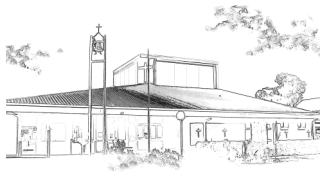


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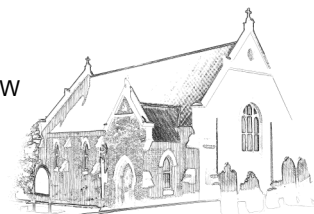
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Australia Day – Year C 25/26 January 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I will praise you, Lord, among the peoples, among the nations sing psalms to you, for your mercy reaches to the heavens, and your truth to the skies.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 32:15-18

The effect of justice will be peace.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 84:9-14

The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-13

Work for the Lord earnestly.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the peacemakers they shall be called children of God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:22-32

It has pleased your heavenly Father to give you the kingdom.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

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AUSTRALIA: A NATION BLESSED TO BLESS OTHERS.

Hello Everyone,

The song "I AM AUSTRALIAN" by the Seekers – Bruce Woodby, whose chorus goes like this: "We are one, but we are many. And from all the lands on earth we come, we'll share a dream, and sing with one voice: I am, you are, we are Australians," really captures the spirit of this long weekend's celebration. Hence, every Australian day we all gather as one people, though we are many to celebrate and give thanks to God for the blessings we have received as a nation, which we are called to share with others.

On this day, we acknowledge with gratitude our indebtedness to the first inhabitants of this country, and all who have come within this space to share in the blessings and riches of this land; and to contribute their own quota in making this place a better place for all to inhabit. In the light of the foregoing for me, this is not a day of invasion, or a day of massacre, but a day of thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received, which we are called to share with our fellow citizens and other nations of the world.

Prophet Isaiah, in Isaiah 32:15-18 assures all of us who live in this great Southland of the Holy Spirit, that God will pour out on us the spirit from above which will enable us to live in peace, justice, and prosperity. Thus, as a nation of people blessed to bless others, let us all work hard for stability, safety, and peace in this country, so that we shall reap the fruits of justice, righteousness, peace, and quietness, and we too shall continue to live as one-big-happy-family.

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LENTEN GROUPS:

I would like to join a Lenten small group.

Monday evening at 7pm in the Emmaus Room

Tuesday morning at 9.30am for 10am start in the Emmaus Room

I would like to purchase a Lent Reflection Book \$10. Limited copies are available!

Name: _____

Contact phone/email: _____

Please place in a collection plate or drop off to the parish office. Thank you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome. We are pleased to welcome Fr Johnson who celebrates the 7.30am & 9.30am Masses at St Monica's today. Thank you for being with us. May God bless you.

Happy Australia Day! The weekend Masses will be that set down for Australia Day. Readings: Isaiah 32:15-18, St Paul's letter to the ROMANS 12:9-13, Gospel Luke 12:22-32 are included in Sunday Missals.

Thank you and Congratulations to the St Paul's Festa organising Committee. It was a happy and successful gathering enjoyed by all who attended.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be celebrated next weekend 1/2 February. The Readings will be that of the Feast. The Blessing of the Candles that are used for prayer at home will take place at all Masses, please place candles at the Altar before Mass.

RCIA resumes on Monday 3rd February. We are discussing the Sacraments of Initiation page 107 'At home with God's people', focusing on Baptism & Confirmation'. Please keep those who are enquiring in your prayers.

Prayer Group resumes on Tuesday 4th February, 9.30am for a 10am start in the Emmaus Room. All welcome.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Tuesday 28 January Saint Thomas Aquinas.**
- **Friday 31 January Saint John Bosco.**

Wedding Anniversaries & Birthday Blessings:

On the 2nd Sunday of each month a blessing will be given at the end of Mass to those celebrating their wedding anniversary during that month. A blessing for those celebrating birthdays during the month will be given on the 4th Sunday.

Our SRE (Scripture) program needs you!

