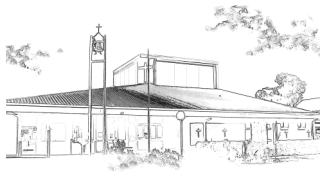


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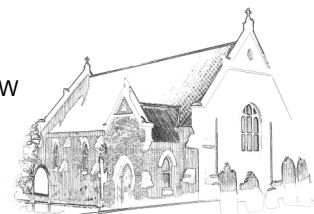
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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year C 5/6 April 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I took upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 8:10-11

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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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THE VALUE OF FORGIVENESS

When I say: "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us", I am simply confessing my faith, sinfulness, and repentance before God whom I expect to forgive me and others around me of our sins, because I am also ready to forgive them of their sins against me. This shows that "forgiveness" is of great importance because it reflects God's love and grace for humanity. Hence, asking for forgiveness, and being forgiven by God and neighbour, becomes an essential spiritual exercise that heals and restores our relationship with God and neighbour.

This valuable spiritual exercise reminds us of our traditional church principle which encourages us to confess our sins and receive Holy Communion at least once a year, especially during the season of Easter (canon 920). This church guideline is called Easter Duty. Thus, many parishes provide their members the opportunity of confessing their sins during this special season to prepare them spiritually to participate fully in the events of the Paschal Mystery of the Lord which include: the passion, death, resurrection and ascension into glory.

Dear friends, we cannot underestimate the value and benefits of forgiveness because they are boundless. Besides restoring our friendship with God and others, forgiving others and receiving forgiveness helps us to: grow spiritually and to demonstrate God's love and compassion. It brings us peace of mind, emotional healing, and psychological freedom because of the knowledge that we have been reconciled with God and neighbour. As Jesus today in the gospel from John 8: 1-11 reminds us of the importance of forgiveness when he said: "let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone"; let us then prepare ourselves to actively participate in **the second rite of reconciliation to be held here on Tuesday 8th of April 2025 at 7 pm in St. Monica's Richmond.**

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Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday 7pm. Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Altar of Repose until 10:30pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross: Richmond 10am followed by Reconciliation

Kurrajong 10am followed by Reconciliation

Richmond 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord followed by Reconciliation

Holy Saturday 7pm Easter Vigil

No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday Richmond 7:30am, 9:30am and 5:30pm

Kurrajong 8am



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to those making palm crosses for our Palm Sunday celebrations.

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 takes place today Sunday 6th April after 9.30am Mass, here in the church.

Caritas Project Compassion: Please return your boxes & envelopes by Holy Thursday. Thank you.

Lenten Groups: Continue this week Monday 7th April. RCIA group in the Emmaus Meeting Room 7pm & Tuesday 8th April 9.30am for 10am start in the Emmaus Room. 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.

Mark the date: 22nd-24th May Pre-loved Book Sale. Donations of books will be received from Monday 5th May in the Old Church..

Catholic Outlook magazine is in the church foyer. Please take your free copy today.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Friday 11 April Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass.
- **Sunday 13 April Palm Sunday.**

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.**

ANZAC Day Mass 9am at Richmond. This year Anzac Day falls within the Octave of Easter. The Readings will be those of the Friday within the Octave of Easter.

A commemoration will be held at the end of Mass.

The local R.S.L. Club members will be attending Mass on Easter Monday 21st April as part of their remembrance.

As is the custom, we would like to offer our visitors morning tea following the Mass and ask for assistance by bringing a plate. Thank you.

Sacraments News.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON.

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

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
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 14/04/2025

PFC - TBA

Time at 7pm.

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES:

If interested in having a loved one remembered in the Parish Memorial Garden please print on an envelope, **the name of the person/s**, also **the name & phone number of the person placing the order**.

To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door**.

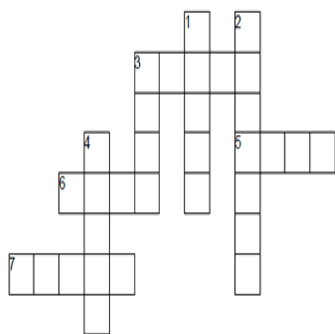


Jesus Anointed with Perfume

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.

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Maria O'Brien, Edith Connolly, Francis Aquilina, Elizabeth Leddy UK, Gus Feher, Clover Hislop Speers, Joan Hermes, Robin Morley, Keith Brown, George Williams, Dawn Binns

... and those we remember this week:

Melanie Sheffield, Anthony & MaryAnn Xiberras, Joseph & Concetta Xiberras, Louis & Giovanna Portelli

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:

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

12/13 April 2025

Palm Sunday

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 M. Fenech
9.30am - N. Esposito C. Sultana
5.30pm - S. Nash S. Higgins

Minister of 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. Breaden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - M. Saliba
5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am -

Cleaners

Counters

16 Apr - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
03 Apr - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 7 April 2025

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 9 April 2025

Reader - A. Aquilina

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 11 April 2025

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 12 April 2025

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 13 April 2025

Readers

8.00am - P. Hurst J. Wall A. Bwaia

Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - P. Waterford

Data Projector - A. Drew

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - D. Grima

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