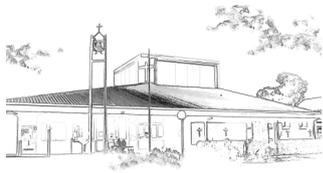


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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 17/18 January 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O
Most High!

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:3, 5-6

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my
salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 1:14, 12

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh
and dwelt among us. He enabled those who
accepted him to become the children of God.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the
world.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 1 John 4:16

**We have come to know and to believe in the love
that God has for us.**

Parish Prayer

*Ever loving God, we the community of the
Catholic Parish of Richmond, praise you and
dedicate our lives to you. Through the
example of St Monica, St Gregory, and
St John of God we aspire to be people of faith
and prayer, who extend peace, hope and light to the wid-
er community.*



*When we listen to your Word, let it nourish us, giving us
strength and perseverance in our daily lives.
May the Holy Spirit enkindle in us a spirit of compassion
and hospitality and a profound respect for each other.*

*Help us to care for the sick, the elderly and those in need.
Bless our young people that they may be inspired to
know, love and serve You. May we strive to grow in holi-
ness and dedicate our lives to Your service.
We make this prayer through the intercession of our
Mother Mary and Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

FEAST OF ST PAUL

This is a special week for us here at St Monica's as we celebrate the festa of St Paul the Apostle. On Saturday evening we will gather for Mass, followed by a procession with the statue of St Paul around the church grounds, and then a social gathering in the Emmaus Centre. This is a long-standing parish tradition, and I thank all those who have contributed to its preparation.

This weekend we also welcome Fr Edward Zammit, from the Diocese of Gozo in Malta, recently based in Melbourne, who will concelebrate the Saturday evening Mass with us. We continue to extend a warm welcome to Fr Chris Dixon, who is assisting with Masses while Fr Raymond is away, and we thank him for his generous service. Given the occasion of the festa, it is fitting that this week we hear from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 1:1-3). Paul's opening greeting to the Christian community in Corinth may sound simple, but it is rich with meaning.

He addresses them as "the church of God that is in Corinth, those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints." These are not merely polite words. They reveal something profound about who these people are. This community, made up largely of converts from the pagan world, is not described as just one part of a distant, universal Church. They are *the* church of God in Corinth — God's gathered people in that place. And this matters, because Corinth was a city renowned for its immorality. Precisely there, they are called to fulfil Israel's ancient vocation: to be a light to the nations.

They are not removed from the world in which they live, but they are called to live differently within it — a consecrated life that marks them out as God's holy people. As Paul later reminds them, "You are God's temple, and God's Spirit dwells in you" (1 Cor 3:16-17).

And so this calling is not only theirs, but ours as well. Like the Christians of Corinth, we are not asked to withdraw from the world, but to shine within it. Here, in our own place and time, we are called to live as God's holy people — a light to the nations — not through grand gestures, but through lives shaped by faith, hope, and love. If God's Spirit truly dwells among us, then our parish itself becomes a sign of his presence, a light set on a hill, quietly but faithfully illuminating the world around us. Happy festa everyone.

Fr Adam

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The Parish of Richmond



AUSTRALIA DAY MONDAY 26 JANUARY



MASS 9AM AT ST MONICA'S

Let's come together to pray in thanksgiving for our nation & its people. 'Remember we are but travellers here.'

St Mary MacKillop

'If you live in this land and are prepared to look after the part you live on, then you belong.'

Mowaljarlai, a Kimberley Elder

Australia: the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder we are using the alternate Entrance and Communion Antiphons when they are provided throughout the year.

Thank you to all involved in preparing and helping at St. Paul's Festa. It is always a happy occasion with the band playing, friends meeting and a celebration of sharing culture and food.

Blessing of candles: Monday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is the day when the Church blesses candles that are to be used in Church and homes for Mass & prayer. If you have candles you would like blest, please bring them to the 9am Mass.

