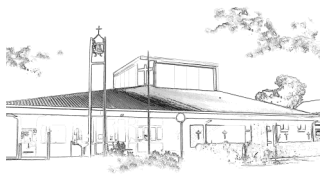


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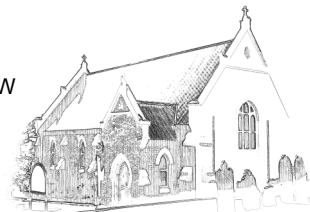
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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year C 29/30 March 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 33:2-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Luke 15:32

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

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.

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FR. SHINTO: SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Sharing God's blessings with the people of God is a mission mandate which priests are prepared to always carry out. Thus, they go wherever they are sent to and stay wherever they are asked to stay. In this regard, it is with mixed feelings that I inform you all that Fr. Shinto Francis has been appointed as the Parish priest of Sacred Heart Luddenham-Warragamba. I am sad he is leaving us, but I am happy he is stepping up to lead a parish.

Fr. Shinto's arrival here nearly one year ago shows us that time quickly flies, and it proves him right when he told us that: "I don't know how long I will be here". Since then, many of you have made me to understand that he has grown from that very private, quiet, shy, and distant person to a good man to talk with, a man who knows what he wants and what he does not want. Many also applauded his commitment to work, pastoral ministry to the sick and the elderly, his talents and attentiveness to details. Others also felt that the time was too short for them to know him better, to see him dirty his hands, and rub shoulders in a positive way with parishioners.

Despite our mixed feelings over this news, we should all rejoice because we have contributed positively, in Fr. Shinto's personal growth and transformation, and in forming a worthy future leader for our Diocese. It is our prayer that he will be fruitful, faithful, and dedicated in his vocation, prayer life, and the challenges of the parish community as he shares God's blessings with the people of God.

Fr. Shinto's farewell will be held after 9.30am mass on April 27, since his appointment will be effective from May 1st, 2025. Please feel free to bring a plate to share.

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.

The 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal will be held TODAY at all Masses. Thank you for your support.

Can you help make Crosses for Palm Sunday? Palms are available in the foyer today. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. If your child (8-17 yrs) would like to join those practicing for the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday. Practice begins today 30th March and Sunday 6th April after 9.30am Mass, here in the church.

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.

Lenten Groups: Continue this week Monday 31st March. RCIA group, Emmaus Meeting Room 7pm & Tuesday 1st April 9.30am for 10 am start in the Emmaus Room. All welcome.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Friday 11 April Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass.

We warmly welcome and introduce the new **Parish Pastoral Council** Members. Narelle Godsell, Bernadette Xuereb, Denise Makepeace, Edward (Ed) Leddy, Michael Skinner and the new **Parish Finance Council** Members Sean Duff & Patricia Azzopardi.

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

EASTER ROSTERS have been emailed to all who have agreed to be ministers at the Easter Ceremonies. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL INBOX.**

As Easter is a major event, we are asking that all ministers rostered for **Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil** attend a rehearsal set down for **Saturday April 12, 1pm -3pm**. The rehearsal will ensure our celebrations run smoothly. It will also help you to meet and get to know fellow parishioners with whom you will be working. **Please give priority to the rehearsal.**

Sacraments News.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON.

Commitment ceremonies at Mass weekend of 5th & 6th April

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING 7-8pm Wednesday 9th April at 7pm @ St Monica's.

Confirmation 2025- Ceremonies:
Tuesday 27th May @7pm &
Wednesday 28th May @7am



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
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 9/04/2025

PFC - TBA

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.

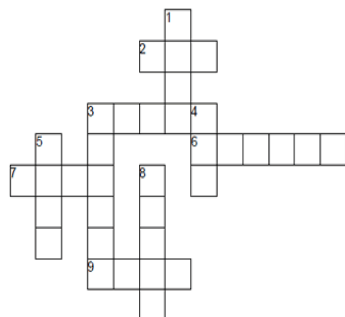
The journey includes a visit to Greece, tracing the footsteps of Saint Paul, before heading to Rome for the celebration.

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

The Parable of the Lost Son

So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. Luke 15:20 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:11-32



ACROSS

2. Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs, and a flat nose.
3. A large special meal to celebrate something or honor someone.
6. A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.
7. To not be able to be found. (I ____ my dog.)
9. A piece of jewelry, generally made of precious metal and worn on the finger.

DOWN

1. To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.
3. A male parent.
4. The number that is equal to one plus one.
5. Your male children.
8. When something which was lost has been relocated. (I ____ my dog).

TWO	KISS	RING	WEALTH	FATHER
FEAST	FOUND	LOST	PIG	SONS

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:

John Moloney

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Hal Moloney, Pat Keegan, Mark Potter, Pope Francis, Carmie Brugman, Corey Spice, Sam Galea, Bill Burnett, Anna Papallo, Tom Hamilton, 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 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

5/6 April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

Year C



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Chapman M. Darmody

7.30am - A. Dunbar

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 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

Counters

30 Mar - C. Barber F. Pausanos

C. Thompson

06 Apr - V. Muscat R. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 31 March 2025

Reader - M. Breen

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 2 April 2025

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 4 April 2025

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

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