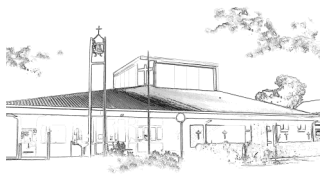


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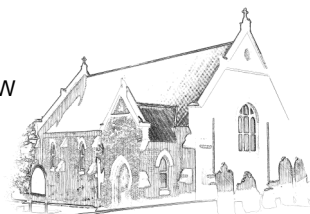
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## Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year C 17/18 May 2025

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; on the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:8-13

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

### SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 13:34

**Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 15:1, 5

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

### 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, 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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### A MOTHER'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Sometimes, we choose to change our job, friends, location, car, residential address, etc. but we cannot replace our biological mothers with another mother - no matter how important that other woman may be in your life. In the bible, Mary, Mother of Jesus, Proverbs 31, Isaiah 66:13, and Psalm 139: 13-14, give us good examples of how a virtuous mother's skills, unconditional love, and care for her child and family, can guide and influence her child's spiritual life. Hence, each mother's love for her child is unique and incomparable, even though the heart of motherhood may be the same.

Last Sunday, we celebrated our mothers and those who play the mother figure roles in our lives. It was an occasion that invited us to remember in a special way the maternal bonds and love we have shared with our mothers (whether dead or alive), and to appreciate the influence of mothers in shaping the world. This encourages us to continue to praise God for the gift of our mothers and motherhood in general because we were fearfully and wonderfully made inside our mothers' wombs (Jeremiah 1:5a).

As we continue to thank God for the gift of our mothers, may we be prepared to reciprocate their unconditional love for us which is fashioned in the image of God's love because it complies with Jesus' new commandment for us to love one another (John 13: 34-35). This type of love often requires sacrifice and putting others' needs before our own just as every good mother does. Jesus reminds us that Love is not just an emotion but a choice we make which is backed up by acts of: kindness, forgiveness, patience, and wanting the best for others, just as Jesus loved us. Let us show that we are true disciples of Christ in the world by the way we treat others.

Fr. Raymond C. Ugwu, C.S.Sp.

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## Pilgrimage to Italy

Fr Adam will be a chaplain for a pilgrimage to Italy from September 8 – 19. The pilgrimage is being organised by Harvest Pilgrimages and will take us to several holy sites associated with some of the Church's great saints over 12 days. Beginning in Rome, we will travel to places such as Assisi, Padua, Florence and Venice. The cost is \$6790 per person, including accommodation, breakfast, dinner, a tour guide, coach transportation, not including flights. There are some spots still available. For more information, or if you are interested in joining, please email Fr Adam at [adam.carlow@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:adam.carlow@parishofrichmond.org.au). Alternatively you can call the parish office, or speak to Fr Adam in person.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happening this week. Pre-loved book sale -

**May 22nd - 24th.** Donations will be received this week **Monday to Wednesday 9am - 1pm.**

Early bird shoppers during the week are welcome. Great variety of books for all ages. Your help this week in preparation or on the sale days would be greatly appreciated. Further information please contact Helen Garrick or the Parish Office.

**Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians** on Saturday 24th May. (National Patronal Feast) Mass will be held at St Gregory's at 9am. Come and pray for our country.

**Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal** supporting our Seminarians will be held weekend 24th/25th May. Envelopes are available in the Church. Thank you for your continued support.

**New financial year:** Envelopes are now being prepared for the new financial year. If you have changed your address or other contact details please contact the Parish Office. If you would like a set of envelopes to support the Parish please contact the office.

**A Senior parishioner** is looking for immediate rental accommodation in a granny flat, with possible storage opportunity behind the house. Please contact the parish office.

## PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Saturday 24 May Our Lady Help of Christians.**

**Please note:** Our priests will not be around from the 20th - 23rd May, 2025, in view of this, we shall have a communion service on Wednesday 21st May & Friday 23rd May at 9am.

