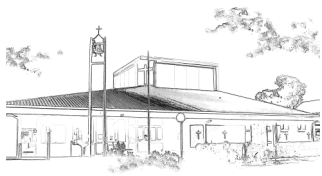


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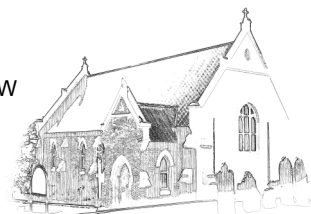
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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 24/25 August 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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.

ST GREGORY THE GREAT

“Not Angles but Angels”. I still remember hearing this in a history lesson in primary school. St Gregory was supposed to have said this when he saw a number of Anglo-Saxon slaves in a Roman market place, and this inspired him to send St Augustine to England to convert the pagan Anglo-Saxons to Christianity.

St Gregory was born about 540 and spent many years as a monk before becoming Pope.

He is the only pope between the fifth and the eleventh centuries whose correspondence and writings have survived enough to form a comprehensive corpus. His writings include sermons, dialogues, commentaries and many letters (over 850).

The mainstream form of Western plainchant was attributed to him which is why it is called Gregorian chant. He also made many revisions to the liturgy and much of the Mass as we know it today was the result of his work.

He was Bishop of Rome from September 590 to his death in 604. He is best known for his missionary endeavours and is credited with re-energising the Church's missionary work among the non-Christian people of northern Europe. His most famous mission was to the Anglo –Saxon pagans of Britain under St Augustine of Canterbury.

Gregory is commonly credited with founding the medieval papacy and many attribute the beginning of medieval spirituality to him-

St Gregory truly deserves the title “the Great”.
Jackie Wall.

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COME CELEBRATE OUR FEAST DAYS

Tuesday - August 27: Feast of St Monica. Mass 9am-School attending. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Emmaus Room. Come and join us as we pray for our Parish.

Saturday - August 31 Celebrate the Feast of St Gregory which falls on September 3. It was considered that more Parishioners may be able to attend and pray as a community.

Readings will be from the Feast of St Gregory.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fathers Day: Sunday September 1. We will pray for all Fathers at all Masses on this weekend, Perhaps you would like to make a card or bring a flower and place it at the Altar. A special Blessing for Fathers will be included in the Mass.

Congratulations to Pauleen West who has been awarded Senior Winner of North Western Sydney Region NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. Pauleen was nominated by Ron Middleton RSL VC Gardens, Nth Richmond. Thank you Pauleen you are a true inspiration. May God Bless you.

Mark the date: Sunday September 22, Bishop Vincent will install Fr Raymond Parish Priest at the

R.C.I.A will commence on Monday September 30. Please invite anyone you feel might be interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and offer to bring them to the meeting at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. We will outline the programme & give a timeline.

ACBC 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement:

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has formally launched its 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, Truth & Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World'. In the statement, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our own troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. Download your copy of the Statement and a range of resources by visiting <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal supporting our retired priests:

Father's Day, let us show our thanks and appreciation for our priests' lifelong gifts of faithful service. They have dedicated their lives to guiding us spiritually and emotionally, often at great personal sacrifice. Your compassionate donation cares for our clergy's health and wellbeing during sickness and retirement. Please give generously to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal at parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan this QR code. Thank you.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 27 August Saint Monica.**
- **Wednesday 28 August Saint Augustine.**
- **Thursday 29 August The Passion of Saint John the Baptist.**



Save the date: Wednesday 18th September.

Richmond/Windsor View Club is hosting a Fashion Parade & High Tea in aid of "LEARNING FOR LIFE", programs for underprivileged children. St Monica's Old Church. RSVP by 09/09/2024 Trish 0417 010 619.

Parish Ministry Training:

Emmaus meeting Room 5 – 6.30pm

For **Readers: Tuesday Sept 17th**

For **Ministers of Holy Communion: Tuesday Oct 15th**

If interested, contact Parish Office.

Diocesan Workshop @ Blacktown:

Children's Liturgy. Thurs 19th Sept, 7 – 8.30pm

If interested, see flyer displayed in foyer.

Sacraments News.

First Holy Communion enrolments closing soon, see QR code or Parish website for Link under Sacramental Program. **PARENT Information evening**—7pm Thursday 5th September.

Sunday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wed	Thursday	Friday
St Gregs	St Monicas	3.45pm	3.45pm	7pm	3.45pm	7pm	4.30pm
Following 8am Mass	Following 9.30am Mass	Emmaus Room	Emmaus Room	Emmaus Room	Emmaus Room	Emmaus Room	Emmaus Room

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 11 Sept 2024 at 7pm.

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

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 McGuiness.



No Turning Back

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. John 6:67-68 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 6:60-69



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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Tony Vella, Vincent Maguire, Bishop Kevin Manning, Lorraine Gove, Jozef Zalic, Ruth Maystone, Betty Dick, Savaria Grech, Barry Wall, Norman Boland, Winifred Gavin

... and those we remember at this time:

Bill McMahon, Charlie Refalo, Mary Josie Horan, Sr Carmel Martin osc, Annie Collinson, John Head, James Head, Alice (Billy) Head, Josef Somi, Josephine & Gerald Vella, 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

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Bob Camilleri, Peter Micallef, 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:

Congratulations to the wonderful people who came to our Safeguarding Training Day and completed their Cycle 2 Safeguarding Training!
 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 9 September in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
31/01 September 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
 7.30am - A. Dunbar M. Fenech
 9.30am - C. Hey L. Sheffield
 5.30pm - T. Galino S. Tyler

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli
 7.30am - A. Burnett L. Attard
 9.30am - H. Convey A. Aquilina
 5.30pm - T. Scopelliti A. Duarte

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
 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 S. Borg
 9.30am - O & M. Saliba
 5.30pm - C. Murphy

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
 7.30am - J. Cauchi
 9.30am - M. Breaden
 5.30pm - J. Morley

Children's Liturgy

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

Counters

25 Aug - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
 01 Sep - C. Barber F. Pausanos
 C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 26 August 2024

Reader - A. Copland
 EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 28 August 2024

Reader - A. Moloney
 EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 30 August 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield
 EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 31 August 2024

Reader - P. Humphrey
 EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 1 September 2024

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan I. Galea T. Misdom
Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan A. Vincent

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 23 August:



The fragrance of Christ emanates from the "fruits of the Spirit," which are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22). How wonderful it is to meet someone who possesses these virtues!