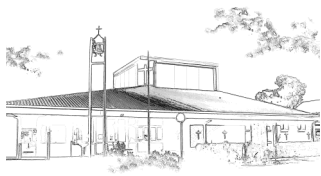


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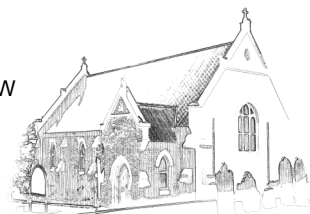
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The Ascension of the Lord – Year C 31 May/01 June 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blaze of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of age, 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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CONFIRMED TO BEAR WITNESS TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The sacrament of Confirmation is one of the seven sacraments of the church and among the three sacraments of Christian initiation by which a baptised Christian's faith commitment is deepened and strengthened. This ceremony involves the renewal of baptismal promises, anointing with the holy chrism, and the laying on of the hand by a minister who pronounces the sacramental words proper to the rite (CCCC # 267). Thus, the candidates confirmed are called to become witnesses of Christ who will live out their faith and share their belief actively with others within the Christian community.

On the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth of May 2025, almost fifty-three candidates from our parish were confirmed by the bishop's delegates: Monsignor Ron McFarlane – the chancellor and Very Rev. Fernando Montano-Rodriguez – the vicar General. In their respective homilies, they reminded the candidates of their duties now in the church and our parish as: mature and responsible servants of Christ, whose relationship with God, spiritual growth, and connection to the church has been strengthened by the outpouring of the special gifts of the holy Spirit which they have received.

As we rejoice with these newly confirmed witnesses of Christ, their parents, sponsors, and sacramental instructors, may we who have been sealed with these seven gifts of the Holy Spirit remember that the call to evangelise and to go out of our comfort zones to bear witness for Christ is for all the baptised and confirmed. Therefore, let us on this feast of the Ascension of the Lord, rise-up to our responsibility of spreading the gospel message, defending our faith in words and deeds, and praising God as we serve in the mission of Christ in his church with love.

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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. Alternatively you can call the parish office, or speak to Fr Adam in person.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you once again to all who supported and worked at the Book Stall. \$3365.60 was raised for the Parish. There were many very positive comments about the atmosphere and enquiries about the next date

Thank you for your contribution to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal \$1898.00 has been forwarded on your behalf. Envelopes are still available should you wish to support the seminarians as they prepare for priesthood.

Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for the new financial year, please collect from the church foyer. Also note that some numbers have changed. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Today is the beginning of the week of prayer for Christian Unity..

In 2025, the theme for the Week of Prayer is "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26), and was prepared by the monastic community of Bose in northern Italy. This theme was chosen in light of the 1700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. The main result of the first Council is a statement of faith that states what Christians believe. Today it is referred to as the Nicene Creed which we are invited to pray each day during this week.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Monday 2 June Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions.**
- **Thursday 5 June Saint Boniface.**
- **Sunday 8 June Pentecost Sunday.**
- **Friday 13 June Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass.

Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. May the gifts of the



Holy Spirit guide you throughout your life. **Thank you** to all who helped them prepare for this special occasion, especially, their Parents and Sponsors, the Facilitators of groups and Sacramental Co-ordinator Maria Boyd. May God bless you all. We also thank those who assisted with preparation and celebration of the Confirmation Masses making this moment a blessing on the whole Parish.

Luke 24 Young Adults Group: We're excited to invite all young adults aged 18 to 35 to a special **Young Adults Mass on Friday, 27 June at 7pm at St Monica's Church.** This is a great opportunity to come together, grow in faith and connect with others on a similar journey. Whether you come often or haven't been in a while, you are welcome here.

We would love to see you there!

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
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 11/06/2025

PFC - 16/07/2025

Time at 7pm.

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

Pentecost Sunday June 8.

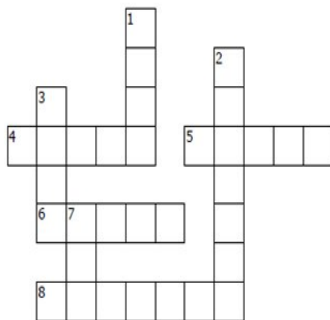
On this great feast known as the birth of the Church we are mindful of the many nationalities that live in our community. We thank God for the richness of the cultures amongst us. We are reminded of that first Pentecost where people from many nations heard the Gospel proclaimed, we also, gather, to listen 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 Prays for All Believers

"May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17:23 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 17:20-23 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. Joined together as a group; the state of being in agreement
5. Great admiration, honor and praise
6. The earth and its inhabitants
8. A written or spoken statement

DOWN

1. To speak to God
2. To think that something is true or correct
3. To be acquainted with someone or something
7. A single thing; to be undivided

pray	message	glory	know
believe	world	unity	one

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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:

Alan Moloney, John Larven

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Maria Zeks, Patricia Crew, Fr Tony Fox, Joe Vella, Hal Moloney, Pat Keegan, Mark Potter, Carmie Brugman, Bill Burnett, Anna Papallo, Tom Hamilton, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Peter Johnson, Nicola Rodrigues



We welcome the newly baptized...

...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 27th June

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

7/8 June 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Year C



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Chapman M. Darmody

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 - D. Grima V. Muscat

7.30am - A. Burnett A. Dunbar

9.30am - N. Esposito C. Sultana

5.30pm - S. Nash S. Higgins

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - P. Beirne

7.30am - R. Ujmiak

9.30am - D. Murphy

5.30pm - T. Ross

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - L. Sultana

7.30am -

9.30am - C. Murphy M. Hoffman

5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden

7.30am - C. Thompson

9.30am - M. Saliba

5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Counters

1 June - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

8 June - C. Barber F. Pausanos

C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 2 June 2025

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 4 June 2025

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 6 June 2025

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - F. Crew

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