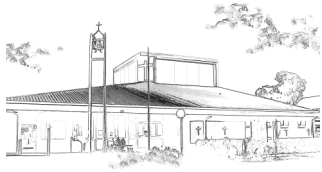


# The Parish of Richmond



**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

**St Monica's Primary School**  
32 Francis St RICHMOND NSW  
Ph: 4570 3700

**Parish Office**  
1A Bourke St RICHMOND NSW  
Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri  
9:30am-4pm  
Ph: 4578 1410  
[www.parishofrichmond.org.au](http://www.parishofrichmond.org.au)



## Third Sunday of Advent – Year C 14/15 December 2024

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.**

### FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6

**Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

### SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

*The Lord is near.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

*What, then must we do?*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

**Presider:** Shout for joy, all you people's of the earth!

**All:** *The Lord is coming!*

**Presider:** Rejoice and exult with all your heart!

**All:** *The Lord is very near!*

**Presider:** Have no fear, hold firm and take heart.

**All:** *Hope in the Lord!*



## THE JOY OF BEING RECONCILED WITH GOD AND NEIGHBOUR

Hello Everyone,

In the sacrament of reconciliation, penance, or confession, Catholics go to admit their personal sins to a priest, and thus, receive sacramental pardon and peace upon expressing contrition for their sins. This sacrament helps us to grow in holiness and virtue; and it imparts on us sinners the mercy, love and forgiveness of God who reconciles us with Himself and one another.

On Wednesday, this week at 7pm, we shall have our communal liturgical celebration of the second rite of the sacrament of penance; wherein we listen to the word of God, examine our conscience, reflect together on where and how we have fallen short of our baptismal commitment to follow Christ, and then make our individual confession of sins according to their kind and number, and so receive absolution after. Those going to confession can limit the time they spend with the confessor since it is not the first rite in which more time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available.

As we joyfully celebrate this third Sunday of Advent in which we are called to rejoice, repent, and be converted because the Lord is near; let us humble ourselves through this sacrament by approaching a confessor for God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us find joy and hope in the coming of the Lord, so that we shall know the fullness of God's grace and mercy. Let us in thanksgiving, praise and bless the presence of the Lord who reconciles us with Himself and one another; so that we can find joy and peace in His love, and so prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming.

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

### PARISH TEAM

#### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Raymond C. Ugwu CSSp  
[raymond.ugwu@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:raymond.ugwu@parishofrichmond.org.au)

#### ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Shinto Francis  
[shinto.francis@parracatholic.org](mailto:shinto.francis@parracatholic.org)

#### PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Teshana Laferla  
[admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)  
Celina Alcantara  
[finance@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:finance@parishofrichmond.org.au)

#### SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR

Maria Boyd  
[sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au)

#### PARISH CO-ORDINATOR OF MINISTRIES

Mary McGuinness  
[mary.mcguinness@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:mary.mcguinness@parishofrichmond.org.au)

#### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK CO-ORDINATOR

Angela Copland  
[angelacopland54@gmail.com](mailto:angelacopland54@gmail.com)

#### PRINCIPAL - ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

Melissa Beggs  
[StMonRic@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:StMonRic@parra.catholic.edu.au)



The Parish of Richmond

## Christmas Mass Times ...

**St Monica's:** Tuesday December 24 6pm Vigil (Children's Mass)

Midnight Mass - Readings and 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

**2025 rosters** are currently being developed. Please contact Mary asap of any necessary changes.

**The Christmas roster** is almost complete. One **Eucharistic Minister** needed for the **7.30am Mass @ St Monica's** If you can assist, please contact Mary McGuinness asap

**At St Monica's** a new sound mixer has just been installed. Please bear with us until the sound balance is perfected.

**THE Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A)** continues tomorrow evening Monday 16 December at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. All Welcome.

**Advent Groups continue TOMORROW** Monday 16 December 7pm and Tuesday 17 December meet at 9.30-10am start, in the Emmaus Room

**Catholic Outlook Magazine** is available in the church foyer. Please take your free copy today.

**Important happening today:** Following 9.30am Mass at St Monica's **TODAY** Sunday 15th December rehearsals continue for the presentation of the Nativity at the Vigil Mass, Christmas Eve 6pm. We need many helpers please come & join us. This is always a special event which brings much joy.

