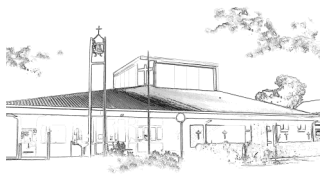


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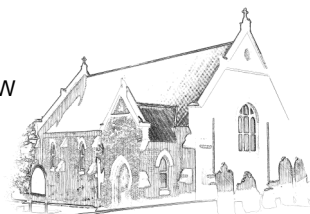
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 26/27 July 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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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REST, LISTEN, and LOVE.

Pope Leo this week has returned from his time at Castle Gandolfo, where he spent 16 days of rest. It's not that the Pope has been on vacation, but rather something more akin to a spiritual retreat. He stepped into a place of quiet, a time of reflection and discernment about the calling of the Holy Spirit. This time of prayer and reflection comes at a particularly important moment in his papacy – at the beginning – and stands as a reminder that we too, need to find rest in our lives, *especially* when we're about to undertake a big endeavour.

Pope Leo, in his Sunday homily, spoke about the importance of silence. He said that rest is more than just stepping away from work. To truly rest means to step away from noise and distractions. The goal is to make time sacred again, and to better help us to hear the voice of God. We've all heard that saying before, "I need another holiday after that vacation!" How we choose to spend our time in rest is important. Without proper rest, we do ourselves a disservice, and our relationships with God and others will suffer.

As Pope Leo comes back from a bit of rest in the beautiful gardens of Castle Gandolfo, he reminds us all that sometimes, the most powerful thing we can do is to simply pause—rest, listen, and love. I wish you all a very happy and restful week ahead,

Fr Adam

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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 or a donation according to your circumstances.

To register either scan 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 more information you can speak with Cathy Vogt, Michael Pastoors & Denise Makepeace of the Parish Pastoral Council or phone the parish office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. The Holy See has set aside this day for us to remember & appreciate Grandparents & the Elderly. We pray in thanksgiving for their example of faith, their devotion to family & community. May God bless you all.

Thank you for your generous support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Envelopes are still available at the church doors should you wish to contribute. \$7996.75 has been donated so far.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Tuesday 29 July Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus.*
- *Thursday 31 July Saint Ignatius of Loyola.*
- *Friday 1 August Saint Alphonsus Liguori.*
- *Week 3 - 10 August Vocation Week.*

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will commence Monday 25 August at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. Do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith? Do you know a family member or a friends who has been enquiring about the faith? Invite them & offer to accompany them on this journey faith. Please keep those who are enquiring & the leadership team in your prayers.



SPRING FAIR Saturday 20th September..

SPRING FAIR ALERT!! Get ready! With **FREE ENTRY**, you and the whole family can dive into a world of prizes, games, and colourful stalls galore on **September 20, 9am - 3pm.**

This major fundraising event is a much-anticipated occasion for the Hawkesbury Community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

To make the day truly successful, **we do need your generosity.** Could you please donate a prize for the **Prize Wheel or Games Corner.** **Think of new and delightful items such as** garden sets, toys, beauty products, vouchers, crafts, pet goodies, kitchen gear, or food baskets. **Prizes need to be new and not used!** If you'd rather, a cash gift will help organizers to gather prize treasures on your behalf! **There are boxes in the Church foyer for depositing your much appreciated contribution/s.**

Whether you're a longtime local or just stopping by, **St Monica's Spring Fair on September 20**, is your ticket to unforgettable springtime fun. **Bring your friends, family and your neighbours too for a fabulous day out and soak up the festive atmosphere.**



Sacraments News.

SACRAMENT of Reconciliation REMINDER all Parents of children preparing for Reconciliation to attend Parent Information Evening 7pm 30th July @ St Monica's –Parents will receive Resources, information, and choose the ceremony for their child at this meeting. Children do not need to attend, but of course are welcome if they need to come along.

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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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**

Adult Confirmation 2025: 23 & 26 August

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis and Formation Day for those candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The catechesis day will be on Saturday 23 August from 9.30am – 2.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown and the Confirmation will be on the evening of Tuesday 26 August at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. For more information and to enrol, please contact the Office for Worship on ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795 before Monday 4 August.

Jesus Teaches About Prayer

For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Luke 11:10 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).



Ask
Seek
Knock

P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H
U K I N G D O M L T S P D Q A
A Y Z A U B Q Q S E E E R X L
U Q B S B U R W F Z A A E G L
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FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

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

Topic: Jesus the bread of life.

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

Donations can be made using the bank details below, or via the Tap-and-go machine and online donations at our parish website at www.parracatholic.org.au. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

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

... and those we remember this week:

Michael Dimech

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Lorraine Phillips, 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...

Geo Villaruz
...to our Christian family



Happy birthday
to all those celebrating this week:

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

2/3 August 2025

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Chapman M. Darmody
7.30am - A. Dunbar A. Tabone
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. Breden
7.30am - J. Cauchi
9.30am - M. McGuinness
5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - KA. Kemble

Counters

27 Jul - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
03 Aug - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 28 July 2025

**Reader - A. Copland
EMoHC - M. McMahon**

Wednesday 30 July 2025

**Reader - C. Allison
EMoHC - A. Moloney**

Friday 1 August 2025

**Reader - M. Ryan
EMoHC - F. Crew**

St Gregory's

Saturday 2 August 2025

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smirolido

Sunday 3 August 2025

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan I. Galea T. Misdom
Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Data Projector -

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - A. Falzon

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