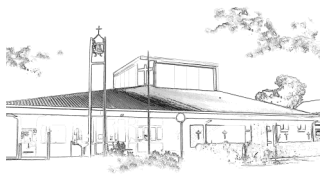


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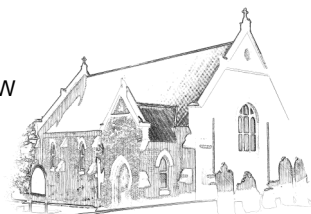
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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 7/8 September 2024

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:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

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.



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of Creatures. The times we live in show that we are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used.

And yet, there is hope and the expectation for a better future. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but rather groaning, crying, and actively striving for new life amidst the struggles. Just as in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life springs forth.

"We are called to be responsible stewards and citizens as we care for and sustain the earth which belongs to the Lord. This is hope in action as we pray and yearn for a better and safer world for all people and creation. We each need to do our part for creation care."

Rev. Dr Jerry Pillay, World Council of Churches General Secretary.

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R.C.I.A will commence on Monday 30th September in the Emmaus Room.

Are you unsure? Hear the words of Jesus 'Do not be afraid' There is no obligation. When the disciples asked Jesus 'Master where do you live?' The invitation was simple 'Come and See'.

This invitation is yours you will be most welcome to 'Come and See'. We will outline the programme and give a timeline. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be part of the support group.

To prepare for the meeting we will gather on Monday 23rd September at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. Thank you, once again for your support.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Home Fr Raymond. We trust you had a relaxing holiday with your family.

Bishops Father's Day Appeal: Thank you for your support, \$1789.35 has been forwarded on your behalf. Envelopes are still available should you wish to contribute.

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 be followed by morning tea. It is anticipated that 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.

Thank you to those who assisted with the emergency at 9.30 Mass last Sunday. It is reassuring to know we are in capable hands who are willing to respond when needed. May God bless you all.

St Vincent de Paul Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's on Friday 27 September at the 9am Mass. All welcome.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Friday 13 September Saint John Chrysostom.**

Diocesan Workshop @ Blacktown:

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

If interested, see flyer displayed in foyer.

Parish Ministry Training: Please note change of time. Emmaus meeting Room 5 – 6.30pm

For **Readers: Tuesday 17 Sept.**

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

If interested, contact Parish Office.

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.



Sacraments News.

First Holy Communion Enrolments are now closed for 2024.

First Reconciliation Ceremonies will be held on Wednesday 11 September and Thursday 12th September at 4pm (First Rite) and 7pm (Second Rite).

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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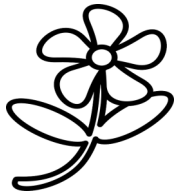
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**11 September
2024 at 7pm.**

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

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**.

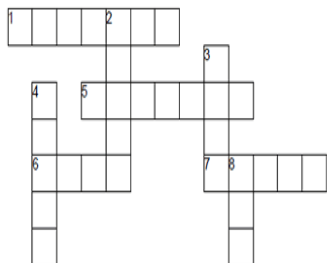


To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door**.

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)



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:

1st Collection: Our support for our clergy.
 2nd Collection: Our support for the parish community.
 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:

Joe Daley, Catherine Allen, Tony Vella, Vincent Maguire, Bishop Kevin Manning, Lorraine Gove, Jozef Zalic, Ruth Maystone, Betty Dick, Savaria Grech, Barry Wall

... and those we remember at this time:

Philip Azzopardi, 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

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Fiona Daley, Anna Papallo, Bob Camilleri, Peter Micallef, Tom Hamilton, Loretta Blumenthal, Paul Refalo, 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



We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

Cycle 1 Safeguarding Training on Saturday, 15 February, 2025. Please register with the Parish office admin@parishofrichmond.org.au.

The course will start at 10.00am and conclude at 3.30pm with morning tea and a light lunch served.

Alternatively the training can be completed online at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/>

All parish volunteers must be trained in Safeguarding.

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
14/15 September 2024
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - M. McMahon C. Hession
 7.30am - S. Duff M. McMahon
 9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea
 5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - P. Hession J. Chapman
 7.30am - A. Burnett A. Dunbar
 9.30am - M. Mizzi Z. Culican
 5.30pm - S. Nash A. Duarte

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - C. Fleetwood A. Vincent
 7.30am - C. Fleetwood K. Bauer
 9.30am - A. Brailey
 5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - S. Barglik H. Barglik
 7.30am -
 9.30am -
 5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
 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

08 Sep - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
 15 Sep - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 9 September 2024

Reader - F. Crew
 EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 11 September 2024

Reader - A. Aquilina
 EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 13 September 2024

Reader - D. Bowles
 EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 14 September 2024

Reader - M. Ryan
 EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 15 September 2024

Readers

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

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan A. Vincent
Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Data Projector - H. Gillies

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

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