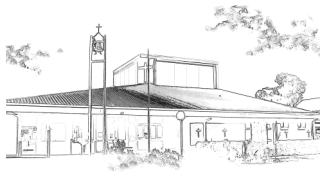


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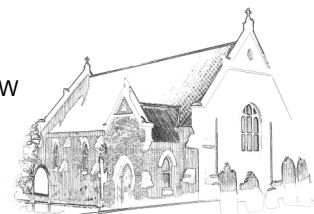
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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 8/9 February 2025

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 6;1-8

*Here I am! Send me.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 137:1-5, 7-8

**In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

*They left everything and followed him.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Let then thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

### The Jubilee Prayer

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have give us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit it, 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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### THE WORD OF GOD: A LAMP TO MY FEET

Hello Everyone,

Many countries of the world celebrate Word of God Sunday on the third Sunday in the ordinary time of the year as instituted by Pope Francis in his apostolic letter "Aperuit Illis" (opened to them), in September 2019.

It is aimed at increasing the knowledge of scripture in the faithful who will: celebrate, study, and disseminate the word of God. However, the catholic church in Australia celebrates the word of God Sunday on every first Sunday of February.

On this day, the Pope prays that we should "grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred scriptures" because "this word is very near to you: it is in your mouth, in your heart for your observance" (Deut 30:14). Also, Deuteronomy 6:7 asked us to: "teach the word of God diligently to your children, when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up". This shows that every baptised and confirmed Catholic is called to: "grow in faith, feel the urgent need for personal renewal through familiarity with, and study of the sacred scriptures", so that there will be "a true dialogue with the word of God" in the universe.

Dear friends, let us always remember that "the word of God is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path, which shows me the way I should go, both night and day" (Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:23; and Proverbs 22:6). This is because St. Jerome once said in his commentary on the book of Isaiah, prologue: PL 24,17B that "ignorance of the scriptures, is ignorance of Christ". Do you agree to this idea that the word of God is a lamp unto your feet?

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

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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

**Thank you** for your support of the clothing drive for the inmates of John Moroney Correctional Centre. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**It is time** to bring palms back so that they can be burnt and prepared for Ash Wednesday. Please place them in the basket in the foyer of the Church.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please remember to pray for all who are sick especially those who have asked our prayers and those whose names appear in our Bulletin.

**RCIA** - Saturday 8th February at the 6pm Mass at St Monica's, we welcome Zane into the Order of Catechumens. The Catechumenate is the second of four stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. During this period, the unbaptised person becomes more deeply acquainted with the people, teachings & practices of the Catholic Church with the expressed desire of becoming a Catholic. The word Catechumen, comes from an ancient Greek word which means one who echoes the Gospel. During these final weeks of preparation, we invite the whole Parish Community to keep in prayer Zane & Annette, Catherine and Jordan who will be received into Full Communion with the Church.

**RCIA** meets TOMORROW, Monday 10th February at 7pm. We are discussing the Sacraments of Initiation, focusing on the Eucharist. Please keep those who are enquiring in your prayers.

## PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Monday 10 February PowerPoint Team Meeting**, 5pm in the Emmaus Room.
- **Monday 10 February Saint Scholastica.**
- **Friday 14 February Saints Cyril and Methodius.**
- **Friday 14 February Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass at St Monica's.
- **Friday 21 February St Monica's School Opening Mass**, 9am at St Monica's.
- **Saturday 22 February Ministry Leadership Meeting**, 10am in the Emmaus Room.

## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY CHALLENGE:

- ◆ Do you have a Bible in your home?
- ◆ How often do you read or pray with your Bible?
- ◆ There are several ways to daily reflect on the Word of God. The Piety Stall has God's Word, Living Faith and Break Open the Word which focus on Sunday's Readings, which can also be viewed on the parish website.
- ◆ Tuesday morning prayer group, Advent and Lenten Groups provide us with another rich experience of sharing God's Word in a Group.
- ◆ Some may prefer online access visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday). All readings used in the Mass are also available at <https://liturgy.au/lectionary>

## 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.

## 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 - click on Confirmation Enrolment Form.

Confirmation 2025- Ceremonies:  
Tuesday 27th May @7pm &  
Wednesday 28th May @7pm



## 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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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**PPC - 12/02/2025**

**PFC - 19/02/2025**

**Time at 7pm.**

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

**Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings  
online gathering: 13 February**

"Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings" are quarterly online gatherings for everyone interested in social justice, care for creation, or global peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, and discuss what's currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. In February, the PJE Sharing will focus on raising the age of criminal responsibility in NSW and Caritas' Project Compassion. You are invited to join Thursday 13th February 2025, 6:30-8:00pm. To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**Fishing for People**

Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!" Luke 5:10b (NLT)  
The puzzle is based on Luke 5:1-11 (NLT).



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Peter shore sinking	people preaching afraid	deep fishing Sea	washing boats Galilee	nets Jesus fishermen
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**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



**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](http://parishofrichmond.org.au).  
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**Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:**

Dawn Binns, Cora Zon, Grace Galea, Sr Elizabeth Funder OSB, John Ferguson, Joyce Parker Yvette Brander, Jim Fenech, Fr Max Blumenthal, Michael P. Murphy, Gary Wikman

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

John, Mary & Alan Moloney, Giacinta Bagnara, Tony Vella, Carmen & Joseph Teuma, George & Marta Scembri, Saviour Vassallo, Muscat Family, Vassallo Family

**We Prayerfully Remember the Sick**

Sam Galea, Lily Vella, Bill Burnett, Fiona Daley, Anna Papallo, Tom Hamilton, Endora Au, Drago Gracner, Delina Galea, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Helen Kenny, Peter Johnson



**We welcome the  
newly baptized...**

Elizabeth Ugwu  
...to our Christian  
family



**Happy birthday**

to all those celebrating this  
week:

**Cycle 1 Safeguarding Training** on Saturday 15th February, 2025. Please register with the Parish office [admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au).  
The course will start at 10am & conclude at 3.30pm (with registration & a cuppa at 9.45am) with morning tea & a light lunch served).  
All parish volunteers must be trained in Safeguarding.

**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.  
  
**Monthly Special Blessings.**  
Marriage Anniversaries - Every 2nd Sundays of the month.  
Birthdays - Every 4th Sundays of the month.



**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**15/16 February 2025**  
**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**

**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. Dunbar  
 9.30am - M. Portelli Z. Culican  
 5.30pm - S. Nash C. Barber

**Minister of the Altar**

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

**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 - K. Kemble

**Cleaners**

**Counters**

09 Feb - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman  
 16 Feb - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 10 February 2025**

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - C. Nickle

**Wednesday 12 February 2025**

Reader - A. Aquilina

EMoHC - M. McMahon

**Friday 14 February 2025**

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 15 February 2025**

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

**Sunday 16 February 2025**

**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

**Altar Preparation** - M. Ryan

**Cleaners** - I. Galea

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