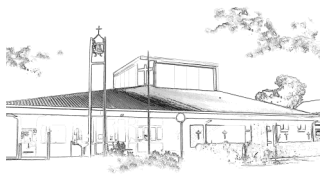


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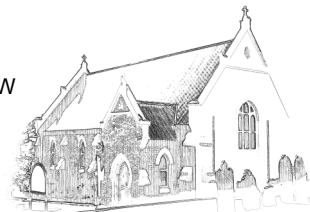
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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 22/23 February 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love on another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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.



THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL IS CALLING YOU

Hello Everyone,

One of the basic canonical groups to be formed or found in every parish is the Parish Pastoral Council. It is a group of elected or appointed parishioners whose special responsibility involves investigating all those things which pertain to the pastoral works, pondering over them, and recommending or offering appropriate advice and practical solutions for the Parish Priest's consideration. They collaborate with him to achieve the vision and mission of the church in relation to other pastoral needs and problems of the faith community, which promotes the growth, holiness and vibrancy of the parish.

Being elected or appointed as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council gives one the opportunity to serve the parishioners for three years, to work for God, and to support our parish and priests. This opportunity is challenging and encouraging too, but it will be a kind of disservice to self or the parish, if we let this opportunity of nominating an effective representative of our choice pass us by. Members of the PPC meet on the second Wednesday of the month or every other month as agreed. They collaborate with our bishop and priests on promoting our diocesan and parochial Strategic Pastoral Plan and various projects. They also support the Parish Priests and Coordinator of Ministries to care for the numerous parish ministry groups, and to plan and organize events and activities like: Parish Multicultural Dinner, Feast Day, Volunteers' BBQ, Parish Retreats, Parish Outing, and responding to issues when needed.

Let us pray for the ability to select men and women who will be courageous enough to share their time, talent, and resources in faithful and humble service that binds, renews, and enriches our parish community. Lastly, let us not harden our hearts or feel unconcerned in this process which lasts from February to March 2025, because we are the 'hands and feet' of Jesus in our parish, and our vote counts.

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

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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

Thank you to those who completed their *Cycle 1 Safeguarding Training* on Saturday 15th February. Certificates will be sent out soon.

Thank you for bringing palms back they are now being prepared for Ash Wednesday.

RCIA meets TOMORROW, Monday 24th February at 7pm. We are discussing the Sacraments, focusing this week on Marriage. Please keep those who are enquiring in your prayers.

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

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

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday.**

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

Blessing this Weekend for all who are celebrating a Birthday during the month of February.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Join the Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage. Young people (18-35) across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are invited to embark on an 18-day pilgrimage to the Jubilee of Youth in Rome from 19 July – 5 August 2025. The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration. Express your interest today at parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025

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 - 12/03/2025

PFC - 19/03/2025

Time at 7pm.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

At the end of April, five members of the PPC will be stepping down and we are calling for nominations. Do you know someone who would be a great representative on the Parish Pastoral Council? Would you like to share your gifts and support your parish community? Nominations will be open from 1st - 9th March. You can nominate someone you know or you can self-nominate. Forms can be found in the parish foyers.

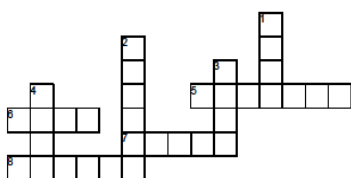
If elections are needed, this will occur 22nd-26th March November both online and at each mass. Paper nomination forms will be available in the church foyer from next week as well as an online nomination form via a QR code.



The Golden Rule

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31 (NIV)

The activity is based on words found in Luke 6:27-38



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5. Persons you know and like very much
6. Something that is pleasing; morally upright
7. Any person or group that is opposed to you
8. Something good received in return for good behavior

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... and those we remember at this time:

Sam & Mary Cremona, Frank Cauchi, Paul & Frank Carpenter, Grezzju and Salvina Camilleri, Joseph and Teresa Muscat, John Mifsud

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

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We welcome the newly baptised...

Chase Andrews, Conor Duff
Elijah Tyler, Luca Vella
Jason Xerri
to our Christian family..



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

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)

Next meeting date TBA.



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

1/2 March 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C



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 of 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 -

5.30pm - C. Murphy

Data Projector

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

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - S. Beverington

Cleaners

Counters

23 Feb - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson
02 Mar - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 24 February 2025

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 26 February 2025

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 28 February 2025

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

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St Gregory's

Saturday 1 March 2025

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smioldo

Sunday 2 March 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

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Pope Francis @Pontifex 16 February:

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