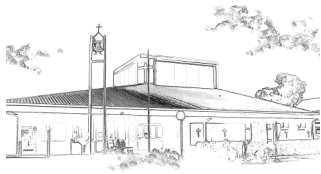


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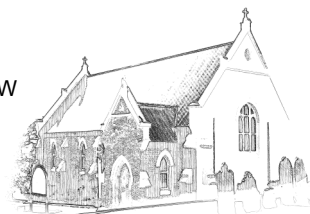
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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 14/15 September 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the Land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread we break is a sharing in the Body of 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

RETREAT: MY HOLIDAY SOUL SEARCHING TIME ..

Hello Everyone,

Holiday for busy people is an extended but very precious period of leisure, rest, and recreation, which is spent away from that which makes you busy for the purpose of being with family, friends, and/or for travelling. However, my annual retreat stole the show for my holiday this year. This is because in this special betwixt and between my being a diocesan priest or remaining a religious priest, I decided to have this year's retreat with the Spiritans (the group I intend to leave) in Nigeria.

The retreat was a soul-searching moment for me which was aimed at helping me to tell my vocation story by myself, bond for the first time in 20 years with the Spiritans of the Southeastern part of Nigeria in prayer, Eucharist, reflection, and social fraternity. It was also a separation catch-up with my fellow Spiritans, and it really achieved the purpose I designed for it. The retreat also reconnected me with my religious missionary root, opened my eyes and ears to the day-to-day plight of the priests and people in Nigeria, the problems and challenges of community life, the difficulties of some individual priests, and it also added more reasons to strengthen the big vocation decision I am about to make.

As Jesus asked his disciples "who do you say I am" (Matt 8:27-28), He wants us to set aside a soul-searching moment of personal retreat to reflect and to recognise how important Jesus' identity is for our faith. Let us grow closer to Christ and strengthen our commitment to following Him through this good Christian practice of soul-searching RETREATS.

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You are invited to attend The installation of Fr Raymond Uguw as Parish Priest of the Parish of Richmond by Bishop Vincent Long.

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER, 9.30AM Mass at St Monica's Richmond.

Morning Tea to follow - Please bring a plate.

Please note: There will be NO 8am Mass at St Gregory's on the 22nd September.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Joe Daley will take place Tuesday 17th September at 11am at St Monica's. May he rest in peace.

Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Jim Coyle will take place on Monday 23rd September at 10am at St Monica's. May he rest in peace.

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.

Baptism Anniversary Mass: To celebrate all 2023 baptisms, you are invited to an Anniversary Mass, 9.30am on Sunday 29th September at St Monica's. Please bring along the baptismal candle to Mass for a special blessing. Please RSVP your attendance to areimer@parra.catholic.edu.au

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.

Sacraments News.

Congratulations to all the children who made their First Reconciliation this past week.

First Holy Communion classes begin from Sunday 13th October. Watch this space.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Monday 16 September Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian.**
- **Friday 20 September Saints Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions.**
- **Saturday 21 September Saint Matthew.**

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

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 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.

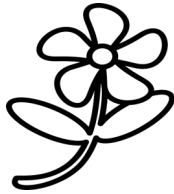
Marriage
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**PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
9 October at 7pm.**

**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.**

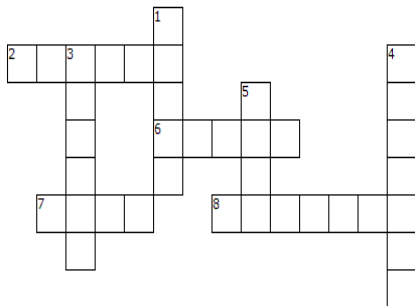


To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door.**

Take Up Your Cross

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Mark 8:34b (NIV)

Based on Mark 8:27-38



ACROSS

- To experience injury, pain, or death
- The evil enemy of God; the leader of the fallen angels
- The spiritual part of a person which exists after death
- The expected savior of the world

DOWN

- The object upon which Jesus was crucified
- To take someone as our leader or model
- A person who speaks for God
- To keep something from harm or loss

SUFFER	SATAN	SOUL	CROSS
MESSIAH	PROPHET	FOLLOW	SAVE

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:

Lorna Nash, Jim Coyle, Joe Daley, Catherine Allen, Tony Vella, Vincent Maguire, Bishop Kevin Manning, Lorraine Gove, Jozef Zalic, Ruth Maystone, Betty Dick

... and those we remember at this time:

Xerri & Azzopardi Family, Saviour Vassallo, Alexander & Pawla Muscat, Pawlu & Carmen Vassallo, 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

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Bill Burnett, David Kersivien, Fiona Daley, Anna Papallo, Bob Camilleri, Peter Micallef, Tom Hamilton, Loretta Blumenthal, Paul Refalo, Camelia Thompson, Maria Polito, Endora Au, Drago Gracner, Maria Cracner, Delina Galea, Yvette Brander, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Helen Kenny, Peter Johnson



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 14 October in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
21/22 September 2024
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
 7.30am - S. Duff A. Tabone
 9.30am - L. Sheffield M. Mizzi
 5.30pm - T. Scopelliti T. Ross

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli
 7.30am - M. Fenech A. Dunbar
 9.30am - A. Aquilina J. Cauchi
 5.30pm - D. D'Mello J. Morley

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
 7.30am - C. Fleetwood
 9.30am - C. Pritchard
 5.30pm - R. Ujmiak

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - L. Sultana
 7.30am -
 9.30am - C & E. Cauchi S. Borg
 5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
 7.30am - M. McMahon
 9.30am - M. McGuinness
 5.30pm - A. Papallo

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - M & M. Pastors

Cleaners - K. Murphy C. Sultana
 A. Edwards

Counters

15 Sep - F. Crew T. Misdorn M. Want
 22 Sep - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 16 September 2024

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 18 September 2024

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 20 September 2024

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 21 September 2024

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 22 September 2024

Readers

8.00am - L. Ducksbury M. Mooney A. Drew

Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smiroldo

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

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Pope Francis @Pontifex 10 September:



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