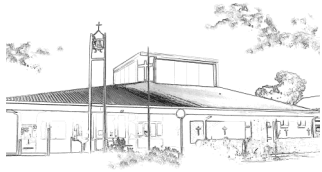


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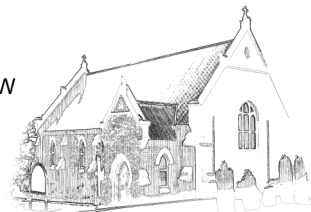
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## Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A 14/15 March 2026

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Isaiah 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

*In the presence of the Lord God, they have anointed David king of Israel.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

*Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 9:11, 38

**The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and believed in God.**

### 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](http://www.caritas.org.au)

### CONVOKING THE 2026 PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY

In the light of the recently concluded Synod on synodality in Rome and our diocesan pastoral assembly in Parramatta, I deem it fit and timely to convoke a parish pastoral assembly here in Richmond parish, come July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This assembly is aimed at identifying and establishing the mutual relationship that exist between our parish of Richmond seven pillars, with our diocesan pastoral plan and the universal Church's plan of: communion, participation, and mission. The mutual relationship between the local parish, diocese and the universal Church promotes the richness in our diversity and so helps us to look beyond the limits of our individual ministries, broaden our horizon to promote an understanding of what it means to be part of a parish, a diocese, and the universal Church.

To be able to achieve our objectives, a working group has been formed and they have had their inaugural meeting with the parish pastoral council for common understanding of the aim of the assembly and to ensure that every member of our parish and ministries have the opportunity to join in discerning as a community, clear mission priorities for our parish across the seven pillars of our parish ministry.

Accordingly, Alison Ryan from the Mission Enhancement Team in the Diocese will facilitate the preparation process and the assembly itself. Thus, my beloved parishioners, you are highly invited to join in the process of preparing for this assembly. Over the next three months we shall be having a fortnightly consultation on each of the seven pillars. This will enable our youth, vulnerable voices in the parish, volunteers, and all parishioners to be heard in a prayerful and spiritual conversation that discerns priorities and responds practically to our needs as a synodal and missionary parish aligned with our diocese and universal Church. May the Holy Spirit guide and enlighten us in this pastoral assembly journey that we have begun. Amen.

Fr. Raymond C Ugwu, C.S.Sp.

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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

**Reconciliation** at St Monica's during Lent will be available on Wednesday morning following 9am Mass during Exposition & 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.

**Palms:** Can you help make palm crosses? Palms are available today please return by Wednesday 25th March.

**Catholic Outlook:** The Autumn edition of the Catholic Outlook is available at the Church doors today. Pick up your free copy.

**Project Compassion Boxes** are available at the church doors today.



## PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Tuesday 17 March Saint Patrick.**
- **Thursday 19 March Saint Joseph.**

**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 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.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation:** In preparation for Easter will be held at St. Monica's on Tuesday 24th March at 7pm.

## 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

**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.**



## Sacraments News.

**CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT CLOSED.**

**PARENT INFORMATION** - Lessons commence from 19th April.

## 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 - 08/04/2026**

**PFC - 15/04/2026**

**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!**



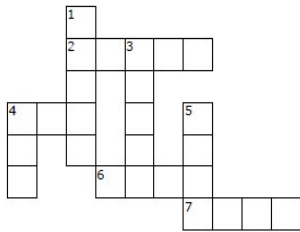
We need **two groups of four people** to assist **once every two months**, for approximately two to three hours at the most. (Three groups would reduce this to once every three months!)

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 McGuinness or the

## Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV)



### ACROSS

2. Brightness that comes from the sun, candles, or electrical devices that allows things to be seen
4. An adult male human being
6. The two organs in your face which are used to see
7. To make someone well from a sickness or injury

### DOWN

1. Unable to see
3. Great admiration, honour and praise, especially as given to God
4. A sticky mixture of dirt and water
5. To clean something using water

LIGHT	BLIND	GLORY	MUD
WASH	EYES	MAN	HEAL

## STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

Donations can be made using the bank details below, or via the Tap-and-go machine and online donations at our parish website at [www.parihofrichmond.org.au](http://www.parihofrichmond.org.au).

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Maryann Callaghan, Vincent Dalley, Dennis Gamble, Norman Davies, Tony Scopelliti, Kenny Colman, Katsuyuki Myazaki

### ... and those we remember this week:

Ronald Horan, Caro Graham, Ivy Sharpless, Mick O'Callaghan, John Gileson, Emanuella "Lily" Vella

### 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 (8-12yrs) (13-17yrs)

Date: Monday 13th April

Venue: Emmaus Room

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

### 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

21/22 March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

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## 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 at 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 S. Borg  
5.30pm - L. Sultana

### Data Projector

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

### Children's Liturgy

9.30am - K. Kemble

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

C. Pritchard

### Counters

15 Mar - C. Barber F. Pausanos  
C. Thompson  
22 Mar - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

### WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 16 March 2026

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 18 March 2026

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 20 March 2026

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

## St Gregory's

Saturday 21 March 2026

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 22 March 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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