**Confirmation reminder:** Rehearsal for candidates and sponsors on Wednesday 21st May, 7pm at St Monica's.

**HELP!** Liturgical music's highest purpose is to glorify God & lead the faithful into deeper worship. Our choir does their best but we are in need of more voices to encourage parishioners to participate. You don't need to be a soloist. Every voice adds to the richness of the Liturgy. The choir meet on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm to 7.30pm, there is no obligation to attend practice, however, come & join us anytime you are available at Mass. You will be made most welcome. Maria 0425258047.

### Will You Adopt a Garden?

Thanks to several parishioners, we have beautiful gardens around St Monica's however, some of our current gardeners have needed to retire. **Immediate help**

**is needed!** When a garden is adopted, the person is asked to focus on just one garden with watering, weeding and nurturing. Choose your time to spend with your garden. If interested, please contact Mary McGuinness or the Parish Office.



## Sacraments News.

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation for 2025 will be on Wednesday 3rd September.** Children in Year 3+ and who have been baptised in the Catholic Church are eligible for Reconciliation this year.

**NEW enrolments will use the QR code** or go to the Parish Website:

Click on Sacraments – Scroll down to SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - click on Reconciliation Enrolment Form.

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Enrolment Form 2025



## 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](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**PPC - 11/06/2025**

**PFC - TBA**

**Time at 7pm.**

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

### **Pentecost Sunday June 8.**

*On this great feast known as the birth of the Church we are mindful of the many nationalities that live in our community. We thank God for the richness of the cultures amongst us.*

*We are reminded of that first Pentecost where people from many nations heard the Gospel proclaimed, we also, gather, to listen and share the Good News.*

*To add to our celebration of this great feast, we invite you to wear your National Costume on this day.*

## **Jesus Loves Us All**

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 (NIV)

Based on John 13:31-35



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### **Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:**

Marianne Gatt, Mary Carmen Zammit, Joseph Zammit, Saviour Vassallo, Pope Francis, Thelma Islys, Maria O'Brien, Edith Connolly, Francis Aquilina

### **... and those we remember this week:**

Janice Harvey, Anthony & MaryAnn Xiberras, Portelli family, Xiberras family, Azzopardi family, Xerri Family

### **We Prayerfully Remember the Sick**

Bob Camilleri, Joe Vella, Hal Moloney, Pat Keegan, Mark Potter, Carmie Brugman, Corey Spice, Sam Galea, Bill Burnett, Anna Papallo, Tom Hamilton, Delina Galea, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Helen Kenny, Peter Johnson, Nicola Rodrigues



**We welcome the newly baptized...**

Huxley Ainz

*...to our Christian family*



**Happy birthday**  
to all those celebrating this week:

### **Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)**

Monday 9th June in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.

Topic: Jesus the bread of life.

### **Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)**

Date: Friday 23rd May

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

24/25 May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Year C



**St Monica's**

### Readers

6.00pm - J. Xiberras A. Copland

7.30am - T. Fogarty A. Tabone

9.30am - L. Sheffield M. Mizzi

5.30pm - T. Ross

### Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Xiberras J. Muscat

7.30am - C. Thompson A. Burnett

9.30am - L. Ryan J. Cauchi

5.30pm - D. D'Mello J. Morley

### Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - P. Beirne

7.30am - A. Moloney

9.30am - C. Pritchard

5.30pm - R. Ujmiak

### Junior Ministers

6.00pm -

7.30am -

9.30am - C & E. Cauchi S. Borg

5.30pm -

### Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden

7.30am - M. McMahon

9.30am - E. Choudhary

5.30pm - M. Teuma

### Children's Liturgy

9.30am - S. Beverington

### Counters

18 May - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

25 May - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

### WEEKDAY ROSTER

#### Monday 19 May 2025

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - F. Crew

#### Wednesday 21 May 2025

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

#### Friday 23 May 2024

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan



**St Gregory's**

### Saturday 24 May 2025

Reader - C. Smiroldo

EMoHC - F. Crew

### Sunday 25 May 2025

#### Readers

8.00am - L. Currall M. Mooney A. Drew

Minister at the Altar - A. Vincent

### Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smiroldo

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

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