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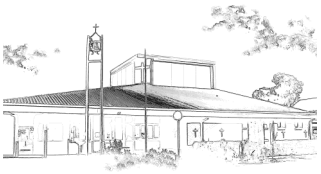

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 6/7 September 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 118:137, 124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13-18
Who can comprehend the will of God?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17
In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Psalm 118:135
Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws, Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples..

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 41:2-3
Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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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FATHERS' DAY REFLECTION

Many fathers burst into tears when their child appears in the world. They hold them close for the first time, getting lost in a whirlpool of emotions. Words dry up. Then things get busy, and busy. You find yourself giving up following your own pursuits. You must prove to be reliable and unshakeable. Many fall short of this. I certainly did and still do.

Even if we continue to fall short, St Joseph points the way. Emulating him gives us the courage to move on in our fatherhood duties. The Jewish culture of 2000 years ago, didn't offer many face-saving alternatives when a woman is discovered to be pregnant before marriage. But St Joseph faced a choice between publicly shaming Mary or quietly divorcing her. An angel visited Joseph in a dream and revealed to him the truth of the divine nature of Mary's pregnancy. The angel instructed Joseph to take Mary as his wife. Joseph didn't doubt the angel but agreed to the providential path laid out before him.

Now, imagine yourself going headlong against the culture of the day for love of your family. Imagine the risks, the pains, and the inherent tensions that our dads pass through. Imagine the agony and the pain of dads separated from the love of their children or the loss of a dear wife or job. Imagine the stress dads pass through when their children make avoidable mistakes in life. Are all these painful experiences necessary parts of being a father? Joseph's sacrifice for Mary and Jesus, has become the template for fathers. Let's not forget that fatherhood is not an easy job, because fathers can make mistakes which reveal how inadequate they can be at times. HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!!!

Luke O'Brien

(A Father, a Reader, and a Commentator)

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Happy Father's Day! We wish all our Fathers a Happy Father's Day and ask God's blessing on them

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless our fathers, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect. May the example and prayer of St Joseph inspire them to live their vacation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Monsignor John Boyle.
Thank you for being with us today.
May God bless you.

Bishop's Father's Day Appeal will be held this weekend as you leave the church. Thank you for your support.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults continues this Monday 8 September. It is not too late to join us. There is no obligation, the invitation is 'Come and See'.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Monday 8 September* **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- *Saturday 13 September* **Saint John Chrysostom.**

Anointing of the Sick will take place during 9am Mass at St Monica's on Friday 12 September.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday 14 September: Please note the Readings will be of the Feast, Num:21:4-9; Phil:2: 6-11.
Gospel John 3:13-17.

SPRING FAIR: **Saturday 20th September..** **JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY!**

A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE ASSISTANCE ALREADY GIVEN & SUPPORT SHOWN BY SO MANY.
Remember, you and the whole family can dive into a world of prizes, games, and colourful stalls galore, on **September 20, 9am -3pm.**

Any help still needed? YES PLEASE. To make the day truly successful, **we do need everyone's generosity**, a sunny day and larger crowds.

- The **Devonshire Tea stall needs plenty of fresh scones**. If you're able to bake a batch (large or small), we'd be so grateful for your help. Please contact Cath Littlejohn on 0411 011 721.
- Donations for the *White Elephant* & *Books Stalls.* Leave your treasures at the Old Church 9 – 12pm from now until Sept 17. Please: no large furniture or electrical items
- More prizes are needed for the **Prize Wheel or Games Corner:** garden sets, toys, beauty products, vouchers, crafts, pet goodies, kitchen gear, or food baskets. **Prizes need to be new and not used There are BOXES IN THE CHURCH FOYER for depositing your much appreciated contribution/s.**
- If you'd rather, a cash gift will help organizers to gather prize treasures on your behalf! **Spring Fair Cash donations** can be deposited into: Account Name: St Monica's Church Youth Account BSB No: 067 950 Account No:100005614.
- **If you can help for just one hour with setting up on the Friday or on Saturday Fair Day, please sign the *Assistance Sheet* in the foyer.**

ON SEPTEMBER 20, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS TOO!

Sacraments News.

Enrolment for First Holy Communion is **closing on Friday 19th September.**

Please complete the form using the QR code here in the Bulletin or on the poster in the Church Foyer, BEFORE the 19th September.

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

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.

A Lesson in Humility

"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 14:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 14:7-14

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LAME	INVITE	GUESTS	LEAST	BLIND

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

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

... and those we remember this week:

Joe Daley, Alice, James and John Head

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

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

We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family

Happy birthday
to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)
Monday 8th September.
Venue: Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.
Topic: ja Carlos Acutis.

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)
Date: Friday 12th September.
Venue: The Emmaus Room at 6.30pm.

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES

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
13/14 September 2025
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

St Monica's

Readers
6.00pm - J. Fewtrell C. Hession
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 - P. Hession J. Chapman
7.30am - A. Burnett A. Dunbar
9.30am - N. Esposito C. Sultana
5.30pm - S. Nash S. Higgins
Minister at the Altar
6.00pm - A. Vincent
7.30am - R. Ujmiak
9.30am - D. Murphy
5.30pm - T. Ross
Junior Ministers
6.00pm -
7.30am -
9.30am - C. Murphy M. Hoffman
5.30pm -
Data Projector
6.00pm - M. Breaden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - M. Saliba
5.30pm - M. Teuma
Children's Liturgy
9.30am - M & M. Pastoors

Counters
07 Sep - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman
14 Sep - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 8 September 2025
Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - C. Nickle
Wednesday 10 September 2025
Reader - A. Aquilina
EMoHC - M. McMahon
Friday 12 September 2025
Reader - D. Bowles
EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday **13 September 2025**
Reader - M. Ryan
EMoHC - J. Wall
Sunday **14 September 2025**
Readers
8.00am - P. Hurst J. Wall A. Bwaia
Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher
Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion
8.00am - P. Waterford
Data Projector - A. Drew
Altar Preparation - M. Ryan
Cleaners - A. Vincent

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