# The Parish of Richmond



St Monica's Church Cnr Windsor & Bourke Sts RICHMOND, NSW

St Gregory's Church 5 Old Bells Line of Rd KURRAJONG NSW St John of God Chapel 177 Grose Vale Rd NORTH RICHMOND, NSW

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# **Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 21/22 September 2024**

#### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

I am the Salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20** Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 53:3-6, 8 The Lord upholds my life.

**SECOND READING: James 3:16 - 4:3** Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

#### GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

## **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.

#### INSTALLATION OF FR. RAYMOND IN THE PARISH OF RICHMOND

The rite of **presenting a new parish priest** is a public ceremony in which the bishop or his delegate confirms the appointment of the priest into his new role as the pastor of souls for a particular parish. This occasion often fills me with mixed feelings of joy and sadness.

When the bishop told me that he will be happy to appoint me the parish priest of this parish for six years, I entertained fear about how huge this responsibility of "**fully caring for souls**" is. It is a responsibility of leading and directing the affairs of the church, providing pastoral care and counselling, preaching and teaching God's words and catholic doctrine, nurturing the spiritual growth and worship for the people of God, celebrating the sacraments, and building relationships where everyone feels included, accepted, and belonging.

Coincidentally, the diocesan pastoral plan theme: "**Behold, I am with you always**" (Matt 28:20), assuaged my fears, and assured me of God's direct presence, enlightenment, guidance, and protection in this new role of leading and serving you all with love, compassion, and understanding.

Let us respond boldly to the call of the Holy Spirit and to the needs of our parish. As we seek to become one big and happy synodal parish, let us aspire to realise the seven pillars of our parish and the five priority areas in our diocesan plan in this new chapter of our parish life. Let us be patient with our priest, support his pastoral plans and good decisions/ideas; tell him your name and ministry you belong to, and do not compare him to your former pastors for he is unique. Thanks for your support so far, and don't forget that: **God is with us always**.

Fr. Raymond C. Ugwu, C.S.Sp.

#### **PARISH TEAM**

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Find us on Facebook We congratulate and pray with Fr. Raymond Ugwu as he is installed as Parish Priest of the Parish of Richmond by Bishop Vincent Long **TODAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22 at** 

9.30AM Mass

St Monica's Richmond

Morning Tea to follow in the Old Church.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Requiem Mass** for the repose of the soul of John Healy will take place on Tuesday 24th September at 10am at St Gregory's. May he rest in peace.

**Requiem Mass** for the repose of the soul of Paul Refalo will take place on Thursday 26th September at 11am at St Monica's. May he rest in peace.

**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

#### **PARISH DIARY DATES**



- Monday 23 September Saint Pius of Pietrelcina.
- Friday 27 September Saint Vincent de Paul.

**Thank You** to all who have helped prepare for today's celebration, cleaners, gardeners, musicians, liturgy and morning tea. Your dedication to serving our community is inspiring. 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 Ministry Training: Please note change of time. *Emmaus meeting Room* 6.30 - 8pm For *Ministers of Holy Communion*: Tuesday 15 Oct. If interested, contact Parish Office.

#### COMMENCING NEXT MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30 THE Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A)

invites anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith to 'COME – LISTEN and LEARN' There is NO obligation. The meeting will commence at 7pm in the Emmaus Rood. A meeting of those who have offered to support those interested will be held TOMORROW evening, Monday 23 September 7pm in the Emmaus Room. Parishioners are asked to pray for those making enquiry and the team as they commence this new journey of Faith.

#### Sacraments News.

Schedule for First Holy Communion. Reminder! Please email an image of your child with their name to sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au

St Gregory's Sunday after 8am Mass	St Monica's Sunday after 9.30am Mass	Monday 3.45 Emmaus Room	Tuesday 3.45pm Emmaus room	Tuesday 7pm Emmaus Room	Wednesday 3.45pm Emmaus Rm	Thursday 7pm Emmaus Room	Friday 4.30pm Emmaus Room
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#### PARISH MASS TIMES

**St Monica's** Saturday: 6.00pm Sunday: 7.30am,

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

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 <u>print on an envelope</u>, the name of the person/s, also the name & phone number of the person placing the order.



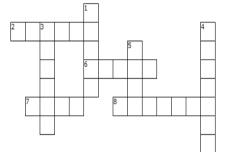
To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the

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

- 2. To experience injury, pain, or death
- 6. The evil enemy of God; the leader of the fallen angels
- 7. The spiritual part of a person which exists after death

SUFFER

MESSIAH

8. The expected savior of the world

SATAN

PROPHET

DOWN

SOUL

FOLLOW

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

Parish Morning Tea

CROSS

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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:

Joseph Baldacchino, 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

#### 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



**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 <a href="https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/">https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training/</a> All parish volunteers must be trained in Safeguarding.

Zac Culican - Safeguarding Champion-Parish of Richmond.

#### **REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES**

Rosary

St Monica's

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

Hobartville. **Table Tennis** fortnightly on Monday's 5-7pm in the Old Church.

First Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for

vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave,

After 9.30am Mass every fourth Sunday

of the month at St Monica's & every

second Sunday of the month at

**Body of Christ Prayer Group** 

St Gregory's after 8am Mass

#### **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 28/29 September 2024 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Year B

## 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. Muscat 7.30am - A. Burnett A. Dunbar 9.30am - M. Portelli Z. Culican 5.30pm - S. Nash A. Duarte Minister at the Altar 6.00pm - A. Moloney 7.30am - K. Bauer 9.30am - A. Brailey 5.30pm - P. Delahav Junior Ministers 6.00pm -9.30am -5.30pm -Data Projector 6.00pm - M. Breaden 7.30am - C. Thompson 9.30am - L. Culican 5.30pm - Choir members Children's Liturgy 9.30am -Cleaners - C & A. Salkeld O. Nkwocha A. Edwards P. Vella

**Counters** 22 Sep - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman 29 Sep - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER Monday 23 September 2024 Reader - A. Copland EMOHC - M. McMahon Wednesday 25 September 2024 Reader - A. Moloney EMOHC - M. McMahon Friday 27 September 2024 Reader - D. Bowles EMOHC - M. Ryan



Saturday 28 September 2024 Reader - P. Humphrey EMOHC - F. Crew Sunday 29 September 2024 Readers 8.00am - N. Fienberg P. Humphrey C. Smiroldo Minister at the Altar - C. Byatt Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion 8.00am - A. Drew Data Projector - M. Ryan Altar Preparation - N. Fienberg

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**Pope Francis @Pontifex 20 September:** Prayer opens a sliver of light even in the densest darkness. "Lord, help me!" is a cry that opens up that path. <u>#YearOfPrayer</u>