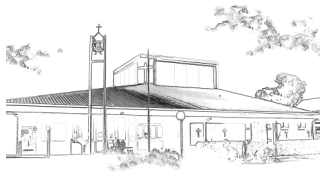


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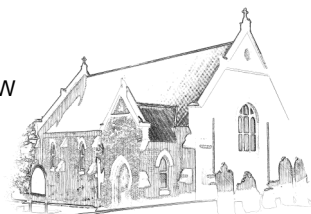
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The Ascension of the Lord – Year B 12 May 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, 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.



Gospel Reflection ...

Jesus personally places all prayer that is prayed in his name before God the Father. Jesus is our direct prayer line to God. Being seated at the right hand of God, Jesus will judge the living and the dead. Jesus, God made human, is the one to

whom the Father has given this power, the one who knows intimately what it is like to be a human being. God has given this responsibility to the Son because of his Son's compassion and wisdom and his sacrificial death on the cross,

and it is Jesus who will call us to accountability for our lives.

Mark also gives us an account of Jesus's commissioning of the disciples just before he ascends. Jesus implores the disciples to go out now into the world, to go to the ends of the world, to preach his Gospel. This commissioning also

applies to all today who proclaim themselves disciples of Jesus through their Baptism.

*We do not have to do this alone;
Jesus himself will be our companion in the venture of sharing his Gospel.*

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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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral Mass for the late Barry Wall will be held at St Monica's on Friday 17th May at 10am.

Happy Mothers' Day: We ask God to bless all our Mothers especially those who struggle with the pressures of today's world. Those who find it difficult to make ends meet, those who have lost a child or separated from their children, may you find comfort in the memories you hold so dear.

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!

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.

Readings Pentecost - 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

Immediate Help is Needed in the Parish ..

- Someone to assist with putting down a cement slab and constructing a small garden shed.
This we need to be done in May. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.
- A couple of people to assist with **occasional maintenance jobs** around the parish eg *mowing an area of lawn; maintaining a small garden; small repair jobs.*

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 DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 14 May Saint Matthias.**



Old Presbytery Renovations Update: The renovation of the old presbytery has begun, with the completion of damp proofing and floor leveling. Painting is underway, with flooring to follow. Additionally, Colorbond fencing will enclose the property, and the exterior decking will be revitalized. To find out more about the project or how you can support, please contact the parish office.

Seeking Tenant for Renovated Bethany Unit .. Bethany unit in Richmond, adjacent to St Monica's church, has undergone renovations to ensure comfortable living for one person. The Parish is seeking a suitable tenant. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Parish office for further information.

Recommissioning of all Ministers: Each year we are given the opportunity to re-commit ourselves to ministry. On Pentecost weekend May 18th/19th, **all ministers are invited, at one of the parish Masses, to be re-commissioned by Fr Gayan or Fr Shinto.** **Do mark this event in your diary.**



New Altar Servers. This is a very special Ministry. The final two nights for training will be **Thursday 23 May & 6 June 6-7pm.** Please mark these dates in your diary & come along. We still need more young people to step forward for this task. Don't be shy! Bring a friend!



**PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING 12 June
2024 at 7pm.**

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

Prayer for Christian Unity ...

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has been marked by Christians around the world for over one-hundred years towards the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one" (John 17:21).

This year, a focus for prayer is, "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself (Luke 10:27).

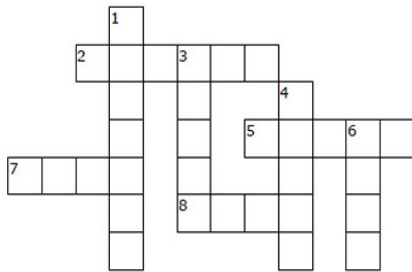
"Rather than fearing differences or a loss of denominational identity, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity inspires reflection on the shared love of God in Christ, and the experience of knowing God's love.

All are equal in God's love and everyone is different.

Through Life's Maze

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name. John 17:11a (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 17:6-19



ACROSS

2. Speaking to God
5. The earth and all the people and things upon it
7. To put into the hands of another person
8. To be free from danger or harm

DOWN

1. To keep from being injured or harmed
3. That which belongs to you
4. Physical or mental strength
6. Unable to find the way

PROTECT	POWER	GIVE	YOURS
PRAYER	SAFE	LOST	WORLD

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 5/05/2023

1st Collection: \$1542.00

2nd Collection: \$3079.75

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Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Barry Wall, Norman Boland, Winifred Gavin, Martin Deguara, Marco Dodds Snr, Anne Kos, Boze Cupic, Saviour Vella, Maria Crowe, Lynette Garrick, Elijah Campbell, Ludvik Feher

... and those we remember at this time:

Frank Agresta, Carmen Camilleri, Paul Borg, Laylla Borg, Felix Aquilina, Mary Aquilina, Julie Bennett, Jason Vella, Saviour Vassallo, Mora O'Doherty, Melanie Sheffield, Sr Anne Tregillgas, Mary Mizzi, Keith Schembri, Mary Hughes, Josef Somi, John Moloney, 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

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Loretta Blumenthal, 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, Peter Johnson



We welcome the newly baptized...

Harriet Nutman

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

Next meeting Monday 13th May 7pm in the Emmaus Room

Topic: The Eucharist page 119 At Home with God's people.

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 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.

Luke 24 Youth Group

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



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

18/19 May 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Year B

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
7.30am - A. Edwards 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 - C. Fleetwood 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. Breaden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - L. Culican
5.30pm - Choir members

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - K. Kemble

Cleaners - C & A. Salkeld O. Nkwocha
A. Edwards P. Vella

Counters

12 May - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
19 May - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 13 May 2024

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 17 May 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 18 May 2024

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 19 May 2024

Readers

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

Minister at the Altar - C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Data Projector - H. Gillies

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

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Pope Francis @Pontifex May 10:

Let us even now be drawn by hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously desire it. May our lives say to them: "Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart, and hope in the Lord!" (Ps 27:14).

