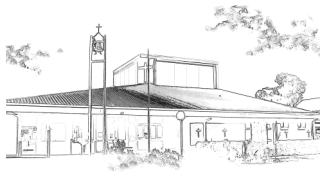


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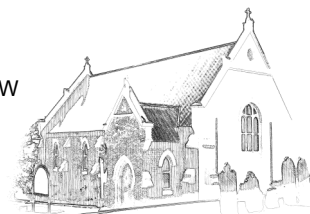
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 3/4 August 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O God, come to my assistance: O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54
The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry: whoever believes in me will never thirst.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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.

What is the longest word in English?

I have no idea.

But my hilarious friend pointed out to me that you and I, along with the many Catholics, have already used the longest word in the English language. According to him the longest word goes as follows: "BlessusOhLord,andtheseThygifts,Whichweareabouttoreceive,fromThybounty,throughChristOurLord". Apparently, while praying before meals, a hungry Catholic can say up to ten words per second," he concluded with a smile.

Hunger always catches our attention. Our immediate hunger for material food often blurs and obscures the deeper and more intense hunger within our human heart—the hunger for God. The hunger for God remains often in the background as a nagging and restlessness, like the homing device God placed in us, orienting us back to God who alone can fill us. This is the hunger that Jesus addressed in the Gospel for this weekend. Jesus reminds us: "He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst."

"Eating," in the Gospel of John is a symbol of "faith". We eat since we trust the one Who provides. Our relationship with Jesus must be even more frequent than our relationship with the food that keeps our bodies alive. In the Holy Eucharist Jesus takes us from earthly food to the food that satisfies our hunger for God. Let us allow ourselves to be fed and nourished by the True and Living Bread from heaven.

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Prayer for Vocations ..

Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous 'Yes'.

Make our Diocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your gift with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.

Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste life, permanent deacons and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church,

We commend our prayer for vocations to You Father through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Parramatta Diocese



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last chance today Sunday 4 August to get a bargain at the books, plants and white elephant stalls. They will be open following 7.30am Mass until 3pm. Don't miss out!

Welcome Fr. Chris Dixon who joins us at 7.30 & 9.30 Masses this weekend and next. Thank you Fr. Chris.

Thank You to all who tend our gardens and grounds. Unfortunately, we have had some plants removed from garden beds and pot plants. Our security surveillance cameras are active hopefully deterring any further damage.

Mark the date: Sunday September 22, Bishop Vincent will install Fr Raymond as our Parish Priest at the 9.30am Mass, which will be followed by morning tea.

Emmaus Room: Due to the floor needing repair, the **Emmaus Meeting Room** will not be available for use between **August 6 – Aug 10** inclusive. Please contact the Parish office if you have any concerns re this arrangement.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Tuesday 6 August The Transfiguration of the Lord.**
- **Thursday 8 August Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** Mass at St Monica's 9am.
- **Friday 9 August Anointing of the Sick** during 9am Mass at St Monica's.
- **Saturday 10 August Saint Lawrence.**

St Monica's Working Bee: To have St Monica's looking sparkling for Fr Raymond's installation, there is a planned **WORKING BEE** scheduled for **Saturday 21 SEPTEMBER, 9am – 1pm**, with a sausage sizzle to finish the work.

Windows to be cleaned, gutters to be cleared, gardens spruced up & lawns to be mown. If you can assist, even with an hour of your time, please contact Mary McGuinness.



National Vocations Awareness Week 4 - 11 August ..

During this week, you are invited to pray about how God is calling you to live out your vocation more deeply. We pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life for the Church in Australia.

We pray in thanksgiving for all who have led us in faith particularly our Priests and Religious.

'Vocations are born in prayer and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit' Pope Francis.

Sacraments News.

Enrolments for First Holy Communion are now open until the end of August. Please note the date for the **Commitment ceremony (24th & 25th August) and Parent Information Evening. 5th September at 7pm St Monica's church. Use the QR code to enrol.**



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

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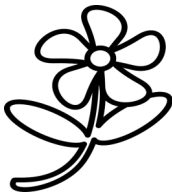
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**11 September
at 7pm.**

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES:

If interested in having a loved one remembered in the Parish Memorial Garden please print on an envelope, **the name of the person/s**, also **the name & phone number of the person placing the order.**



To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door.**

Looking for a Sign

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35 (NIV)

Based on John 6:24-35 (NIV)



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 Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Bishop Kevin Manning, Lorraine Gove, Jozef Zalic, Ruth Maystone, Betty Dick, Savaria Grech, Barry Wall, Norman Boland, Winifred Gavin, Martin Deguara, Marco Dodds Snr

... and those we remember at this time:

Michael Grech, Grazio & Maria Grima, Frank Cauchi, Phyllis Deguara, Joseph Vella, Philip Vassallo, Carmen & Joseph Teuma, Marta & George Schembri, Jan Denny, Glenn Denny, Joseph Baldacchino, Felix Aquilina, Mary Aquilina, Con Mavro, Kathy Mavro, John Steiner, Fred Cashsa, Mary Moloney, Alan Moloney, Beverley Riley, Joe Vella, Salvina Camilleri, Bob Garrick, Carina Camilleri, Peter Mifsud, Cristiano Baganara

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Bob Camilleri, Peter Micallef, Jan Thompson, Tom Hamilton, Loretta Blumenthal, Paul Refalo, Anna Papallo, Camelia Thompson, Maria Polito, Endora Au, 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: Cycle 2 Safeguarding Training on Saturday, August 24 at 10am in the Emmaus Room. Please RSVP by email to Teshana at the Parish office at admin@parishofrichmond.org.au or phone her on 02 4578 1410.

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 12 August in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

10/11 August 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - M. McMahon C. Hession
7.30am - T. Maguire A. Edwards
9.30am - E. Esposito K. Brough
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti E. Teuma

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - P. Hession J. Chapman
7.30am - M. Fenech A. Burnett
9.30am - N. Esposito C. Hey
5.30pm - S. Nash J. Morley

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - C. Fleetwood A. Vincent
7.30am - R. Ujmiak
9.30am - D. Murphy P. Beirne
5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - S & H. Barglik
7.30am -
9.30am - C. Murphy M. Hoffman
5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - M. Saliba
5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C. Saliba
Cleaners - M. Jansen T. Reckless
A. Edwards A. Senn

Counters

04 Aug - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
11 Aug - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER Monday 5 August 2024

Reader - M. Breaden
EMoHC - H. Convey
Wednesday 7 August 2024
Reader - L. Sheffield
EMoHC - A. Moloney
Friday 9 August 2024
Reader - D. Bowles
EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 10 August 2024

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 11 August 2024

Readers

8.00am - P. Hurst J. Wall M. Ryan
Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher C. Byatt
Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - P. Waterford

Data Projector - A. Drew

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - D. Grima

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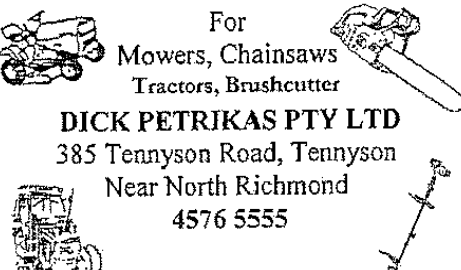
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