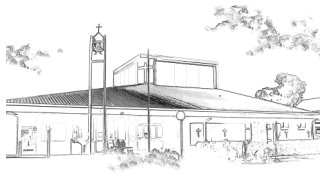


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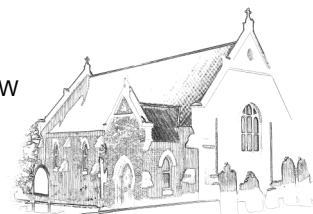
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Second Sunday of Lent – Year A 28 February/1 March 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 24:6, 2, 22

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

His face shown like the sun.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Lenten Prayer

God of all love, We remember that on the night before he died Your son, Jesus, prayed that his friends 'may all be one.'

Yet we see so much division in the world. War, conflict, violence and hatred must all distress you.

Millions of people suffer when they don't have peace and respect. They lack the necessities of life: food, water, health, education and security.

We pray that we may all **Unite Against Poverty** this Lent. May our support for **Project Compassion** be a sign to ourselves and others, of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication to prayer, fasting and almsgiving will help restore your vision of justice and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Resource from www.caritas.org.au

THE TRANSFIGURATION

This Sunday we hear the account of the Transfiguration in Gospel of Matthew 17:1–9. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, and there He is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun, His clothes become dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appear beside Him. Then the Father's voice declares from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

Placed early in Lent, this Gospel is both consolation and direction. Just days before, Jesus had spoken plainly about His coming Passion. The road to Jerusalem will lead to suffering and the Cross. The Transfiguration does not cancel that reality — it reveals what lies beyond it. The glory shown on the mountain strengthens the disciples for the scandal of Calvary. In Lent, as we walk a penitential path of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are reminded that sacrifice is not an end in itself. It leads to transformation.

Peter's instinct is to remain on the mountain: "Lord, it is good that we are here." We understand that desire. We would prefer spiritual highs to daily struggles, clarity to confusion. Yet Jesus leads them back down the mountain, toward Jerusalem. Lent does not invite us to escape the world, but to return to it renewed — carrying within us a deeper trust in Christ.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we allow the light of Christ's glory to strengthen us for the crosses we carry each day. Listening to Him, may we walk faithfully toward Jerusalem with confidence that beyond every sacrifice lies the promise of resurrection.

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Easter Schedule:

Second Rite of Reconciliation at St Monica's, Tuesday 24th March at 7pm.

Holy Thursday, St Monica's 2 April at 7pm. Thursday of the Lord's Supper

Altar of Repose until 10:30pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 3 April: St Monica's 10am followed by Reconciliation

St Gregory's 10am followed by Reconciliation

St Monica's 3pm The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord followed by Reconciliation

Holy Saturday, 4 April at 7pm Easter Vigil

No Reconciliation on Holy Saturday, but every Saturday of Lent at 5.15pm.

Easter Sunday, April 5 at St Monica's 7:30am, 9:30am and 5:30pm

St Gregory's 8am



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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.

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical gathering where people all around the world come together to pray a common prayer. This year's service will be held at the Ebenezer Uniting Church at 10am on Friday March 6 and the prayer point will focus on the people of Nigeria.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Weekend 13-15 March Luke 24 Retreat.**
- **Tuesday 17 March St Patrick.**



Luke 24 youth group. We are looking for some children volunteers aged between 8-16 years to help take part in our Good Friday stations of the cross liturgy. This is an opportunity for our youth to reach a better understanding of the true meaning of Easter. Rehearsals will be held on the 15th, 22nd and 29th March after the 9.30am Sunday morning mass in the church. Please contact the office or our Luke 24 youth group leaders for further details.

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.

MINISTRY RECRUITMENT. This is our parish. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Help is needed in the various ministries listed below. **All training & support is provided.** Time required varies. Give the time you can afford. If you would like to assist, please contact Mary McGuinness or the Parish Office asap.

Liturgical Ministries: (Rostered duties)

Ministers at the Altar and Sacristan

Altar Servers

Musicians & Singers

Church Ministries: (Rostered duties)

Grounds Maintenance & Gardeners

Community Building & Outreach:

Pastoral Carers

Hospitality/Greeters at Masses

Evangelisation: (4 – 12 hrs per year)

Sacramental Facilitators

SRE Coordinator. See separate notice.

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.** 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.

Sacraments News.

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT – CLOSES 10th March.

Use the QR code on the Poster in the Foyer or here on the Bulletin,

Also available on the parishofrichmond.org.au website.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – 11th March at your selected Mass.



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 - 11/03/2026

PFC - 15/04/2026

Time at 7pm.

Meeting Minutes

available on notice

boards in church foyers

& parish website

Luke 24 Young Adults are going on retreat from March 13-15 at the Benedict XVI Centre in Grose Vale. While registrations for the full retreat are now closed, day passes are available for the Saturday. Any young adult wishing to attend are welcome to join us for the Saturday. The cost is \$95 to the parish office, and includes meals, talks, prayer, and an opportunity to connect with God and others.

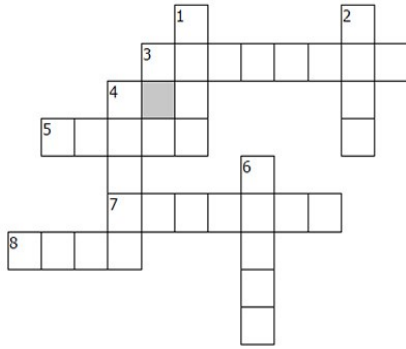
RETREAT



The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



ACROSS

3. A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
5. A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
7. Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.
8. To have a strong feeling of affection for someone

DOWN

1. Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
2. Having a great distance from top to bottom
4. The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
6. The color of snow or milk

HIGH	CLOUD	WHITE	MOUNTAIN
VOICE	GOOD	LOVE	CLOTHES

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Date: Monday 9th March 2026

Venue: Emmaus Room

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Vincent Dalley, Dennis Gamble, Norman Davies, Tony Scopelliti, Kenny Colman, Katsuyuki Myazaki, Chris Sultana

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Joseph Famosa, Joe Vella, Grezzju & Salvina Camilleri, Lynette Garrick

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Leo Stivala, 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...

Madeleine Kovacek
...to our Christian family



Happy birthday
to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: tba

Venue: Emmaus Room

Time: 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 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

7/8 March 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent

Year A

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Chapman M. Darmody
7.30am - T. Maguire A. Edwards
9.30am - A. Pace K. Brough
5.30pm - J. Morley E. Teuma

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - D. Grima V. Muscat
7.30am - A. Dunbar
9.30am - A. Aquilina C. Hey
5.30pm - S. Nash S. Higgins

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - A. Moloney
7.30am - R. Ujmiak
9.30am - D. Murphy M. Hoffman
5.30pm - T. Ross

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
7.30am -
9.30am - V. Cavallaro R. Dsouza
M. Robinson

Data Projector

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

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - E. Mizzi

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08 Mar - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 2 March 2026

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 4 March 2026

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 6 March 2026

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - A. Huxley

St Gregory's

Saturday 7 March 2026

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 8 March 2026

Readers

8.00am - P. Hurst J. Wall A. Bwaia

Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - P. Waterford

Data Projector - A. Drew

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