We serve 11 local schools but have only 8 teachers and urgently need more. Now is the perfect time to make a difference in young lives. Training & resources are provided, no experience needed, just a heart for Christ. For more info contact Sylvia Dimech at sre_richmond_sylvia@hotmail.com.

Baptism preparation for school age children. If you have a child that has not yet been Baptised & seek to be Baptised into the Catholic Church, Four preparation classes will be held at St Monica's Emmaus Room at 4pm on Wednesday afternoons from 5th Feb to 26th Feb. Contact Maria at sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au to register.

Sacraments News.

The Sacrament of **Confirmation for 2025 will be on Tuesday 27th May & Wednesday 28th May at 7pm.**

Children who made their First Communion in November 2024, in Richmond Parish are eligible for Confirmation this year and will receive an email.

NEW enrolments will use the QR code or go to the Parish Website:

Click on Sacraments – Scroll down to SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - and click on Confirmation.

(This may not be available for a week or two)

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

**PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
12 February 2025
at 7pm.**

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

APPEAL FOR USED CLOTHING

The John Moroney Correctional Complex is appealing to our generous assistance in helping the inmates who do not have suitable clothing to wear as they leave the prison.

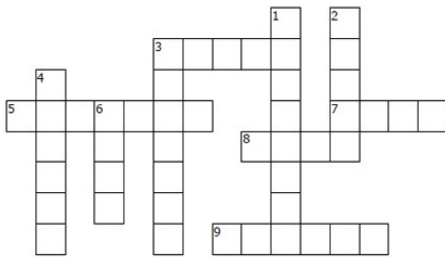
The young men need jeans, shorts, t-shirts or shirts and old sneakers. Footy jumpers or caps are always good. Please, avoid green coloured dress for it reminds them of the prison uniform. Mixed colours are fine, with anything that will give them a sense of dignity.

You may also Purchase St Vincent De Paul clothing vouchers which the inmates can trade in for clothing. Clothing can be left in the church foyer, or brought to the parish office. Thank you.

Promises, Promises

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor." Luke 4:18a (NIV)

Based on Luke 4:14-21



ACROSS

3. Something you do to help someone
5. A person who speaks for God
7. Information about recent events or happenings; previously unknown information
8. The opposite of bad
9. A long roll of paper with writing on it

DOWN

1. A person who is kept in jail
2. Unable to see
3. To be allowed to do whatever you want to do
4. To deliver a sermon
6. Having little or no wealth and few or no possessions

PRISONER	FAVOR	GOOD	PROPHET	POOR
BLIND	FREEDOM	NEWS	PREACH	SCROLL

Luke 24 Youth Group

Monday 10th February
in the Emmaus Room
from 5.30 - 7pm.

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Friday 21st
February 7pm
in the Emmaus
Room.



STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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... and those we remember at this time:

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We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

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We welcome the newly baptized

Alessia Bugeja
Kynoa Fernando

to our Christian family



Happy birthday
to all those celebrating this week:

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 Monthly Morning Tea

St Gregory's - Every 2nd Sundays after 8am Mass.
St Monica's - Every 4th Sundays after 9.30am 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.

Monthly Special Blessings.

Marriage Anniversaries - Every 2nd Sundays of the month.
Birthdays - Every 4th Sundays of the month.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

1/2 February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord
Year C

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Chapman M. Darmody
7.30am - A. Dunbar A. Tabone
9.30am - C. Hey E. Choudhary
5.30pm - T. Galino R. Sultana

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - D. Grima V. Muscat
7.30am - A. Burnett L. Attard
9.30am - H. Convey A. Aquilina
5.30pm - T. Scopelliti A. Duarte

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - P. Beirne
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - M. Crew
5.30pm - D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

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

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
7.30am - J. Cauchi
9.30am - M. McGuinness
5.30pm -

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - E. Mizzi

Cleaners

Counters

26 Jan - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
02 Feb - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 27 January 2025

Reader - A. Copland
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 29 January 2025

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 31 January 2025

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

St Gregory's

Saturday 1 February 2025

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 2 February 2025

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan I. Galea T. Misdom

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Data Projector - M. Beggs

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

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