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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year C 11/12 October 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 97:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold form, we shall reign with Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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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POPE LEO'S APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: "DILEXI TE"

On Saturday, October 4th, 2025, Pope Leo XIV signed his first apostolic exhortation, "Dilexi Te" in the presence of Archbishop Edgar Pena Parra. This magisterial document was presented on Thursday, October 9th, 2025, at midday in the Holy See Press office in Rome. An apostolic exhortation is an official teaching document written by the Pope, bishops, or church councils, which is aimed at encouraging Catholics to live out their faith in a particular way, and in providing guidance and direction on contemporary issues and challenges of faith and morals.

Thus, the "Dilexi Te" which means "I Have Loved You" speaks about poverty and love for the poor. The title seems like a continuation of the final encyclical of late Pope Francis, "Dilexit Nos" (He Loved Us) of 2024, which was about the Human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ. Accordingly, "Dilexi te" offers us hints about Pope Leo's priorities for Catholics, and it invites humanity to focus primarily on the needs of the world's poor, by loving the poor as Jesus did. This shows that "the poor are at the heart of the Gospel" of Jesus. Hence, I am not surprised that after spending twenty (20) years working as a missionary among the poor people in Peru, Pope Leo XIV devoted his first major magisterial document to "the poor of Yahweh" (Anawim).

Like the Anawims who in their deep-seated humility, recognise their own helplessness and total dependence on God, let us place all our hope and trust in God for our salvation, healing, mercy, and the gift of faith. May we always look at our own lives and faith journey as grateful people, so that we shall see that faith is not just believing, but it also involves always trusting God and giving enough thanks to Him for His blessings, care, and love for us. HAPPY SUNDAY EVERYONE!!!

Fr. Raymond C. Ugwu, C.S.Sp.

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November Masses.

'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead' 2 Macabees 12:46. Throughout the month of November, the Church prays for those who have died. The month commences with All Saints Day 1st November followed by All Souls Day 2nd November. This year All Souls Day falls on a Sunday. Mass times will be as usual. A special Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday 27th November, 7pm at St Monica's November Mass envelopes are available today in the Church foyer. Please return to the Parish Office or place in the collection plate asap so that names can be recorded. Thank you.



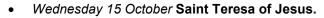
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Best Wishes for the School Term: We wish our students, teachers and families a happy final term for 2025. We pray for students studying for final exams, especially our HSC Students. May the Holy Spirit guide you.

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.'

Design our next Catholic Outlook Magazine front cover! We're inviting you to design the front cover of the Catholic Outlook Magazine's Christmas & Summer 2025 edition! All ages across the Diocese of Parramatta are welcome to submit their artwork. Let's make this Advent & Christmas season a canvas of faith & joy together. Please submit your entry by Friday 7 November with a short description of your artwork to parracatholic.org/artcomp

PARISH DIARY DATES





- Friday 17 October Saint Ignatius of Antioch.
- Saturday 18 October Saint Lucy.
- Weekend 25/26 October Catholic Mission Appeal to be held at all Masses.

Baptism Anniversary Mass: To celebrate all 2024 Baptisms, you are invited to an Anniversary Mass, 9.30am on Sunday 26th October 2025 at St Monica's Church Richmond. Please bring along the Baptismal candle to Mass for a special blessing. Please RSVP your attendance

to areimer@parra.catholic.edu.au

Stamps: Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children. Thank you for your continued support.

Sacraments News.

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

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Sacramental Preparation Classes First Holy Communion 2025								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
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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

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

PPC - 15/10/2025 PFC - 19/11/2025 Time at 7pm. **Meeting Minutes** available on notice boards in church

foyers & parish web-

COUNCIL MEETINGS

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-15november

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

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15 (NIV) $\,$

The puzzle is based on Luke 17:11-19 (NIV).



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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:

Elizabeth Eddy, Clare Tame, Christopher Gorman, Michael Moller, Lily Vella, David Gagg, Graham Cant, Pat Keegan

... and those we remember this week:

Keith Schembri, Margaret and Rosanne Attard, Joe Vella, Marie Clifford, Bernard Lloyd, Pauline Camilleri

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Trisha Corbett, Drago Gracner, 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...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: Friday 24th October.

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 18/19 October 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



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 -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

12 Oct - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman 19 Oct - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 13 October 2025 Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 15 October 2025

Reader - C. Allison EMoHC - A. Moloney Friday 17 October 2025

Reader - L. Sheffield EMoHC - A. Aquilina



Saturday 18 October 2025

Reader - F. Crew EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 19 October 2025

Readers

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

Minister at the Altar - C. Byatt **Extraordinary Ministers at**

Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Data Projector - H. Gillies

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - I. Galea

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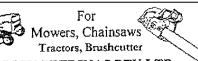
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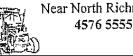
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