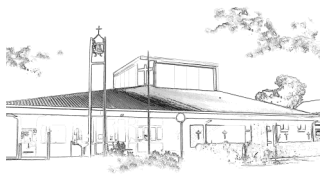


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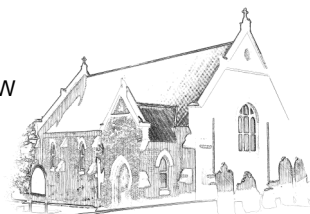
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First Sunday of Lent – Year C 8/9 March 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the Mouth of God.

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.



CELEBRATING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY OF JESUS CHRIST DURING LENT

Christ's passion, death, resurrection, and ascension into glory, are the events of the paschal mystery which the season of lent helps us to remember. For Catholics and theologians, in the "Paschal Mystery, God's saving plan was accomplished once and for all by the redemptive death of his son- Jesus Christ" (CCCC #112). Hence, our salvation story, or the New Passover story, tells us the story of Jesus, the New Lamb of God, whose blood saved God's people from eternal death. This new Passover story of Jesus in the church, starts with Ash Wednesday all through the period of lent and the activities of the Holy Week and Easter.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a 40-day period of lent. On this day, ashes that remind us of our mortality, personal need for repentance, reconciliation with God and others, and a sign of our witnessing for God, is placed on our foreheads. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and other Fridays during lent, are days of fasting and abstinence. For Catholics, fasting is obligatory from 18 to 60 years, but the law on abstinence from meat binds those who are 14 years onwards.

Three key spiritual practices that can help to deepen our closer relationship with God and others, and promote personal transformation, and communal renewal during lent may include: praying, almsgiving, and fasting. Other good practices that show our active participation during lent include: going for confessions, receiving holy communion between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, limiting food and drinks in take to give to the poor, self-discipline/control in imitation of Jesus in the desert, going for stations of the cross, giving up bad habits/social media, and/or entertainment, etc. These may help to deepen our experience of God's presence and grace, and to resist temptations just as Jesus did (Luke 4:1-13), and when we face challenges in life.

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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: Continue this week Monday 10th March. RCIA group, Emmaus Meeting Room 7pm and Tuesday 4 March 9.30 for 10 am start Emmaus Room. Books \$10 each. All welcome.

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

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

(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.**

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Friday 14 March Anointing of the Sick** will take place at St Monica's during 9am Mass.



R.C.I.A At 9.30 Mass today at St Monica's, we will hold the Rite of Sending to the Cathedral as Zane and his sponsor, family and friends are invited to attend the Rite of Election this afternoon at 2pm.

Pilgrimage 2025: Mary & the Saints. Fr John Paul Escarlan is inviting you to participate in the world's most requested Marian journey to explore the villages of some of the Church's most renowned graces & saints. From the sacred & prayerful atmosphere of Fatima, through Avila, Santa Domingo de Silos, Loyola, Lourdes & Monteserrat, this will truly be a pilgrimage full of grace. Commences Thursday 4th September 2025 for 11 days. For further details please contact Tom Lara at Harvest journeys 0417 430 949.

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:
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

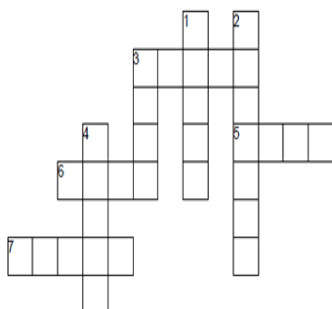
At the end of April, five members of the PPC will be stepping down and we are calling for nominations. Do you know someone who would be a great representative on the Parish Pastoral Council? Would you like to share your gifts and support your parish community? Nominations will be open from 1st - 9th 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 as well as an online nomination form via a QR code.

Jesus Anointed with Perfume

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 12:1-8



ACROSS

3. The building in which a family lives
5. The part of the body on which a person stands
6. The opposite of rich
7. Pay received for the labor of a worker

DOWN

1. The disciple who betrayed Jesus
2. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
3. What grows on the head of a person
4. What we use to buy things

MONEY	WAGES	POOR	JUDAS
HOUSE	HAIR	PERFUME	FEET

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

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

Topic: The Canonization of Carolos Acutis.

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

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... and those we remember this week:

Fr Mick O'Callaghan, Br John Gibson OH, Caro Graham, Ivy Sharpless, Charlie Galea, Sam & Mary Cremona, Frank Cauchi, Paul & Frank Carpenter, Grezzju and Salvina Camilleri

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Pope Francis, Carmie Brugman, Corey Spice, Sam Galea, Bill Burnett, 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:

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

15/16 March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

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 at 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. Breden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - L. Culican
5.30pm - Choir members

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Cleaners

Counters

09 Mar - F. Crew t. Misdom M. Want
16 Mar - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 10 March 2025

Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Reader - A. Aquilina
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 14 March 2025

Reader - D. Bowles
EMoHC - M. Ryan

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The #Ashes remind us of who we are, which does us good. It puts us in our place, smooths out the rough edges of our narcissism, brings us back to reality, and makes us more humble and open to one another. None of us is God; we are all on a journey. #Lent