**Preparing to celebrate Christmas.** The Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Monica's **THIS WEDNESDAY** 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Extra opportunities for the First Rite will be available following 9am Mass Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Parking Reminder:** Please park in the marked bays only. It is imperative that the driveway be clear for emergency vehicles to access the Church.

**Stamps:** Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children. Thank you for your continued support.

### Thank you

- ◆ For your generous support of the St Vincent de Paul 'Gift Card' Appeal.
- ◆ Donations of Christmas cake to be distributed at the John Moroney Correctional Centre.
- ◆ Christmas Cards from which the children made greeting cards for those in Nursing Homes and Housebound.

**Parish of Richmond Census.** It has been many years since our Parish has conducted a census and it's time to update our records. We ask that everyone who is in our parish, to please complete our census form over the next weeks. In doing this, we help ensure that all our records are correct and up to date. The form can be completed by using the QR code below or via this link <https://forms.gle/yC61g4qSt2UPuoT79> Paper copies are available in the foyer at both Mass centres. Please complete by 31 December 2024. The census helps us identify who is in our Parish, their potential needs based on age and status in life and the gifts that people are willing to share with the Parish community. We feel more a part of a community when we actively contribute to the life of that community. So please think carefully about all the ways you can be involved when completing the form!

The information you submit will be used for Parish purposes only. It helps us to get to know our parishioners and to keep in contact with you. You will be added to our Parish communication database.



## 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:  
[admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING 8 Jan**  
**2025 at 7pm.**

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

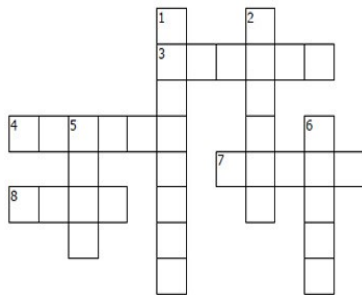
### Sharing Christmas Joy

It has been proposed that we reach out to the inmates at John Moroney Correctional Centre, Windsor once again this Holy Season. We are inviting you to bring a bar of light fruit cake (approx. 250g) or a 500g square fruit cake the 14th/15th Dec. They will be cut into slices & bagged for distribution on Sunday 15th December, following 9.30am Mass at St Monica's. If you are able to help with cutting & bagging the cakes. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### The Real Thing

Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Luke 3:8a (NLT)

Based on Luke 3:7-18



#### ACROSS

3. To make a charge of wrongdoing against another person
4. To confess one's sin and make a change for the better
7. The sweet and edible part of a plant or tree
8. The opposite of bad

#### DOWN

1. To have water poured on one's head or to be briefly covered completely by water
2. Having a desire or need for food
5. Having little money or possessions
6. A small poisonous snake

BAPTIZED	REPENT	FRUIT	POOR
GOOD	HUNGRY	VIPER	ACCUSE

### STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

Donations can be made using the bank details below, or via the Tap-and-go machine and online donations which are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

#### SUPPORT DONATIONS

BSB 067950  
Account No 100000204  
Account name Richmond St Monica's Church

**For EFT to the First Collection - Supporting the priests**  
Reference First Collection (Your name)

**EFT to the Second collection - Supporting the parish**  
Reference Second Collection (Your name)

#### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Michael P. Murphy, Bernadette Pepper nee McMahon, Gary Wikman, John Maguire, Thomas Furse, John McGregor, David Kersivien, Aaron Azzopardi

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

Kathleen Breden, Joseph Baldacchino, Nola Thornton, Mathew V.P., Joseph Teuma, Carmen Teuma, George Schembri, Marta Schembri

#### We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Jim Fenech, Fr Max Blumenthal, Sam Galea, Lily Vella, Bill Burnett, Fiona Daley, Anna Papallo, Bob Camilleri, Tom Hamilton, 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...**  
Sophia Sultana

...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 second meeting on Friday 17th January 2025 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 13th January 2025 in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.