Stamps: Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children. Stamps can be left in the church foyer or the parish office. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Wednesday 21 January Saint Agnes.**
- **Saturday 24 January Saint Francis De Sales.**

Training: On Thursday 22nd January, there will be an orientation and training meeting for anyone interested in becoming a Reader or Eucharistic Minister.

Time: 7pm -8.30pm.

Venue: Emmaus Meeting Room.

It's Time to return the palms you received last year so they can be prepared for Ash Wednesday which is on the 18th February.

RCIA resumes Monday 2nd February. Our topic for the evening is Sin and Forgiveness and The Moral Life.

More Volunteers are needed for 2026:

- ◆ More **Musicians & Singers** are needed at the 6pm & 9.30 Masses
- ◆ **Facilitators** to assist with **sacramental preparation**. Collect flyer in foyer.
- ◆ **Church Cleaners** (approx. 1.5hrs per month) & **Gardeners @ St Monica's.**
- ◆ **Catechists** to attend **State Schools**

6pm Sat Mass	1 Minister of Altar, 1 Data Projectionist, Altar Servers.
7.30 am Sun	4 Eucharistic Ministers (to assist with distribution of Communion, 1 Data Projectionist. Altar Servers.
9.30am Sun	<i>Current 9.30am roster is full.</i>
5.30pm Sun	2 Readers, 2 Data Projectionists
St Gregs 8am Sun	1 Data Projectionist, Readers, Altar Servers.
<u>Weekday 9am Masses</u> Mon, Wed, Fri	Eucharistic Minister on Mon &/or Fri Reader on Friday

If you can assist, please contact Mary McGuiness or Parish Office.

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 - 11/02/2026

PFC - 18/02/2026

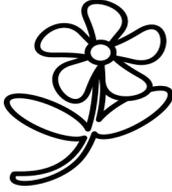
Time at 7pm.

**Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church foyers
& parish website**

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES:

If interested in having a loved one remembered in the Parish Memorial Garden please print on an envelope, **the name of the person/s**, also **the name & phone number of the person placing the order**.

To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$40** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door**.



Show and Tell

Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." John 1:32,34 (NIV)

Complete the activity.



A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

Testifying About Jesus

John the Baptist saw _____ coming and said, "Look, the _____ of _____, who takes away the _____ of the world. I myself did not know him, but the reason I came _____ with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then he gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from _____ as a _____ and remain on him. I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

The next day, John was with two of his followers. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When they heard him say this, they _____ Jesus.

Andrew, Simon Peter's _____ was one of the two who followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the _____." And he brought him to Jesus.

Based on John 1:29-42 (NIV)

Lamb	heaven	followed	Jesus	God
dove	brother	baptizing	Messiah	sin

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Date: Monday 9th February 2026

Venue: Emmaus Room

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Peter Boyle, Celine McDonald, Peter McDonald, Janice Sutton, Ian Huxley, Thomas Ngwu, Betrand Ugwuene

... and those we remember this week:

Saviour Vassallo, Vassallo & Muscat families

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Venera Chetcuti, Robert Pereira, Ruth Larven, Sandra Vaughan, Delina Galea, Lorraine Phillips, Joan Crutcher, Margaret Skelley, Maria Zeks, Mark Potter, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Peter Johnson



We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

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 1st & 3rd Mondays 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

24/25 January 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

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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 - A. Roy
7.30am -
9.30am - C & E. Cauchi S. Borg
5.30pm - L. Sultana

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
7.30am - M. McMahon
9.30am - E. Choudhary
5.30pm - M. Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am -
Cleaners - K. Murphy M. Camilleri
C. Sultana A. Edwards

Counters

18 Jan - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
25 Jan - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 19 January 2026

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC -

Wednesday 21 January 2026

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 23 January 2026

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 24 January 2026

Reader - C. Smiroldo

EMoHC -

Sunday 25 January 2026

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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