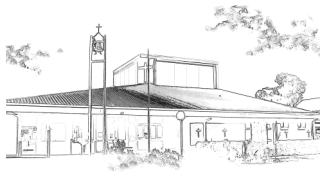


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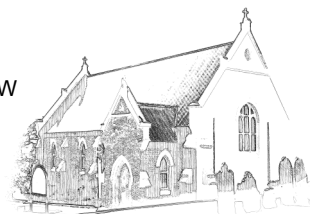
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## Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 31/1 September

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### SECOND READING: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

### Saint Monica

This week, we honour Saint Monica, the mother of one of the greatest saints in the history of the Church: Saint Augustine. Born in Algiers in 331 A.D., Monica was raised in a Christian home but was given in marriage to a pagan named Patrick. Her married life was challenging due to Patrick's violent temper, infidelity, and his refusal to baptise their children. Despite these difficulties, Monica's deep faith and unwavering prayer life drove her to fervently pray for her family's conversion. Her persistent prayers were answered a year before Patrick's death in 370 A.D., when both he and his mother were converted and baptised.

Monica's trials extended to her son, Augustine, who, at age 19 while studying in Carthage, joined the heretical Manichean sect. In her distress, Monica initially expelled him from their home but was later reconciled with him after receiving a vision that assured her he would return to the faith.

For seventeen years, Monica prayed and fasted for Augustine's return, following him to Rome and then Milan. In 387 A.D., under the guidance of Saint Ambrose, Augustine reconciled his intellectual struggles with his faith, converted to Christianity and received baptism. Augustine's book, *Confessions*, recounts the profound influence his mother had on his spiritual journey.

Saint Monica's life was marked by hardship and sorrow, yet she remained steadfast in her devotion to prayer and virtuous living. She is revered as a model of patience and hope, especially for those who have loved ones who have strayed from the faith.

Jacqui Morley

### 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.*

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The [2024 Kids' Voices art competition](#) underpins our commitment to zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person. The competition aims to engage children and young people in our community about safeguarding by giving them a voice.  
Hurry, voting closes Sunday 1 September.  
Find out more at [www.parracatholic.org/peoples-choice](http://www.parracatholic.org/peoples-choice)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Father's Day:** We wish all Fathers a very Happy day and ask God's blessing on you all.

**Thank you** to Fr Gayan and the Augustinian Priests who have helped us during Fr Raymond's holiday. A special thanks to Fr Shinto for his dedication during this period. May God bless you all.

**Thank you** to Zac and Liz Culican for organising and hosting the Office for Safeguarding Training and light refreshments for the day.

**Bishop's Father's Day Appeal** will be taken up today at all Masses as you leave the Church.

**Anointing of the Sick** will take place during the 9am Mass on Friday 13 September.

**Mark the date:** Sunday 22 September, Bishop Vincent will install Fr Raymond Parish Priest at the 9.30am Mass, which will followed by morning tea. It is anticipated we will have additional visitors in the Parish for Fr Raymond's installation, to assist with catering for the morning tea **you might like to bring a plate.** Thanks for your help.

**R.C.I.A** will commence on Monday 30 September. 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.



## PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 3 September Saint Gregory the Great.**

### St Monica's Working Bee

To have St Monica's looking sparkling for Fr Raymond's installation by Bishop Vincent, there is a planned **WORKING BEE** scheduled for **SEPTEMBER 21: 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. **FOR PLANNING THE JOBS & CATERING, WE NEED TO KNOW ASAP WHO CAN ATTEND.** If you can assist, even with an hour of your time, please contact Mary McGuinness or the Parish Office.



### Parish Ministry Training:

*Emmaus meeting Room 5 – 6.30pm*

For **Readers:** Tuesday 17 Sept.

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

If interested, contact Parish Office.

Diocesan Workshop @ Blacktown:

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

If interested, see flyer displayed in foyer.

**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.

## Sacraments News.

**Holy Communion enrolments are closing on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
use QR code seen here.

Enrolments MUST be received before closing date.

**Parent Information evening 7pm St Monica's church Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**



## 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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[admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**11 September  
2024 at 7pm.**

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

*A Prayer for Christian Fathers ..*

Heavenly Father,  
 you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
 the child of Mary,  
 to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
 Bless all fathers as they care for their families.  
 Give them strength and wisdom,  
 tenderness and patience;  
 support them in the work they have to do,  
 protecting those who look to them,  
 as we look to you for love and salvation,  
 through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.  
 Amen. Author Unknown

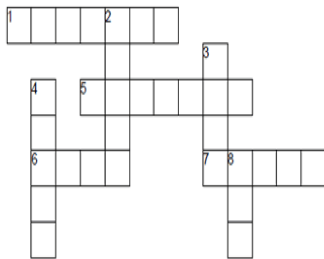
**Clean or Unclean?**

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" Mark 7:5 (NIV)

Based on Mark 7:1-7, 14-15, 21-23 (NIV)



Mark 7:1-8;  
 14-15; 21-23



**ACROSS**

- 1. To express love and adoration toward God
- 5. Something that is dirty or soiled
- 6. The two edges of flesh around the mouth
- 7. The center of your emotion, I love you with all my \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOWN**

- 2. The body part at the end of the arms that includes the fingers
- 3. To make something clean using soap and water
- 4. The accepted way that things should be done
- 8. To take food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow

LIPS	EAT	WASH	UNCLEAN
HEART	WORSHIP	HANDS	RULES

**STEWARDSHIP:**

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 Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**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:**

Sam & Mary Cremona, Douglas Powers, Joe Vella, Angelo Vella, Grezzju Camilleri, 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

**We Prayerfully Remember the Sick**

Fiona Daley, Anna Papallo, 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:**

**Congratulations** to those 26 parishioners who completed Cycle 2 of their Safeguarding last Saturday, 24 August with Maria Kervin. I would also like to congratulate the 5 parishioners who completed Cycle 2 Safeguarding training online or at another venue. We appreciate the commitment you are making to safeguarding our parish.

Zac Culican

Safeguarding Champion, Parish of Richmond.

**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 9th September in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



# NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

7/8 September 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B

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## St Monica's

### Readers

6.00pm - L. O'Brien  
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 - D. Grima V. Muscat  
7.30am - M. Fenech A. Burnett  
9.30am - N. Esposito C. Hey  
5.30pm - S. Nash J. Morley

### Minister at the Altar

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

### Junior Ministers

6.00pm - L. Sultana  
7.30am -  
9.30am - C. Murphy M. Hoffman  
5.30pm -

### Data Projector

6.00pm - R. Ingram  
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

01 Sep - C. Barber F. Pausanos  
C. Thompson  
08 Sep - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

### WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 2 September 2024

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 4 September 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 6 September 2024

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

## St Gregory's

Saturday 7 September 2024

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 8 September 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

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