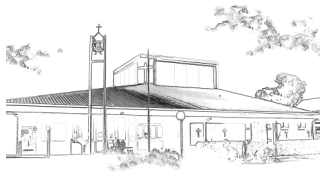


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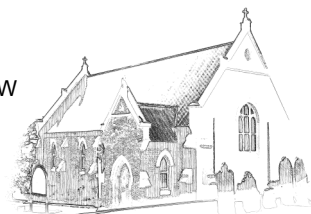
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## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 9/10 November 2024

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

The poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

### 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.



### DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN REPORT - PART 2: "BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

The plan for a synodal church was launched on 10th August 2024. A synodal church is a church that listens and "walks together" for conversion, **along with a new style of thinking, speaking & behaving.** It is a change from a more authoritarian and unidirectional formation to a more reciprocal mode.

Pope Francis called in 2015 for a "Synodal church". For the pope, "a Synodal church is a church that listens!! **listening is more than simply just hearing.** It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the bishops, all listening to each other and all listening to the Holy Spirit the spirit of truth. **The synod of churches is the point of convergence of this listening process conducted at every level of the church's life.**

#### 7 PRINCIPALS OF THE PLAN

- ◆ Action of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Baptism
- ◆ The Sensus Fide
- ◆ People of God walking together
- ◆ The Diversity of gifts and Charisms
- ◆ A communal approach when making decisions.
- ◆ Relationships - how we see the world and creation.

#### The Importance of style

Going back to Gods Style which is closeness compassion and tender love. God has always operated that way. If we do not become a compassionate church, a church of closeness, we will not be the lord's church. Not only with words but by a presence that can weave greater bonds of friendship with society and the world. A church that does not stand aloof from life but immerses itself in today's **very real and everyday problems and needs, bandaging wounds and healing broken hearts with the balm of God.** We must not forget gods style which must help us to be close to each other, compassionate, and loving at the forefront.

By: Bernadette Xuereb

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## ADVENT GROUPS:

I would like to host facilitate join a small group. Suitable day: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

I would like to purchase an Advent Reflection Book \$5.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** to all who attended the Volunteers gathering last Friday evening. It is always good to take time to meet one another on a social level, catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances. Thank you to those who prepared the meal especially the Bede Polding Students who did an excellent job on the BBQ and hospitality.

**Bishop's Christmas Appeal** will be held weekend 30 Nov/1 Dec. Thank you for your continued support.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)** will meet tomorrow Monday 11th November, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

**Piety Stall:** Christmas gift ideas. 2024 Calendars \$10.00 each. Christmas cards \$5.00 for a pkt of 8. God's Word, a daily reflection book \$20.00 each. Also available at St Gregory's.

## PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Monday 11 November Saint Martin of Tours.**
- **Tuesday 12 November Saint Josaphat.**

**Thank you:** As we congratulate our young people who are making their First Holy Communion today we thank all who have prepared them for this special occasion. We particularly thank Parents, Godparents, Carers and Group Facilitators. A special vote of thanks goes to Maria Boyd, our Sacramental Co-ordinator. Many have worked behind the scenes to prepare the liturgy, the Church and surroundings to ensure that this is a day to rejoice for the whole community. Congratulations one and all!

**Funeral Mass** for the late John Maguire will be held on Tuesday 12th November, 10.30am at St Monica's.

## HOSPITALITY THROUGH MINISTRY

**Hospitality is the act of creating a welcoming environment for everyone who comes through the doors, ensuring they feel part of the community, and providing support and assistance where needed.**

As a community, we need to develop our hospitality ministry, and we need more volunteers to succeed.

**Can you help us please?** The Hospitality Ministry needs:

- ◆ More greeters and ushers at each of the weekend Masses.
- ◆ Friendly & approachable individuals who can remember names easily.
- ◆ People who direct enquiries to key parish members.
- ◆ Those with attention to detail, patience, multitasking skills and a positive attitude.

