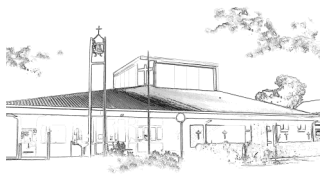


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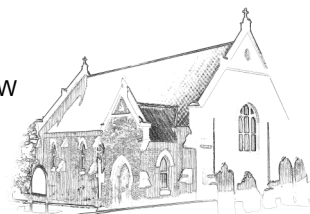
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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 1/2 March 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

FIRST READING: Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Phillippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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, be reawakened 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.



LORD, LET ME SEE

Jesus spoke at length, explaining hypocrisy, and while doing so he used one image with two blind men in it: blind leading the blind. One blind man was being led, and another blind man confidently directing the first. The first blind man was honest; he accepted his impairment and was content to ask for and accept assistance. Although the second blind man was also conscious of his blindness, he was in denial. He chose to do something imprudent for a blind person to do: to lead another blind man!

Jesus did not tolerate hypocrisy because it was damaging. Our lack of honesty and humility can blind us from acknowledging the need for spiritual, physical, emotional and financial progress while confusing and misleading others. It blocks us from realising when we need help. However, just like the first blind man we can start to improve when we acknowledge our brokenness and humble ourselves. The first blind man's humility and honesty serve as a far better model of spiritual eyesight than the second blind man's denial. That's why Jesus told the Pharisees, "Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye." Healing is likely to come to the blind and honest person far sooner than to the blind and hypocritical person.

Jesus does not want us to totally forget that we need to be healed as well. Maybe we are not so broken. Perhaps we are surrounded by people who are far more broken than we are. Yet, Jesus does not want us to lose sight of the fact that you and I are also in need of healing in varying degrees. May, we not be hypocritical in identifying our blind spots.

Fr Shinto Francis.

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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 29** in the **Emmaus Room, 9.30-11.30am. (Theory).**

A second meeting on April 5th, 9.30 – 11.30am (Practice)

Please **NOTE** the adjusted dates & time from that previously advertised.

Please contact the Parish Office or sign the form in the Church 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

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

RCIA meets TOMORROW, Monday 3rd March at 7pm. We commence the Lenten programme. Please keep those who are enquiring in your prayers.

Lent begins this week - 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.

Reconciliation will be available during Lent on Wednesdays, during the Adoration following 9am Mass. This is in addition to regular weekend times.

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.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in Australia between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. (Ordo)

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday.**

(Caritas) Project Compassion boxes & envelopes are available at the church doors today.

As **Easter is fast-approaching**, the rosters for the special three days (Easter Triduum) are being prepared. Please look ahead and **advise Mary IMMEDIATELY of your availability.** Keep in mind the Palm Sunday (April 13) & Easter Sunday (April 20) rosters. **Do arrange for others to provide your ministry if you cannot attend.**

Pilgrimage 2025: Fr Clifford D'souza is inviting you to join him on a pilgrimage to the saints of Portugal, Spain, France and Italy- Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Padova, Assisi and Rome. 31 August- 19 September 2025. For more details pls contact Fr Clifford on cliff_dsouza03@yahoo.com.au or atitours@atitours.com.au

Sacraments News.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS CLOSE on April 6th. Please ensure that you complete your enrolment details prior to this date.

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 - 12/03/2025

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.

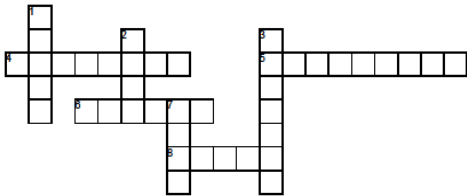
If elections are needed, this will occur 22nd-26th March November both online and at each mass. Paper nomination forms will be available in the church foyer from next week as well as an online nomination form via a QR code.



The Best Is Yet to Come

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The words used in this puzzle are found in Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



HORIZONTAL

4. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill
5. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
6. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
8. The opposite of being asleep

VERTICAL

1. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
2. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
3. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. To speak to God

LIGHTNING
AWAKE

CLOUD
MOUNTAIN

FACE
PRAY

SLEEPY
CLOTHES

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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

Pope Francis, Carmie Brugman, Corey Spice, Sam Galea, 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...**

*...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)

Date: Friday 21st March in the Emmaus Room at 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

8/9 March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Year C



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - M. McMahon C. Hession

7.30am - T. Maguire A. Edwards

9.30am - E. Esposito K. Brough

5.30pm - J. Morley E. Teuma

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - P. Hession J. Chapman

7.30am - A. Burnett A. Dunbar

9.30am - N. Esposito C. Sultana

5.30pm - S. Nash S. Higgins

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - A. Vincent

7.30am - R. Ujmiak

9.30am - D. Murphy

5.30pm - T. Ross

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -

7.30am -

9.30am - C. Murphy M. Hoffman

5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden

7.30am - C. Thompson

9.30am - M. Saliba

5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - E. Mizzi

Cleaners

Counters

02 Mar - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

09 Mar - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 3 March 2025

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 5 March 2025

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - C. Pritchard J. Gorman

Friday 7 March 2025

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

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For this coming #Lent, enriched by the grace of the Jubilee Year, I want to offer several reflections on what it means to "journey together in hope" & discover the summons to conversion that God's mercy addresses to each one of us.