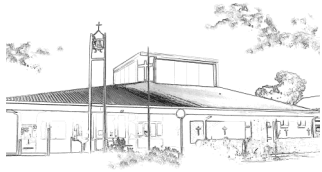


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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 7/8 February 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 111:4-9

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 5:5-6

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

Prayer for Peace & Justice in the World

God of peace and justice, who changes the hardest heart and breaks the power of violence, we entrust the people living in war torn countries to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; We are brothers and sisters.

Give us strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



“AS YOU GO, DO GOOD !!!”

Before I went home for holiday last Christmas period, someone slipped a hundred dollars note in an envelope under my office door. The person wrote on the envelope, “**as you go, do good**”. I felt challenged by that inscription, and I kept asking myself what type of “good” does this person want me to do? Is he/she saying that I have not been doing good enough, that he/she needed to remind me to “**do good**”, or to “**do more - good**” if I have been doing good?

Today, the gospel from Matthew 5: 13-16 makes me to understand that this secret donor wanted me to **let my light of kindness, charity, and generosity to shine more brighter** in the lives of people who are poor and in need. The request to “**do good as you go**”, agreed with our readings today that talk about “**helping others, being kind, and trusting God.**” It also affirmed prophet Isaiah’s invitation for us to “**care for the poor**”, the Psalmist’s praise for those who are generous, and Jesus’ call for us to “live in the way that points others to God.”

My dear brothers and sisters, while our tax office talks about “**Pay as you go**”, our readings today challenge us to “**Do good, as you go.**” This is because “faith without good works is dead in itself – James 2: 16-17. In other words, **our faith must be shown in our actions when we serve others**, and as a reflection of the love of God in us. Therefore, let us make the world a better place by helping others to see the way to God, and **by doing good as we go and grow** in our spiritual journey, so that **we can discover the joy in helping others.**

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World Day of the Sick. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme for the 34th World Day of the Sick, which will be celebrated on 11th February, 2026: **“The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another’s pain”** While acknowledging that we live “immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of discard and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us,” Pope Leo observed that it is precisely in this hectic scenario that we can discover joy from helping others..

Lenten Groups will commence on Monday 16th February at 7pm and Tuesday 17th February 9.30 for a 10am start, both in the Emmaus Room at St Monica’s. If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please contact the parish office so that a book can be made available for you. All welcome. Books \$10 each.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We warmly welcome Fr. John Boyle as he celebrates the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses at St Monica’s and thank him for being with us.

Ash Wednesday 18th February. Mass at St Monica’s 9am and 7pm. St Gregory’s 6.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of the Catechumenate. We warmly welcome, Ayden, Benjamin, Paul, Philippa, Rachel and Veena who today at the Vigil Mass are accepted into the Order of the Catechumenate. Please keep them in your prayers.

RCIA meets TOMORROW, Monday 9th February in the Emmaus Room. Our topic for the evening is Marriage.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Tuesday 10 February Saint Scholastica.**

Anointing of the Sick will take place at St. Monica’s this Friday 13th February during the 9am Mass.

Your Help is Needed:
To keep the grounds at St Monica’s looking their best, we are asking volunteers to assist with some gardening duties!



We need **two groups of four people** to assist **once every two months**, for approximately two to three hours at the most. (Three groups would reduce this to once every three months!)

Tasks include whipper snipping, mowing, collecting & disposing of clippings and blowing all the paths and car park. All tools are provided. **If you can help, we would be most grateful – thank you for your generosity!**
Please contact Mary McGuinness or the parish office.

A BIG THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE STEPPED FORWARD RECENTLY FOR DIFFERENT MINISTRIES.

Still 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 Cleaner to assist another parishioner to clean the Church once a month. (approx. 1.5hrs per month)

Gardeners @ St Monica’s.

Still needed:

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| 6pm Sat Mass | 1 Minister of Altar, 1 Data Projectionist, Altar Servers. |
| 7.30 am Sun | 1 Data Projectionist. Altar Servers. |
| 5.30pm Sun | 3 Readers, 1 Data Projectionists |
| St Gregs 8am Sun | Altar Servers. |

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

Sacraments News.

Enrolment for Confirmation is now open. Please use this QR code in the bulletin or on the Posters in the Church. Or else go to the Parish website: parishofrichmond.org.au Sacramental Program and use the link. Please note enrolments close on the 6th March.

Parent INFORMATION session Wednesday 11th March 7pm at St Monica’s.



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 - 11/02/2025

PFC - 18/02/2025

Time at 7pm.

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

There is a planned **WORKING BEE** scheduled for **Saturday 14th FEBRUARY**. 9am – 1pm, with a sausage sizzle to finish the work.

Windows to be cleaned, cobwebs wiped out, gardens spruced up, hedges cut & lawns to be mown. **FOR**

PLANNING THE JOBS & CATERING, WE NEED TO KNOW ASAP WHO CAN

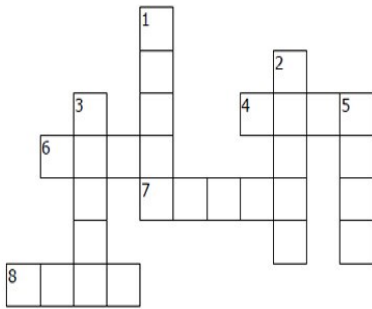
ATTEND. If you can assist, even with an hour of your time, please contact Mary McGuiness or the Parish Office.



Plugged In and Turned On

"You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:14 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. A dish that is used for holding fruit or liquids or for serving food
6. An elevated area of land smaller than a mountain
7. The performance of good acts
8. A large urban area where many people live

DOWN

1. All of the living human inhabitants of the earth
2. A place where families live
3. Any device serving as a source of illumination
5. A piece of furniture holding one or more electric light bulbs

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| DEEDS | HILL | LIGHT | WORLD |
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Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Date: Monday 9th February 2026

Venue: Emmaus Room

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

Donations can be made using the bank details below, or via the Tap-and-go machine and online donations which are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au.

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Tony Scopelliti, Kenny Colman, Katsuyuki Myazaki, Chris Sultana, Sandra Bell, Peter Boyle, Celine McDonald

... and those we remember this week:

Dick Petrikas, Sam & Mary Cremona, Noeleen Lloyd, May Lloyd, Arthur Lloyd, Kristen Keegan, Sam Vella

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 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 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
14/15 February 2026
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Fewtrell C. Hession
 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 - P. Hession A. Huxley
 7.30am - L. Attard A. Dunbar
 9.30am - M. Portelli Z. Culican
 5.30pm - K A Kemble C. Barber
Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - A. Vincent
 7.30am - K. Bauer
 9.30am - A. Brailey
 5.30pm - P. Delahay
Junior Ministers

6.00pm - A. Roy
 7.30am -
 9.30am - V. Cavallaro A. Vella
 M. Anderson
 5.30pm -

Data Projector
 6.00pm - C. Thompson
 7.30am - C. Thompson
 9.30am - L. Culican
 5.30pm - Choir members
Children's Liturgy

9.30am -
Cleaners - A. Njoku M. Sherry
Counters
 08 Feb - C. Barber F. Pausanos
 C. Thompson
 15 Feb - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 9 February 2026
 Reader - F. Crew
 EMoHC - C. Nickle
Wednesday 11 February 2026
 Reader - A. Aquilina
 EMoHC - M. McMahon
Friday 13 February 2026
 Reader - M. McMahon
 EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 14 February 2026
 Reader - M. Ryan
 EMoHC - J. Wall
Sunday 15 February 2026
Readers
 8.00am - N. Ginige 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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