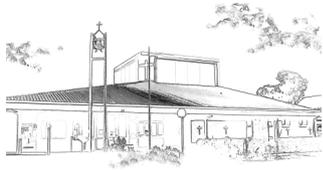


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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 20/21 September 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 118:4-5

You may have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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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BUILDING BRIDGES WITH OUR SPRING FAIR

On Monday, 15/09/2025, I attended the Bishop Vincent presents: A conversation with Cardinal Stephen Chow, SJ, on "Bridge-Building". The Cardinal discussed many things ranging from: the church in Asia, the Chinese church, and Synodality. He also talked about inter-religious dialogue, getting young adults in the church, the role of their more than 200 catholic schools in Hong Kong as evangelical bridge-builders, the problems of getting vocations, membership, and faith formation; Matthew Ricci, and many other pastoral, social, and cultural issues facing the Hong Kong church as "bridge-builders".

However, "Bridge Building" is one of the ten focus areas of Pope Leo XIV, because "Pope Leo, sees role as one of building bridges, avoiding polarization". This resonates with the new biography of Pope Leo, by Elise Ann Allen titled - "Leo XIV: Citizen of the World, Missionary of the 21st Century". This means that one of the pastoral roles of Pope Leo's Papacy is "outreach to people of all ages" as a "Bridge-Builder"

Hence, as a Synodal church and in keeping with our diocesan priority area of "Community" and our parish strategic plan as "a welcoming community of hospitality & outreach"; the Parish of Richmond used our just concluded Spring Fair to build pastoral bridge that saw the parishioners, our catholic primary and secondary, and public schools, together with: non-Catholics, local organisations and businesses, people living within and outside the Hawksbury council area putting: ideas, resources, gift-donations, time, and talents together to ensure that everyone enjoyed an impressive fun-filled Spring Fair of: games, band-music, dance, book and plant sales, white elephant, yummy food, giant succulent sales, mega raffle, prizes, and stalls galore.

We attribute our Spring Fair success to all our "Bridge-Builders" and "Faithful Stewards and Volunteers", whose commitment, help, dedication, and support ensured that our "talents and possessions are wisely and responsibly used" (Luke16: 1-13). May God bless and reward you all abundantly in Jesus Name. Amen.

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Mt Schoenstatt Foundation Day Celebrations

Everyone is invited to the Schoenstatt Foundation Day family festival celebrations on Sunday 19th October at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. The program starts at 10.15am with a pre-program and confessions available, with Mass celebrated at 11am. Lunch and family activities will follow Mass, concluding with devotion and benediction at 1.45pm. The day will include FREE jumping castle and face painting, as well as the opportunity to purchase BBQ lunch as well as food stalls, drinks, snow cones and other stalls. For more info contact Sr M. Rita on srrita@schoenstatt.org.au or 0493 026 628.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Ted Tyler joins us this week & next weekend to celebrate the 7.30am & 9.30am Masses. Thank you for being with us.

Catholic Outlook Spring Edition Magazine is available in the church foyer. Special article on Fr Adam. Please take your free copy today.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults continues this Monday 22 September, our topic this week is 'The Structure of the Mass'.

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains provides low cost and affordable counselling services for individuals seeking support. Whether you're looking for general guidance or assistance with specific challenges like grief, loss, or family matters, Catholic Care is here to help. Call Catholic Care on 8843 2500 for a friendly chat today.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 23 September Saint Pius of Pietrelcina.**
- **Saturday 27 September Saint Vincent de Paul.** Mass will be celebrated on Friday 26th September, 9am at St Monica's.

Closing soon! Register now for the 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, and musicians. Registrations have been extended until **1 October** for young people aged 18-25. For more details and to register, see parracatholic.org/connect/acyf or email qwayne.guevara@parracatholic.org

SPRING FAIR:

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN & SUPPORT SHOWN BY SO MANY.

It was a fun-filled successful day for our community. In the coming weeks we will give you a report on the financial outcome.



Sacraments News.

Please note, enrolment for First Holy Communion 2025 are now CLOSED. **Parent Information evening is Wednesday 24th September- 7pm @ St Monica's.** This is a critical meeting for parents, children need not attend, however are most welcome if they need to come along. Resources and information plus, details for families will be covered on the night. The meeting will be finished by 8pm.

Lessons begin from Sunday 12th October. (4 weekly classes).

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
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 08/10/2025

PFC - 19/11/2025

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:-

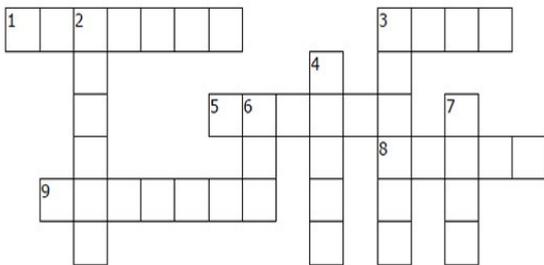
parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november

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

Do the Right Thing!

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10 (NIV)

Based on Luke 16:1-13



ACROSS

1. A person who performs duties around the home of a master
3. To like something very much
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
8. To have complete confidence in someone
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something

DOWN

2. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
3. A very small amount
4. The Son of God
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
7. A very large amount

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Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Monday 13th October.

Venue: Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

David Gagg, Graham Cant, Pat Keegan, Emanuel Galea, Ralph Sullivan, Marie Brown, Gwen Lloyd, Linda Borg

... and those we remember this week:

Jim Sultana, Pio Muscat

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...

Lexie Borg
Emersyn Francis
Remi Meikle

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: Friday 3rd October.

Venue: The Emmaus Room at 6.30pm.



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
27/28 September 2025
26th 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 -

Counters

21 Sep - C. Barber F. Pausanos
 C. Thompson
 28 Sep - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 22 September 2025

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 24 September 2025

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 26 September 2025

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 27 September 2025

Reader - C. Smiroldo

EMoHC-

Sunday 28 September 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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