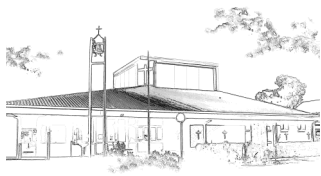


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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C 4/5 October 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14

Never be ashamed of seeing the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-9

If you had faith!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Lamentations 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks 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 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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CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Although we should say the rosary every day and every month if we can, yet October is seen as the month of the rosary. This is because it was in October that Pope Pius V, instituted the feast of the Holy Rosary as a time of grace for us to reconnect with this prayer, and to discover how Mary can guide and accompany us through the beauty and power of the rosary to her son Jesus Christ. October also reminds us of two other special events: first, the six consecutive apparitions of our lady at Fatima in 1917; and second, the defeat of Muslim domination – the powerful Ottoman Fleet at the battle of Lepanto in October 1571, due to Catholics praying the rosary to ask mama Mary's help and having processions in Rome.

Thus, the Rosary is seen as a series of simple-powerful prayer in the catholic church which helps us to meditate on the life of Jesus and Mary. It is a prayer of hope and strength which includes the Our father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the father. We Catholics believe it guides us closer to Jesus in times of joy and troubles. In this regard, by saying the rosary, we honour Mary and show our trust in her intercession, we spiritually connect with God's voice while reflecting on the mysteries of our faith, the key events in Jesus' life, and Mary's role in the life of Jesus and the church.

In conclusion, let us during this month of the Holy Rosary find time to: say the rosary daily as a family or groups in the parish; meditate on the scripture passages of the mysteries of the rosary; and dedicate our intentions for: world peace, unity in families and communities, healing for the sick, forgiveness of sins and conversion of sinners as requested by Mama Mary at Fatima.

MAY OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY, PRAY FOR US!

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11th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) 2025 Jubilee of Migrants

'On this Jubilee, when the Church prays for all migrants and refugees, I wish to entrust all those who are on the journey, as well as those who are working to accompany them, to the maternal protection of the Virgin Mary, comfort of migrants, so that she may keep hope alive in their hearts and sustain them in their commitment to building a world that increasingly resembles the Kingdom of God, the true homeland that awaits us at the end of our journey.' Pope Leo XIV.
You can read the Pope's message <https://acmro.catholic.org.au>



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome: We are pleased to welcome Fr Bob Anderson who will be with us over the next few weekends.
We also welcome Norbert who is from the Philippines awaiting to undertake studies for the priesthood in the Parramatta Diocese.
Please keep our seminarians in your prayers.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 7 October Our Lady of the Rosary.**
- Friday 10 October Anointing of the Sick**



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

will resume Monday 13 October at 7pm. The topic for the evening is 'The Bible: The Word of God.'

The **St Monica's Spring Fair** was a testament to what we can achieve together. In addition to the voluntary assistance of many, many parishioners, we want to also acknowledge the generous contributions of many local businesses to the fundraising event. **Let us recognise these businesses and support them when we can.**

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Sacraments News.

First Holy Communion classes commence from Sunday 12th October. Please keep a copy of this schedule for your reference.

NOTE: Maria Boyd's mobile: 0425258047 sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au						
Sacramental Preparation Classes First Holy Communion 2025						
Sunday St Greg's	Sunday St Monica's following the 9.30am Mass	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Following the 8am Mass		Emmaus Room 3.45pm	Emmaus Room 7pm	Emmaus Room 4pm	Emmaus Room 7pm	Emmaus Room 4.30pm
12 th , 19 th , 26 th Oct & 3 rd Nov.	12 th , 19 th , 26 th Oct & 3 rd Nov.	13 th , 20 th , 27 th , Oct. 4 th Nov	14 th , 21 st , 28 th , Oct 5 th Nov	15 th , 22 nd , 29 th , Oct 6 th Nov	16 th , 23 rd , 30 th Oct 7 th Nov	17 th , 24 th , 31 st Oct, 8 th Nov
Facilitator: Margaret	Facilitator: Anni	Facilitator: Pauline	Facilitator: Allyson	Facilitator: Maria	Facilitator: Tony	Facilitator: Scott

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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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:-

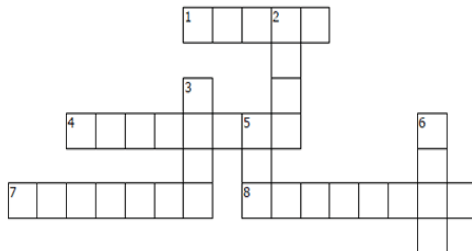
parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november

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

A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-6 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea
4. To make greater or larger
7. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches
8. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel

DOWN

2. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves
3. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant
5. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

mustard	tree	seed	obey
faith	increase	sea	apostles

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Monday 24th October.

Venue: Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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... and those we remember this week:

Beverley Riley, Charlie Galea, Douglas Powers

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Sandra Vaughan, Delina Galea, 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...

Hallie Buttigieg
Arielle Vella

...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.



Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: Friday 3rd October

Venue: The Emmaus Room at 6.30pm.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER

11/12 October 2025

**28th 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 of 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. Breden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - M. Saliba
5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - E. Mizzi

Counters

05 Oct - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
12 Oct - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 6 October 2025

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 8 October 2025

Reader - A. Aquilina

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 10 October 2025

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

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St Gregory's

Saturday 11 October 2025

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 12 October 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

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