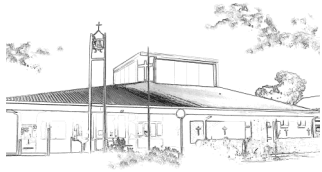


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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 16 June 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, 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



Gospel Reflection ..

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses two parables to assist us in the understanding the Kingdom of God. The first image Jesus shares is of a farmer who scatters seeds on the ground. He then goes about the normal routine of life while the seeds sprout and grow. The farmer does not fully comprehend what is happening. Then when the grain is ripe, the farmer harvests it. Jesus presents the growth process of the grain as a mystery to the farmer. Faith is a gift that is planted in us at Baptism, and its growth is a mystery just like the plants that grow from the seeds. Like the seeds, our faith is always developing, growing, and becoming fuller. It takes a whole lifetime for faith to grow and mature. There is no way to rush it, just like there is no way the farmer can rush the process of seeds' spouting, growing, and maturing into ripened grain.

The second parable is about the mustard seed, "the smallest of all the seeds on earth" (4:31), which, when planted, grows into a strong and great shrub that provides a place of shelter and comfort to birds. Jesus shares the image that a very small amount of faith can grow into a strong faith that will be a place of shelter and comfort for others. During our time of growing our faith, Jesus assures us that God will continue to nurture the good within us and never abandon us. It is a process of being on the way, the way to a mature faith. Throughout our lifetime, we live in the tension between faith that has been planted with deep inner-rooted hope of growing into a mature faith and knowing of the fragility of faith and that there are obstacles on the way to a mature faith. We can have hope in the present moment because what is expected is that we are attending to growing our faith. Our faith at the present moment isn't what it was as a child, but it still isn't what it will be ten, twenty, or thirty years from now when it has matured some.

Taken from Liturgia Brisbane 2024

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Adult Confirmation 2024 Formation Day: 24 August ..

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. This will be on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown.
A light lunch will be provided on the day. It is recommended that all sponsors attend the catechesis day. A contribution of \$25 is suggested from the candidates to assist in covering the Catechesis Day.
For more info please contact Lucy Woodbury on lucy.woodbury@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Fr Bob for being with us over the past two weekends, as ever it is a pleasure to have you with us. May God bless you.

Thank you for your contribution to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal last weekend \$1275.00 was received. Envelopes are still available in the foyer should you wish to make a donation.

Envelopes for the new financial year are available in the Church foyer. Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

Next Sunday 23 June, St Monica's School will be involved in the 9.30 Mass participating in prayers and singing.

Congratulations to our young people who are being confirmed this week. We thank all who have prepared them for this special occasion especially their families and sponsors. We owe a special debt of gratitude to our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Maria Boyd, the Sacramental Team, Facilitators and all who have worked behind the scenes to make this a very special celebration in our Parish.

Grant Awarded for Emmaus Room Improvements:
We are pleased to announce that the Parish has been granted \$10,000 under the 2023 Community Building Partnerships Grant programme. These funds will go towards upgrading the footpaths & adding an awning to improve the Emmaus Room. Our sincere thanks go to the NSW Government & Clare Norton for her hard work in obtaining this grant.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Friday 21 June **Saint Aloysius Gonzaga.**
- Saturday 22 June **Saints John Fisher & Thomas More.**



Catholic Outlook are now available in the church foyer. Please take your free copy today

Bethany Unit Update. The recently renovated Bethany Unit has a tenant now. Please be mindful of the tenant's privacy & personal space.

St Monica's White Elephant & Book Stall on Fri 2nd, Sat 3rd & Sun 4th August ..

We will be accepting donations for Books & White Elephant items from Monday 1 July. We would love to take all the good items that you no longer need. Such as toys, puzzles, crockery, glass sets, kitchen items, unwanted gift sets, unused toiletry items, make up, linen, Christmas decorations, unused candles, pictures, shoes, scarves, hats, bags, jewellery, stationary, nick nacks, ornaments etc.

Please no large furniture, baby seats, computers or TV's.

Contact for White Elephant - Narelle 0416 002 893. Goods will be accepted in the Old Church from Monday 1st July.

Drop off times: Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm.
Help is needed during these hours over the following weeks, an hour or two will help to prepare the books & magazines for sale & help setting up the White Elephant Stall.



Sacraments News.

Confirmation news. We pray for all our young people who are receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit this Monday and Tuesday evening in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bless all our families and facilitators that have walked with them on this journey of faith.

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 July
at 7pm.**

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

**We give thanks for Fr Gayan -
Sunday 23 June.**

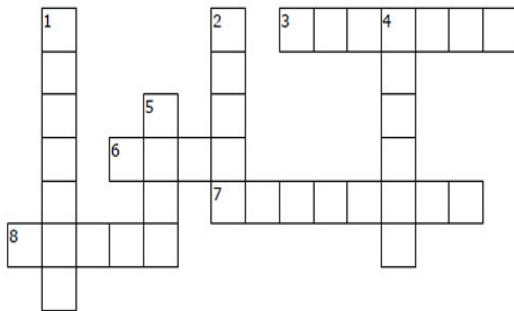
Following the news of Fr Gayan's new appointment, we are planning a 'Thank you' morning tea on Sunday 23 June following 9.30am Mass at Richmond in the old church. All are warmly invited to attend. If you are able to assist with catering, please contact Mary McGuinness. We keep Father in our prayers during this time of transition.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."
Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)



Puzzle is based on Mark 4:30-32



ACROSS

- 3. Bigger than any of the others
- 6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
- 7. Not as big as any of the others
- 8. A living thing that grows in the ground, usually with leaves or flowers

DOWN

- 1. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
- 2. An animal that has wings and is covered with feathers
- 4. An area where plants are grown
- 5. The place where birds lay eggs or give birth to their young

SEED	PARABLE	BIRDS	LARGEST
SMALLEST	NEST	GARDEN	PLANT

STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 9/06/2023

1st Collection: \$1252.00
2nd Collection: \$2640.25

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:

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

... and those we remember at this time:

Bob Garrick, Carina Camilleri, Peter Mifsud, Cristiano Baganara, Angelo Vella, Katerina Spyridakos, Isaac Aquilina, John Larven, Katica & Ivan Mihalj, Margaret Simpson, Carmen Teuma, Janice Harvey, 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, Josef Somi, Joseph Baldacchino

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Jan Thompson, Tom Hamilton, Loretta Blumenthal, Paul Refalo, Anna Papallo, Camelia Thompson, 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...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Safeguarding Richmond: Bishop Vincent, as Shepherd of the Parramatta Diocese, wants all people who volunteer, to have knowledge of safeguarding children, young people and adults who may be at risk. Therefore, he requires all volunteers in parish ministry to complete Safeguarding training so they can contribute to our culture of building safe parish communities. Zac Culican, *Safeguarding Champion*.

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 10th June in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

22/23 June 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 - T. Scopelliti

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 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 S. Borg
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

16 June - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
23 June - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 17 June 2024

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 21 June 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 22 June 2024

Reader - P. Humphrey

EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 23 June 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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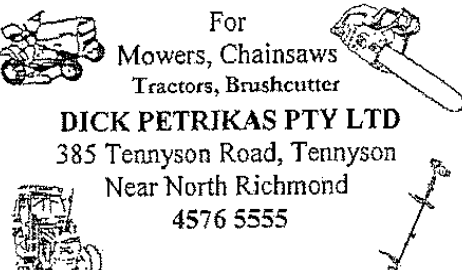
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