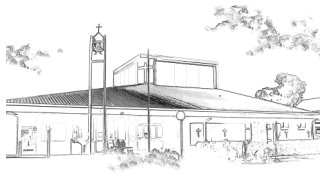


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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C 23/24 August 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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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Preparing for the Kingdom ..

I have some leave coming up soon, and I was recently looking at booking some accommodation. Unfortunately, I found that there was little availability left. I made the mistake of not booking earlier, as the few places left were charging a significant amount of money. In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus uses an analogy like my experience. He talks about a traveler finding themselves in a strange city, without a room to stay in. They assumed that they would find bed and board but found themselves out of luck.

It's a little bit like our spiritual lives. We're travelling to a new city, the kingdom of heaven, and we can't leave it till the last minute to make reservations. Our preparations for this journey should already be underway. In the preaching of Jesus – continued down to our day in the preaching of the Church – we are all invited to his kingdom. But the invitation will not be available forever. Human beings can exclude themselves from the kingdom by not being prepared to accept the divine hospitality at the time, and in the company, of God's choosing.

Jesus promises us a room in the Father's house. It's up to us now to accept that invitation. A gift can always be rejected. This means that we cannot just "coast" into salvation; an effort is required on our part. This weekend, let us remind ourselves of the need to respond to God's invitation. Let us keep our eyes fixed firmly on his kingdom, and make spiritual preparation to reach our destination.

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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 is a retreat coming up on **Saturday, 15 November at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa** (registration closes 1 November). The retreat is 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-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

Parish Feast Days..

St Monica—Wednesday 27th August, Mass at 9am. School in attendance.

St Gregory's - Wednesday 3rd September.

The Mass for St Gregory will be held at Kurrajong on Saturday 30th August at 9am.

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 friend who has been enquiring about the faith? Invite them & offer to accompany them on this faith journey. There is no obligation, the invitation is 'Come and See'. Please keep those who are enquiring & the leadership team in your prayers.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Wednesday 27 August Saint Monica.*
- *Thursday 28 August Saint Augustine.*
- *Friday 29 August The Passion of Saint John the Baptist.*



Bishop's Father's Day Appeal will be held weekend 6/7 September at all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

Memorial Masses: The notice regarding Memorial Masses in last week's Bulletin relates to requests for 'Private Family Memorials Masses'. It is not about requesting for Special Intentions at mass, e.g. Death anniversary, the sick, birthdays & wedding anniversaries are all unaltered.

SPRING FAIR - Saturday 20th September, 2025.

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. Please bring your friends and neighbours too!**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- ◆ **REMEMBER to show your support by signing the Assistance Sheet in the foyer.**
- ◆ **Raffle tickets for the mega raffle** are available in the church foyer or please contact the parish office. We encourage you to take a book & sell the \$2 tickets to friends & neighbours. Please register your name & phone number & return the butts with the money asap. **All raffle tickets sold or unsold need to be returned by Sunday 7th September.** Thank you.
- ◆ **Preloved Books** in good condition, sorry we cannot take Encyclopedias. Items for the **White Elephant stall, can be left in the old church from 18 Aug – 17 Sept, between 9.30am - 1pm. Please: no large furniture or electrical items.**
- ◆ 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. You can send your Spring Fair cash donations to:**
Account Name: St Monica's Church Youth Account BSB No: 067 950 Account No: 10005614



Sacraments News.

ENROLMENT for FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is now open. Closing date: 19th September. PLEASE use the QR code here or on the Poster in the Church Foyer to enrol. Or else use the Link on Parish Website: parishofrichmond.org.au - go to Sacramental program and use link.



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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 10/09/2025
PFC - 17/09/2025
Time at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church
foyers & parish
website

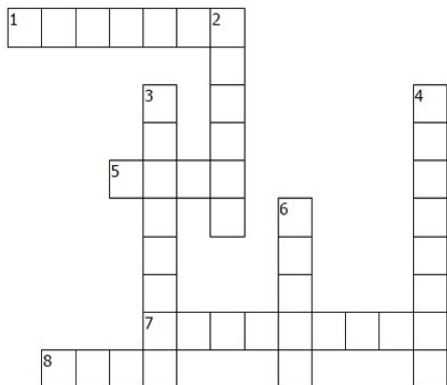
Expressions of Interest now open for Australian Catholic Youth Festival:

The Diocese of Parramatta will be joining the Church in Australia at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne from 30 November to 3 December 2025! Join thousands of young Catholics from across Australia for an unforgettable festival featuring inspiring guest speakers, artists, & musicians. For more details parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email gwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:12-13

Based on Luke 13:10-17



ACROSS

- The day set aside for rest and worship
- Not limited or controlled by anything
- A person who pretends to be what he is not
- To be changed from an originally straight position

DOWN

- To be cured from illness or injury
- Not bent or curved
- To be disabled, especially in the feet, legs, or back
- To instruct or give knowledge to another person

FREE	TEACH	HEALED	STRAIGHT
BENT	HYPOCRITE	SABBATH	CRIPPLED

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Monday 8th September.

Venue: Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.

Topic: ja Carlos Acutis.

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Emanuel Galea, Ralph Sullivan, Marie Brown, Gwen Lloyd, Linda Borg, Bob Riley, Bill Burnett, Charlie Galea

... and those we remember this week:

Mary (Josie) Horan, Bill McMahon, John & Rosy Attard, Tony & Mary Colombo, Emmanuel Attard

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Lily Vella, Delina Galea, Angela Copland, Faye Moloney, Lorraine Phillips, Joan Crutcher, Leanne Ryan, Margaret Skelley, Maria Zeks, Hal Moloney, Pat Keegan, Mark Potter, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Peter Johnson



We welcome the newly baptized...

Henry Graham
...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: tbc

Venue: The Emmaus Room at 6pm.



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

30/31 August 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
7.30am - S. Duff M. McMahon
9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea
5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld
Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli
7.30am - L. Attard A. Dunbar
9.30am - M. Portelli Z. Culican
5.30pm - S. Nash C. Barber

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
7.30am - K. Bauer
9.30am - A. Brailey
5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - L. Sultana
7.30am -
9.30am - C & E. Cauchi S. Borg
5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - L. Culican
5.30pm - Choir Members
Children's Liturgy
9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Counters

24 Aug - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
31 Aug - F. Crew T. Misdrom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 25 August 2025

Reader -

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 27 August 2025

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 29 August 2025

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 30 August 2025

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 31 August 2025

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan C. Smioldo E. Leddy

Minister at the Altar - C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Data Projector - H. Gillies

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