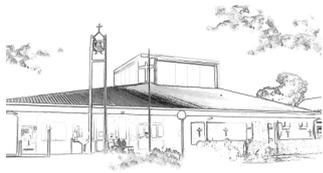


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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 19/20 July 2025

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

### FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

### SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

### 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 you 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 WORDS OF THE POPES

Martha and Mary are two sisters; they also have a brother, Lazarus, but he does not appear on this occasion. Jesus is passing through their village and, the text says, Martha received him at her home (cf. 10: 38). This detail enables us to understand that Martha is the elder of the two, the one in charge of the house. Indeed, when Jesus has been made comfortable, Mary sits at his feet and listens to him while Martha is totally absorbed by her many tasks, certainly due to the special Guest.

We seem to see the scene: one sister bustling about busily and the other, as it were, enraptured by the presence of the Teacher and by his words. A little later Martha, who is evidently resentful, can no longer resist and complains, even feeling that she has a right to criticize Jesus: "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me". Martha would even like to teach the Teacher! Jesus on the other hand answers her very calmly: "Martha, Martha", and the repetition of her name expresses his affection, "you are anxious and troubled about many things; only one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her" (10: 41-42).

Christ's words are quite clear: there is no contempt for active life, nor even less for generous hospitality; rather, a distinct reminder of the fact that the only really necessary thing is something else: listening to the word of the Lord; and the Lord is there at that moment, present in the Person of Jesus! All the rest will pass away and will be taken from us but the word of God is eternal and gives meaning to our daily actions. (Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 18 July 2010)

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The Parish of Richmond

## The Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis chose the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' for this Jubilee year and we are invited to embrace hope through local initiatives of the Parramatta Diocese. There are 2 retreats coming up on **Saturday, 16 August at The Franciscan Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville** (registration closes 2 August) and **Saturday, 15 November at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa** (registration closes 1 November). The retreats are from 9am – 5pm, and the cost is \$40 for a single registration (for venue hire and meals) All you need to do is register online for the day that suits you. You can do this by **scanning the QR code on the posters at the back of the Church or go online at:- parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-16-august OR parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november** For further information, please phone the parish office.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal** will be held at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity to this appeal will be appreciated.



**Please note.** Monday 21 July, Mass will be held in the Emmaus Room due to electrical work being carried out in the church on Monday and Tuesday.

**Funeral Notice:** A Requiem Mass will be held at St Monica's, Richmond on Friday 25th July at 11am, for the repose of the soul of Bob Riley. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

## PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Tuesday 22 July Saint Mary Magdalene.*
- *Friday 25 July Saint James.*
- *Saturday 26 July Saints Joachim and Anne.*
- *Sunday 27 July is designated World day for Grandparents & the Elderly by the Vatican.*



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## SPRING FAIR SEPTEMBER 2025

Mark your calendars for a **day jam-packed with joy, laughter, and something for everyone.** With **FREE ENTRY**, you and the whole family can dive into a world of prizes, games, and colourful stalls galore.

**Bookworms**, stock up at the **book sale of the year** bursting with great finds. Empty your bookshelves at home. Drop your preloved books off at the old Church then restock your shelves. So easy!

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**Love plants?** Don't miss our **Giant Succulent Plant Sale** — a succulent lover's paradise!

**Kids and grown-ups alike** can test your skills with classic carnival games and win prizes!

**Hungry?** Treat your tastebuds to a spread of **yummy food** — from sizzling snacks to sweet delights.

Whether you're a longtime local or just stopping by **St Monica's Spring Fair** is your ticket to unforgettable springtime fun. **Bring your friends, bring your family, and bring your love for community.**



## Sacraments News.

**Reconciliation - REMINDER** – commitment ceremonies are Weekend Masses 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm, 8am, 9.30am & 5.30pm. Parent information meeting in St Monica's church 30<sup>th</sup> July 7-8pm. Classes begin from 3<sup>rd</sup>

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 - 13/08/2025**

**PFC - 17/09/2025**

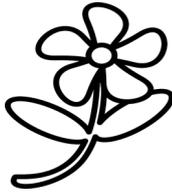
**Time at 7pm.**

**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.

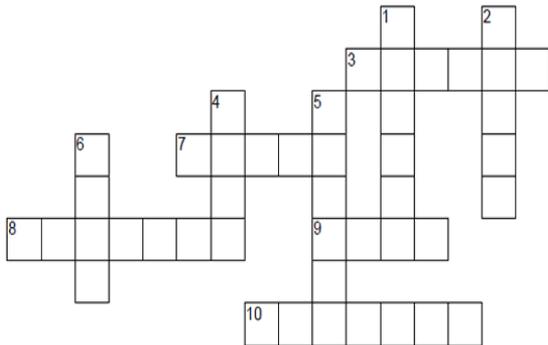
To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door.**



**At the Feet of Jesus**

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42



**ACROSS**

- 3. To pay attention to what someone says
- 7. An adult female human
- 8. A very small town
- 9. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor
- 10. To be concerned about something; to be troubled

**DOWN**

- 1. A female having the same parents as another person
- 2. The son of God
- 4. The place where a family lives
- 5. A spoken or written reply to a question
- 6. To give assistance to someone

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LISTEN	WOMAN	JESUS	SISTER	HELP

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

Linda Borg, Bob Riley, Bill Burnett, Charlie Galea, Grant Leslie, Patricia Lynch, Maria Thi Nguyen, Dellar Ferguson

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

Philip Vassallo, Christine Duncan

**We Prayerfully Remember the Sick**

Lexie Walker, Joan Crutcher, Leanne Ryan, Margaret Skelley, Maria Zeks, Patricia Crew, Fr Tony Fox, Joe Vella, Hal Moloney, Pat Keegan, Mark Potter, Anna Papallo, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Peter Johnson



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

Xavier & Sutton Buckworth  
 Millie Ford  
*...to our Christian family*



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

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

Monday 11th August in the Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.

Topic: Jesus the bread of life.

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

Date: Thursday 24th July

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**

**26/27 July 2025**

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C**

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**St Monica's**

**Readers**

6.00pm - J. Xiberras A. Copland  
7.30am - T. Fogarty A. Tabone  
9.30am - L. Sheffield M. Mizzi  
5.30pm - R. Sultana 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. Breaden  
7.30am - M. McMahon  
9.30am - E. Choudhary  
5.30pm - M. Teuma

**Children's Liturgy**

9.30am - C & C. Saliba

**Counters**

20 July - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri  
27 July - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 21 July 2025**

Reader - M. Breaden  
EMoHC - F. Crew

**Wednesday 23 July 2025**

Reader - A. Moloney  
EMoHC - M. McMahon

**Friday 25 July 2025**

Reader - D. Bowles  
EMoHC - M. Ryan

**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 26 July 2025**

Reader - C. Smiroldo  
EMoHC - F. Crew

**Sunday 27 July 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  
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