**Your contribution will make a huge difference in creating a welcoming and supportive worshipping environment for everyone.**

*If you're interested in supporting the hospitality team sign the sheet available in the foyer, contact the parish office, speak to Father Raymond, Father Shinto or reach out to Mary McGuinness .*



## Sacraments News.

**Congratulations!** We pray in gratitude for these children who are welcoming Jesus into their hearts in a very special way for the first time, in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We give thanks for their families and the volunteers who give their time to work with the parents in preparing the children and those who assist in the church.

## 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

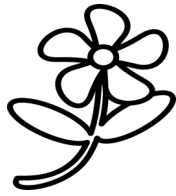
Strictly by appointment. A minimum  
of 6 months notice is required. All  
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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**13 November at  
7pm.  
Meeting Minutes  
available on notice  
boards in church  
foyers & parish  
website.**

### Memorial Mass.

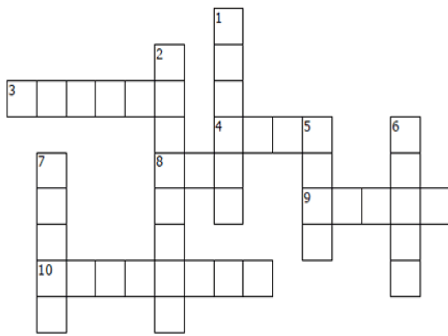
A special Memorial Mass will take place at St Monica's on Friday evening 29th November at 7pm. We particularly extend an invitation to all who have lost loved ones during this year. You may like to bring a flower which you will be invited to place at the Altar during the Mass. All are welcome.



### The Widow's Mite

But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Mark 12:42

Based on Mark 12:38-44



#### ACROSS

3. A reddish-brown metal which is sometimes used in making coins
4. Having little or no wealth
8. The entire amount; everything
9. A small piece of flat, circular metal, used for money
10. A contribution or gift made at a religious service

#### DOWN

1. A building used for worship
2. A place where funds are received, kept, and dispensed
5. Having great material wealth
6. The official currency issued by a government
7. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried

POOR	COINS	TREASURY	COPPER	TEMPLE
ALL	WIDOW	OFFERING	MONEY	RICH

### 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:

John Maguire, Thomas Furse, John McGregor, David Kersivien, Aaron Azzopardi, Angelo Grech, Paul Refalo, John Healy, Lorna Nash, Jim Coyle

### ... and those we remember at this time:

Throughout November we pray together with the whole Church for all who have died. 'It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' 2 Maccabees 12:46

### We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Sam Galea, Lily Vella, Bill Burnett, Fiona Daley, Anna Papallo, Bob Camilleri, Tom Hamilton, Loretta Blumenthal, Maria Polito, Endora Au, Drago Gracner, 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:

**Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35 yrs):** Parish of Richmond is dedicated to nurturing spiritual growth, fostering meaningful connections, and building lasting friendships within our youth community. Join us as we develop the Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35 yrs) and come along to our Information Night on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. Please register your availability at the QR code.



### REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

#### 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 11th November in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**16/17 November 2024**  
**33rd 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 M. McMahon  
 9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea  
 5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli  
 7.30am - A. Burnett A. Moloney  
 9.30am - M. Portelli Z. Culican  
 5.30pm - S. Nash C. Barber

**Minister at the Altar**

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak  
 7.30am - K. Bauer  
 9.30am - A. Brailey  
 5.30pm - P. Delahay

**Junior Ministers**

6.00pm - L. Sultana  
 7.30am -  
 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 - KA. Kemble

**Cleaners** - C & A. Salkeld O. Nkwocha  
 A. Edwards P. Vella

**Counters**

10 Nov - C. Barber F. Pausanos  
 C. Thompson  
 17 Nov - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 11 November 2024**

**Reader** - F. Crew

**EMoHC** - C. Nickle

**Wednesday 13 November 2024**

**Reader** - A. Aquilina

**EMoHC** - M. McMahon

**Friday 15 November 2024**

**Reader** - L. Sheffield

**EMoHC** - A. Aquilina

**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 16 November 2024**

**Reader** - F. Crew

**EMoHC** - M. Ryan

**Sunday 17 November 2024**

**Readers**

8.00am - C. Smiroldo P. Humphrey E. Leddy

**Minister at the Altar** - C. Byatt

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

8.00am - A. Drew

**Data Projector** - H. Gillies

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