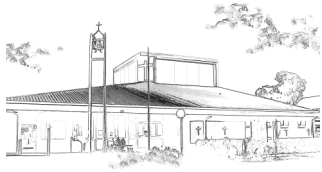


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 15/16 February 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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.

Blessed are you

The beatitudes are popularly called the 'Magna Carta' of the kingdom of God. But these precepts of the kingdom appear to be in stark contrast with the guiding principles of any earthly kingdoms. No earthly kingdom can get citizens enthusiastic by promising that they will be "blessed" despite being poor, hungry, weepy, hated, abused, driven out, or denounced as criminals." Hence, if the kingdom of God is lived and concluded only here on earth, its promises appear to be unfair and underwhelming. However, this kingdom is an eternal kingdom promising eternal life to its members. The beatitudes promise rewards both here on earth and in eternity to those who live by them.

The kingdom of God is often referred to as an 'already, but not yet' reality. It simply means that many of the things we believe about the kingdom of God have two levels of fulfillment: 1. The 'already' realm. 2. The 'not yet' realm. The kingdom is 'already' here. In the Church—the mystical Body of Christ; through the sacraments—the streams of grace, and through charitable actions of many of its members, the kingdom is present. However, there is so much more than what we currently see, understand, or experience about this divine kingdom. There are quite a few things to be fulfilled and quite a bit of work to be done; hence, 'not yet'. But many of these things won't be fulfilled until the second coming of Jesus, when the kingdom of God gathers in the kingdom of heaven, in the eternal beatific vision. Therefore, we are asked to play by the rules of God's kingdom while living this earthly existence in a meaningful way.

In our daily lives, the beatitudes may not lead us to instant societal success. However, they guarantee that you will receive just rewards both here on earth and in heaven. There is therefore some waiting to be done. If you regret not having a wonderful time in this life here, take heart, because there is more to this kingdom. If you are busy living for this world, don't get too comfortable; try to become rich in good deeds. If you are sad today, don't lose heart, because there is an end to this sadness and consolation at the end.

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The Parish of Richmond

The parish has a critical shortage of Altar servers. We currently have six generous servers: we need five times this number! To assist our young people, young adults are encouraged to minister in this role. There will be a formation meeting on **March 6** in the **Emmaus Room, 6pm-8pm. (Theory)**. **A second meeting on March 13 (Practice)**. *If you can assist please sign the sheet in the foyer.*

ADULT SERVERS are to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, can be male or female, eighteen years old or older. Adult Servers are appointed by the Parish Priest. The Adult Servers take part in the procession to & from the sanctuary & assist in areas allocated to them. They assist the Minister of the Altar & the Priest.

SENIOR SERVERS are those who **have been /are serving** as Junior Servers for at least four years. They are to guide & help the Junior Servers to know, understand & execute their role as Junior Servers.

JUNIOR SERVERS are to be baptised Catholics, received their first Holy Communion, male or female. They help with the smooth flow of the liturgy. They enable the priest and the congregation to celebrate the Eucharist in a worthy manner.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you remember? 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.

RCIA meets TOMORROW, Monday 17th February at 7pm. We are discussing the Sacraments, focusing this week on Reconciliation. Please keep those who are enquiring in your prayers.

Lenten Groups will commence on Monday 3rd March, RCIA group, Emmaus Meeting Room 7pm and Tuesday 4th March 9.30 for 10 am start Emmaus Room. All welcome

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **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.
- **Saturday 22 February The Chair of Saint Peter.**

Stations of the Cross will take place on Friday during Lent at St Monica's following 9am Mass & each Saturday following morning Mass at St Gregory's.

Ash Wednesday 5th March Mass at St Monica's 9am & 7pm. St Gregory's 6.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast & Abstinence.

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY MEETING: Saturday February 22, 10.30 -12.30. Emmaus Meeting Room.

The purpose of the meeting is to address three key questions:

What Are We Doing Well?

What Could We Do Better?

What are Some Suggested Changes?

GIVE PRIORITY TO THIS IMPORTANT MEETING! It is a crucial opportunity for us to brainstorm and identify areas for improvement.

Know you will not be given additional jobs to do. OUR GOAL IS TO GENERATE POSITIVE, ACTIONABLE IDEAS THAT WILL PROPEL US FORWARD.

To assist with catering (a cuppa & biscuits), please sign the sheet in the foyer.



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:
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 09/04/2025

PFC - 19/02/2025

Time at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes

available on notice

boards in church foyers

& parish website.

LIFTED Launch: 27 February

Join us for LIFTED Launch on Thursday, 27th February, from 6:45 PM to 9:30 PM at West HQ, Rooty Hill! Get a sneak peek at exciting events we have planned for young Catholics, including the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage and Australian Catholic Youth Festival. Enjoy a night of prayer, formation, and fun with fellow young Catholics.

Register now: parracatholic.org/events/liftedlaunch/

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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... and those we remember at this time:

Saviour Vassallo, Joseph Baldacchino, Noeleen Lloyd, May Lloyd, Arthur Lloyd, Kristen Keegan, Charlie, Jeffrey Refalo

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

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We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

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Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Monday 10th March in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.
Topic: 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Friday 21st February in the Emmaus Room from 7pm.



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.

Monthly Special Blessings.

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



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
22/23 February 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

St Monica's

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

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion
 6.00pm - J. Xiberras J. Muscat
 7.30am - C. Thompson L. Attard
 9.30am - L. Ryan J. Cauchi
 5.30pm - D. D'Mello J. Morley

Minister of the Altar
 6.00pm - P. Beirne
 7.30am - A. Moloney
 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. Breaden
 7.30am - M. McMahon
 9.30am - E. Choudhary
 5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy
 9.30am - M & M. Pastoors

Cleaners
Counters
 16 Feb - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
 23 Feb - C. Barber F. Pausanos
 C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 17 February 2025
 Reader - M. Breaden
 EMoHC - F. Crew
Wednesday 19 February 2025
 Reader - C. Allison
 EMoHC - A. Moloney
Friday 21 February 2025
 Reader - L. Sheffield
 EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 22 February 2025
 Reader - C. Smiroldo
 EMoHC - F. Crew
Sunday 23 February 2025
Readers
 8.00am - L. Currall 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
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