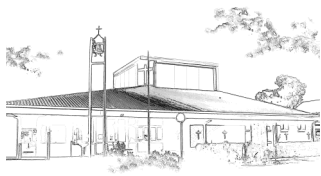


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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year C 18/19 October 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you shall surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of our eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 120

Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Psalm 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, be reawakened 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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BECOMING A MISSIONARY OF HOPE IN OUR PARISH

Before, we understood missionaries as those priests, nuns, and lay people sent by the church, or religious congregations to spread the gospel message of Christ, by evangelising people and providing education/literacy training, health care, and other socio-humanitarian services. But today, every baptised person is called to become a missionary by sharing his/her faith, time, talent, and treasure with family, friends, and neighbours. Thus, we do not need to be sent to work in another country or within ours, before we can fully participate in helping others to learn about Jesus Christ, building healthy relationships and disciples of Jesus, and volunteering to serve the needs of our local Parish-community or church of Christ.

As missionaries of hope called to share our faith and to show Christ's love in our daily lives here in Richmond, Pope Leo XIV invites us to "step out in faith, to walk with those on the margins and share the hope of Christ through acts of love". The Roman Pontiff also reminded us that: "our prayers and our support will help to spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and education of our brothers and sisters in mission territories"; just as he experienced in Peru and I experienced in the Philippines and among the Kemberly Aborigines in W.A.

Finally, let us all recommit ourselves to our baptismal call to be "Missionaries of Hope among the peoples" as both Pope Francis (25/01/2025) and Pope Leo XIV (12/10/2025) have called us to actively participate in the mission of the church as messengers and builders of hope through our prayers, financial support and generosity, and spirit of volunteerism. Let us not forget that the work of evangelization, building up our faith community, and shaping and handing down the faith, requires strong communion of prayers, sacrifices, and the action of all the baptised.

HAPPY WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

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

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The Parish of Richmond

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 so that names can be recorded. Thank you.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you: We thank Fr. Bob Anderson for being with us over the past few weekends. May God bless you.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will resume Monday 20 October at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. The topic is 'The Bible and the Church.'

All Souls Day Sunday 2 November. Please note the readings are taken from the First Mass of the celebration of the Feast. If you have a St. Paul's Sunday Missal see page 1029.

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

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) 30/11-02/12/2025:

If you are a young adult aged **18–25** from Richmond Parish, and willing to travel and participate in ACYF with Catholic Youth Parramatta but you are experiencing financial hardship.

Please personally apply using this link: <https://parracatholic.org/connect/acyf/>

Applications close: Wednesday 22 October 2025. Successful applicants notified: Friday 24 October 2025

This is an incredible opportunity for our parish young people who may otherwise be unable to attend ACYF due to financial constraints.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- 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

Today is World Mission Sunday. This year's theme is: "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples". Pope Leo in his message says 'This October 19th, wants us to commit ourselves anew to the sweet & joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth.'



Sacraments News.

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 12/11/2025

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.

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 18:9-14 (NIV).



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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:

Pius Muscat, Charlie & Grace Vella, Felix & Marie Sammit, Pawla Muscat

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Ruth Larven, Trisha Corbett, Drago Gracner, Sandra Vaughan, Delina Galea, Addie Moloney, Lorraine Phillips, Joan Crutcher, Margaret Skelley, Maria Zeks, Hal Moloney, Mark Potter, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Peter Johnson



We welcome the newly baptized...

Christian Attard
Arlo & Arya Farrugia
Blair Tweedie
...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Date: Monday

Venue: Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: Friday 24th October

Venue: 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

25/26 October 2025

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C**



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 of the Altar

6.00pm - P. Beirne

7.30am - A. Moloney

9.30am - C. Pritchard

5.30pm - R. Umiak

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -

7.30am -

9.30am - C & E. Cauchi S. Borg

5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden

7.30am - M. McMahon

9.30am - E. Choudhary

5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - KA Kemble

Counters

19 Oct - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

26 Oct - C. Barber F. Pausanos

C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 20 October 2025

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC -

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 24 October 2025

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

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St Gregory's

Saturday 25 October 2025

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Sunday 26 October 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

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

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