes the final steps in preparation for his Baptism on Pentecost Sunday during the 8am Mass at St Gregory's. 'These rites, should complete the conversion of the elect & deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ & to carry out their decision to love God above all.'

(Study Edition of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.)

Sacraments News ..

St Gregory's SUNDAY after 8am Mass Margaret Commencing 28 th April	St Monica Sunday After 9.30am Mass Kellyanne Commencing 28 th April	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 Commenting 15th MAY	Thursday 7pm Tony Commencing 2nd May	Friday 4.30pm Scott Commencing 3rd 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
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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 True Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.." John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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1st Collection: \$1495.00

2nd Collection: \$2974.40

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:

Julie Bennett, Jason Vella, Saviour Vassallo, Mora O'Doherty, Melanie Sheffield, Sr Anne Tregilgas, 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, 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...

Lucas Spirou
 ...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

Next meeting Monday 29th April 7pm in the Emmaus Room

Topic: The Second Scrutiny based on the Gospel of St. John. You may like to read John 9:1-41 as we celebrate the Second Scrutiny next weekend during 8am Mass at St Gregory's.

Please continue to pray for Zane who is preparing for Baptism and Louise who will be received into full Communion at Kurrajong Pentecost Sunday.

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

4/5 May 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Year B

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Fewtrell L. O'Brien
7.30am - S. Duff 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 K. Bauer
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. Breaden
5.30pm - C. Thompson

Children's Liturgy

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

Counters

28 Apr - F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want
05 May - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 29 April 2024

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 1 May 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 3 May 2024

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

St Gregory's

Saturday 4 May 2024

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smioldo

Sunday 5 May 2024

Readers

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

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Data Projector - M. Beggs

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - C. Livingstone

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Pope Francis @Pontifex April 26:



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