**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**21/22 December 2024**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Year C**

**St Monica's**

**Readers**

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

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

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

**Minister of 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. Breaden  
 7.30am - M. McMahon  
 9.30am - E. Choudhary  
 5.30pm - M. Teuma

**Children's Liturgy**

9.30am -  
**Cleaners** - K. Murphy C. Sultana  
 A. Edwards

**Counters**

15 Dec - C. Barber F. Pausanos  
 C. Thompson  
 22 Dec - V. Muscat R. Muscat R. Camileri

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 16 December 2024**

**Reader** - M. Breaden  
**EMoHC** - F. Crew

**Wednesday 18 December 2024**

**Reader** - C. Allison  
**EMoHC** - A. Moloney

**Friday 20 December 2024**

**Reader** - L. Sheffield  
**EMoHC** - A. Aquilina

**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 21 December 2024**

**Reader** - F. Crew

**EMoHC** - M. Ryan

**Sunday 22 December 2024**

**Readers**

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

**Minister at the Altar** - A. Vincent

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

8.00am - C. Smiroldo

**Data Projector** - S. Stennett

**Altar Preparation** - M. Ryan

**Cleaners** - K. Hodgson

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS WHO SUPPORT US**

**PARKLEA SAND & SOIL**

- Open 6 Days
- Sand & Gravel
- Cement
- Garden Soils
- Decorative Pebbles
- Woodchips
- Mulches
- Turf
- Pavers
- Pine Logs
- Retaining Wall Blocks
- Hardware/Building Supplies
- Pick up & Delivery available

Phone: 4572 7549  
 Fax: 4572 0011

729 George St, South Windsor

E: info@parkleasandsoil.com.au  
 W: www.parkleasandsoil.com.au

Lic No. 109786C

**Godwin's BATHROOM RENOVATIONS**

**WALL & FLOOR TILING**  
**LEAKING SHOWER REPAIRS**  
**WATERPROOFING**  
*Disable Access Bathroom Modifications*

Call Godwin **0410 553 134**

**Greater Western Health**  
 Podiatry, Physio & Chiro

- General Skin and Nail Care
- Diabetes Foot Care
- Orthotics
- Heel, Foot and Ankle Pain
- Ingrown Toe Nails
- Injury Rehabilitation
- Back Injury
- Dry Needling/Acupuncture
- Massage
- Headaches

128 Francis St, Richmond

P: 4578 4788 www.greaterwesternhealth.com.au

**ALL CLASS Painting Services**

ABN: 95 112 724 079  
 Licence No: 135311c

Joe Portelli

Phone: 0419 254 034

Residential and Commercial Painting Specialists

- Internal and External
- Roof Restorations
- Texture Coating Accredited
- All Size Jobs
- All Areas - Free Quotation

For Mowers, Chainsaws  
 Tractors, Brushcutter

**DICK PETRIKAS PTY LTD**  
 385 Tennyson Road, Tennyson  
 Near North Richmond  
 4576 5555

**Gareth Conyard**  
**Maintenance & Welding**

Specialising in - Welding - Mig/Tig/Stick Lawn Mowing/Hedges  
 Property Maintenance

Gareth 0407 068 038

**The Leaf Guard that Really Works!**

**4577 2277** **EASY FALL GUTTERING**  
 Free Quote

www.easyfall.com.au ABN 86 151 736 695

**JEFFSAN EXCAVATIONS PTY LTD**  
 A family owned & operated company since 1988

**Luke Refalo**  
 (Director) Specialising in: Plant Hire

Civil Contracting Bulk Haulage Landfill Demolition  
 Asbestos Removal Bulk & Detail Excavation

P: 4776 1185 M: 0409 302 957  
 luke@jeffsan.com.au www.jeffsan.com.au  
 457 Castlereagh Rd, Agnes Banks NSW 2753

Maggie Zorlu  
 Principal | Director | L.R.E.A

**Raine&Horne.**

Richmond  
 0407 675 898  
 02 4578 8805  
 maggie.zorlu@richmond.rh.com.au

Shop 4-5, 304 Windsor St, Richmond NSW 2753  
 rh.com.au/richmond

**Plumbing Drainage Maintenance Civil New Homes Renovations**

Call Anthony on 0421839356

**WESTERN EXPRESS Plumbing Group**

Specialising in the relocation of Portable buildings, shipping containers, farming & construction equipment.

Rental, sales & purchasing of Portable buildings & shipping containers for residential & commercial purposes.

**OLLANDILO TILT TRAYS**

Local & country  
 Call Matt 0417463726

**Pope Francis @Pontifex 13 December:**

I have chosen as the title for the 2025 World Day of Peace Message: "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace." Each of us can perform works of mercy and break the chains of injustice! #WorldDayOfPeace