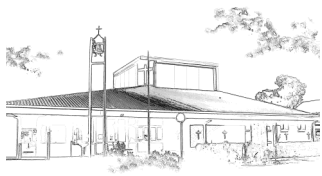


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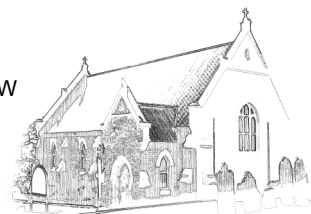
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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 16/17 November 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 15:5, 8-11

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says 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.*

EARTHQUAKES AND STORMS IN OUR LIVES

Hello everyone,

Earth tremors are often caused by the movements within the earth's crust. On November 12TH, 2024, the people of Maitland, NSW witnessed a 4.2 magnitude of sudden violent shaking of the ground. This reminds us of the 3.5 magnitude of earthquake which occurred in NSW in March 2024. These earthquakes often cause a great destruction of properties and loss of lives in some places.

In life, when our relationships, faith, heart desires, finances, and even morality are put to test, we may claim that we are experiencing some existential earthquakes or storms. But in the bible, poverty, death, famine, and natural disasters or destructions to properties could be seen as earthquakes or storms. Luke 21:11 tells us that: "there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines, and pestilences, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven". Whether our knowledge of earthquake is biblical, existential, or of any real location in the world, the fact remains that: earth tremors bring about a few difficulties and hardships to the human person.

Consequently, it is at this moment of great difficulties which causes fear that most powerful and generous nations and individuals do show their solidarity, love, and compassion with the people in need who have been greatly impacted in the wake of the earthquake or storm.

With strong faith and trust in God, people affected by these tragedies often come out of it stronger with the changes that accompany situations like these. Therefore, may these existential storms and earthquakes of our lives, help us to reflect on the end times and the hope we have in Christ. May they encourage us to stay faithful, knowing that God's promises will be fulfilled in the end.

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Christmas Mass Times ...

St Monica's: Tuesday December 24 6pm Vigil (Children's Mass)
Midnight Mass - Carols from 11.30pm
Wednesday December 25 7.30am & 9.30am

St Gregory's: Tuesday December 24 8pm Vigil Mass
Wednesday December 25 8am



2nd Rite of Reconciliation
St Monica's,
Richmond
Wednesday,
18 December
7.00pm.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 18th November, 7pm in the Emmaus Room.

Advent Groups will commence on Monday 25 November 7pm in the Emmaus Room & Tuesday 26 November 9.30am for 10am start.

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



- **Thursday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- **Friday 22 November Saint Cecilia.**

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!

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
enquiries please email:
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PARISH COUNCIL & PARISH FINANCE MEETING

joint end of year celebration.
11 Dec 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.



There's a Great Day Coming

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Mark 13:32 (NLT)



The puzzle is based on Mark 13:24-32

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... 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...
 Capri Briffa

...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 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 December in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
23/24 November 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Year B

 **St Monica's**

Readers

6.00pm - J. Xiberras A. Copland
7.30am - S. Duff A. Tabone
9.30am - L. Sheffield M. Mizzi
5.30pm - T. Ross

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - V. Muscat J. Muscat
7.30am - M. Fenech C. Thompson
9.30am - L. Ryan J. Cauchi
5.30pm - D. D'Mello J. Morley

Minister at the Altar

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

Junior Ministers

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

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - E. Choudhary
5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - M & M. Pastoors
Cleaners - K. Murphy C. Sultana
A. Edwards

Counters

17 Nov - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
24 Nov - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 18 November 2024

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - F. Crew

Wednesday 20 November 2024

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 22 November 2024

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

 **St Gregory's**

Saturday 23 November 2024

Reader - P. Humphrey

EMoHC - F. Crew

Sunday 24 November 2024

Readers

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

Minister at the Altar - A. Vincent

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smioldo

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - J. Dorahy

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Assisting the vulnerable is always a privilege, because theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven (Mt 5:3). Each time we approach a vulnerable person and offer our help, we have the opportunity to touch the flesh of Christ.