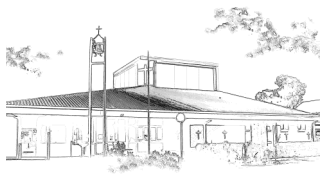


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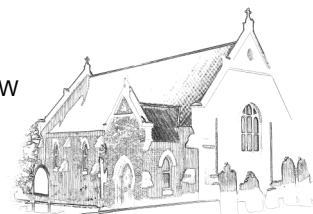
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Third Sunday of Lent – Year A 7/8 March 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ezekiel 36:23-26

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 4:42

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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.

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SEARCHING FOR THE LIVING WATER

While the Lenten season invites us to open our hearts to Jesus the giver of the living water, our readings today show us how God responds to human needs, and calls us to turn to Him with open hearts so that we can discover our emptiness, and so find Jesus, who satisfies our thirst like a refreshing drink on a hot summer day. Every Sunday, we gather at the table of the Lord to drink the water of eternal life and salvation. This is because we Catholics believe that the primary sources of the living water that gives us divine grace includes: "the Holy Spirit of God, the word of God, and the sacraments of God in the Church".

Hence, let us think about our baptism by which we received the spirit of God, and got new life in Christ as adopted sons and daughters of God. In other words, through the sacraments of initiation, we became: washed, forgiven, and born into new life by the waters of Baptism; empowered to bear witness to the gospel in words and actions by the anointing of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation; and the Holy Eucharist, "completes and nourishes the new life initiated in us at Baptism". Thus, we are renewed, invited to proclaim the word, and to remain thirsty for Jesus, the living water like the woman at the well.

In conclusion, the living water is not just the physical water that we drink or use every day. It is all about our hearts' desiring God, which St. Augustine beautifully captured when he said: "my heart is restless, until it rests in the Lord". This implies that, if we allow Jesus to satisfy our thirst for God, we shall never be thirsty again. Thus, it is by understanding that Jesus is the living water, that we shall be enlightened with divine knowledge, worship God in truth and in spirit, and be able to receive Christ's universal salvation which does not recall or recount our past sins.

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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 with Reconciliation

St Gregory's 10am with Reconciliation

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

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

Anointing of the Sick will take place at St Monica's on Friday 13th March during 9am Mass.

Palm Crosses: Can you help make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday, 29 March? Palms are available in the church foyer next week, please return by Wednesday 22 March.

The St Paul's Celebration Committee will be having its annual AGM on Tuesday 10th March in the Emmaus Room @ 7.30pm. Anyone with a genuine interest in being part of the running of the annual St Paul's Festa is welcome to attend. We have approx 4-6 meetings a year. If you are unable to attend and have a genuine interest in being part of the committee please contact the parish office.

EASTER ROSTERS have been emailed to all who have agreed to be ministers at the Easter Ceremonies. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL INBOX.**

As Easter is a major event, we are asking that all ministers rostered for **Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil** attend a rehearsal set down for **Saturday 28th March, 1pm -3pm**. The rehearsal will ensure our celebrations run smoothly. It will also help you to meet and get to know fellow parishioners with whom you will be working. **Please give priority to the rehearsal.**



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

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
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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 Thirst Quencher

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10 (NIV)

Based on John 4:5-13



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... and those we remember this week:

Carmelo Magro, Anthony Refalo, Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Joseph Baldacchino, Des Leeder, Linda Jenkins

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...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Date: Monday 9th March

Venue: Emmaus Room

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: 13th-15th March

Venue: Benedict XVI Centre

Time: 5pm arrival



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 March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent

Year A

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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 - KA Kemble C. Barber

Minister at 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

Data Projector

6.00pm - C. Thompson
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - L. Culican
5.30pm - Choir members

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C. Saliba

Cleaners - A. Njoku M. Sherry

Counters
08 Mar - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
15 Mar - C. Barber F. Pausanos
C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 9 March 2026

Reader - F. Crew
EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Reader - A. Aquilina
EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 13 March 2026

Reader - M. McMahon
EMoHC - M. Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 14 March 2026

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 15 March 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

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