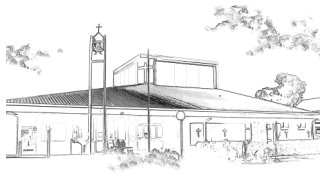


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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 14/15 February 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a Mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

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 wider 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 holiness and dedicate our lives to Your service.

We make this prayer through the Intercession of our Mother Mary and Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOD LOOKS AT THE HEART

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus is not satisfied with minimal goodness. He does not say, "At least you didn't kill," or "At least you didn't commit adultery." He invites us into something deeper: purity of heart. Anger, lust, and dishonesty often live comfortably inside us precisely because they have not yet "become serious." We justify them. We tell ourselves that no real harm has been done, that since no one can see inside us, nothing is really wrong. Yet resentment quietly hardens the heart. Entertained fantasies reshape how we see others. Half-truths and exaggerations slowly erode integrity. Jesus reveals that the true battleground of holiness is not merely in our actions but in our desires, our attitudes, and our interior dialogue. The Gospel challenges us to ask: What grudges am I carrying? Do I allow my thoughts to reduce others to objects? Is my speech always truthful and transparent? This teaching is demanding — even impossible on our own. That is why it is part of the Sermon on the Mount: it describes the life of those transformed by grace. Christian holiness is not mere rule-keeping. It is a new heart. Holiness requires an interior attitude, and not just outward appearances. It's not enough to say "I didn't outwardly commit this particular sin," when we entertain the sin within our heart. When the heart is purified, actions follow naturally. And when love governs the heart, the law is fulfilled from within. Ultimately, Jesus is inviting us into freedom — the freedom of an undivided heart. When our interior life is brought into the light of Christ, we no longer have to live split between what we show and what we hide. He does not expose our hearts to condemn us, but to heal us. If we allow Him to purify our anger, our desires, and our words, He will give us something greater in return: a heart that loves sincerely, acts justly, and reflects the very heart of God.

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The Parish of Richmond

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.** Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year in Australia between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. (Ordo)

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

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.

Project Compassion Boxes are available at the Church doors today. This Lent there is a single Project Compassion envelope - rather than the 6 weekly envelopes used in previous years.

Reconciliation at St Monica's during Lent will be available on Wednesday morning following 9am Mass during Exposition and from 5.15pm each Saturday afternoon.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at St. Monica's following 9am Mass and at St Gregory's following Saturday Mass.

Luke 24 Young Adult Retreat

The parish young adults are having a retreat at the Benedict XVI Centre on the weekend 13th - 15th March. Accommodation and meals are provided. We would love for you to join us. The cost of the retreat is \$125, to the parish office, by Wednesday 25th February. If you would like further information, please see the QR code, or contact the parish office.



Volunteer Parish SRE Coordinator Needed

We are seeking a dedicated volunteer to serve as our Parish SRE Coordinator. **If you are passionate about your faith and wish to support our parish's ministry in local schools**, we invite you to consider this rewarding opportunity. Support is provided to assist you as you learn to:

- # Ensure all SRE Catechists have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- # Manage and submit required paperwork
- # Distribute CCD newsletters and updates to the SRE team
- # Facilitate meetings and maintain clear communication with the SRE team
- # Order student activity books and teacher manuals annually
- # Maintain and submit the Parish SRE Register twice a year

To learn more or to express your interest, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. Your involvement will make a meaningful difference in our community!

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Wednesday 18 February Ash Wednesday.**



Requiem Funeral Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of Tony Scopelliti on Monday 16th February, 11am at St Monica's. May he rest in peace.

RCIA meets TOMORROW, Monday 16th February, in the Emmaus Room. Our topic for the evening is The Season of Lent. Next Saturday at the Vigil our Catechumens, Ayden, Benjamin, Phillipa, Rachel and Veena will be sent by the Parish Community to be welcomed by Bishop Vincent at the Cathedral on Sunday 22nd Feb.

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 - 11/03/2025

PFC - 25/02/2025

Time at 7pm.

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

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 McGuiness or the parish office.

Forgiving and Forgiven

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24



Based on Matthew 5:21-24

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Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Date: Monday 9th March 2026
 Venue: Emmaus Room
 Time: 5.30 - 7pm

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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. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Dennis Gamble, Norman Davies, Tony Scopelliti, Kenny Colman, Katsuyuki Myazaki, Chris Sultana, Sandra Bell

... and those we remember this week:

Frank Agresta, Charlie Refalo, Frank Cauchi, Francis Aquilina, Elizabeth Leddy, Paul & Frank Carpenter, Roy Cutrone

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Bruce Buchanan, 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, Melissa Adamitz



We welcome the newly baptized...

Lachlan & Charlotte Begeng
 Sienna Camilleri
...to our Christian



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: Thursday 26th February 2026
 Venue: Emmaus Room
 Time: 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 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

21/22 February 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
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. Gorman J. Portelli
7.30am - C. Thompson A. Burnett
9.30am - L. Ryan J. Cauchi
5.30pm - D. D'Mello R. Vecchio

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
7.30am - A. Moloney
9.30am - C. Pritchard
5.30pm - R. Ujmiak

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - J. McGregor
7.30am -
9.30am - C & E. Cauchi
5.30pm - L. Sultana

Data Projector

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

Cleaners - N. Godsell C & A. Salkeld
C. Pritchard

Counters

15 Feb - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
22 Feb - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 16 February 2026

Reader - M. Breaden
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 18 February 2026

Reader - C. Allison
EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 20 February 2026

Reader - L. Sheffield
EMoHC - A. Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 21 February 2026

Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 22 February 2026

Readers

8.00am - L. Currall
Minister at the Altar - A. Vincent
Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smiroldo
Data Projector - S. Stennett
Altar Preparation - M. Ryan
Cleaners - K. Hodgson

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