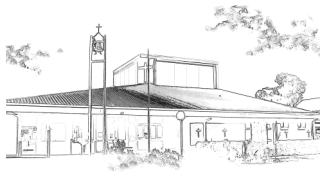


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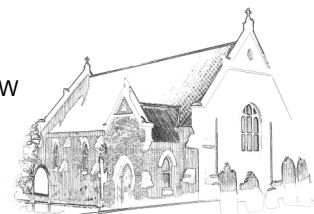
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Third Sunday of Lent – Year C 22/23 March 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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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CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT THROUGH SERVICE

Every vocation story is about people or persons who answered God's call to serve God and humanity in His church or in the society. God's call comes in different ways, and one's disposition and attentiveness to the word of God and His messengers, will determine if one will hear God's voice and follow it or not. Hebrews 3: 7, tells us that "if you will hear His voice today, do not harden your heart".

Based upon the above premises, I wish to inform you that our search since the past one month for five and two new members who will join our parish pastoral council and parish finance committee respectively, have come to an end. We have found men and women of good will who have accepted to sacrifice their time, talent, and treasure as good councillors with whom I will be able to deal with the pastoral needs, and the administration of the temporal goods of our parish.

These chosen people are perceived to be persons with wisdom, strong faith, good moral character, spiritual maturity, prudent, and committed to the word of God and church life. With the help of your prayers, constant progressive and spirit filled suggestions, they will be able to work with me, and to advise me on the best way to care for your spiritual, socio-pastoral needs, and on the management and protection of the parish properties in fulfilment of the diocesan pastoral plans and our parish strategic plans.

May these servant leaders, be prepared and dedicated to serve our parish following Christ's example and mission for the good of all; so that, together with them, we can see and accomplish God's purpose for us all here on earth, repent and grow to bear more fruits in our lives, respond to God's call, and live more fully with faith and trust in God.

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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 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.**

ADULT SERVERS are to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church, can be male or female, <u>eighteen years old or older</u> . 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 <u>have been /are serving</u> 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter will be held on Tuesday 8th April at 7pm.

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal will be held at all Masses next weekend 29/30th March. Thank you for your support.

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.

Lenten Groups: Continue this week Monday 24th March. RCIA group, Emmaus Meeting Room 7pm & Tuesday 25th March 9.30am for 10 am start in the Emmaus Room. All welcome.

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

Mount Schoenstatt Monthly Shrine Time for men:

Men at the Shrine is a monthly hour for men at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa, held on the second Wednesday of the month from 8-9pm. The hour includes a brief reflection, silent personal prayer & the opportunity for confession.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord.** Mass will be celebrated 9am, at St Monica's.

RCIA Today at 8am Mass at Kurrajong Annette Wulff and Catherine Brockhoff will be presented with the Creed and The Lord's Prayer as they prepare to be received into full Communion with the Church at Easter. The First Scrutiny will take place at 5.30pm Mass at Richmond helping Zane to prepare for his Baptism at Easter and Zane and Justin will be presented with the Creed. Please keep them in your prayers.

The FaithFeed: Have questions about life & faith? Join with others on the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience - hosted by Baulkham Hills Parish in the Hills Deanery – all are welcome! The FaithFeed will be held on Saturday 29th March. Doors open at 7pm for 7:30pm start. The night will feature faith stories, live music, activities and great conversation. RSVP via parracatholic.org/events-faithfeed

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.



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
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 9/04/2025

PFC - 16/04/2025

Time at 7pm.

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

Diocese of Parramatta's Jubilee Youth

Pilgrimage:

Young people (18-35 years) 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.

To book your spot or for more information visit parracatholic.org/jubileeyouth2025

The Parable of the Fig Tree

"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" Luke 13:8-9 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 13:6-9 (NIV).



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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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... and those we remember this week:

Barbara Harnischmacher, Michael John McMahon, Raymond Ugwu (Snr)

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:

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: TBA

Venue: The Emmaus Room at 6pm.



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

29/30 March 2025

4th Sunday of Lent

Year C

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Chapman M. Darmody
7.30am - A. Dunbar M. Fenech
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 at 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
9.30am -

Data Projector

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

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - M & M. Pastors

Counters

23 Mar - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
30 Mar - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 24 March 2025

Reader - A. Copland
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Reader - A. Moloney
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 28 March 2025

Reader - D. Bowles
EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 29 March 2025

Reader - J. Wall
EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 30 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
Data Projector - M. Beggs
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