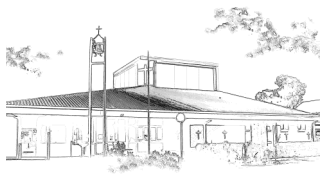


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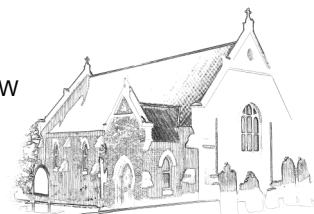
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Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year A 21/22 March 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 129

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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

YOUR VOICE CAN HELP SHARE THE WAY OUR PARISH LISTENS, LEADS AND CONNECTS WITH PRACTICAL RESPONSES TO REAL NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

HOW?

- # By participating in at least one or two listening consultations between 14 April to 16 June.
- # By reading the posters on display in the foyer and registering your participation.

These listening consultations, focused on the seven parish pillars, will be the guiding topics for discerning priorities, with concrete local expressions of the parish, responding to the real needs of the community.

All parishioners are then invited to attend the **Parsh Assembly on 25 July, 9am - 1pm**, to discern and confirm the mission priorities and to "think tank" ideas for implementing parish projects.



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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

Thank you to all who took the palms to make palm Crosses. It is very much appreciated. Please return by Wednesday 25th March.

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

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.

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

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Wednesday 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord.**

Luke 24 youth group. We are looking for children volunteers aged between 8-16 years to help take part in our Good Friday stations of the cross liturgy. Last rehearsal 29th March after the 9.30am Sunday morning mass in the church.

Come Celebrate Easter Joy! Following the Easter Vigil light refreshments will be served in the Emmaus Room. We ask that you bring a plate. All welcome.

Project Compassion: This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. You can support through the donation boxes, envelopes, online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate or phone 1800 024 413

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 CLASSES – 2026 | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| TIME & PLACE | SUNDAY St Gregory's Following 8am Mass | SUNDAY St Monica's Following 9.30am Mass | MONDAY Emmaus Room 3.35pm | TUESDAY Emmaus Room 7pm | WEDNESDAY Emmaus Room 4pm | |
| Start DATE | 19 th April | 19 th April | 27th April | 21 st April | 22 nd April | |
| Facilitator | Margaret | Anni | Allyson | Anita | Maria | |
| REMINDER | Rehearsal Wednesday 20 th May – 7pm ALL candidates & sponsors | | | | | |

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 - 08/04/2026
PFC - 15/04/2026
Time at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church foyers
& parish website

HELP NEEDED – Parish Grounds Maintenance

For the past few years, parishioners have generously maintained the lawns and grounds at St Monica's, and **additional help is now needed to continue this work. TWO GROUPS OF FOUR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE HOURS.** (With three groups, this commitment would reduce to once every three months.)

Tasks include mowing, whipper snipping, collecting and disposing of clippings, and blowing paths and the car park. All tools are provided, and your help would be greatly appreciated.

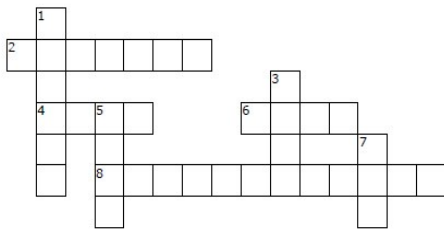
If you can help, please contact Mary McGuiness or the Parish Office!



Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John 11:25 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 11:1-45 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
- 4. A place where someone is buried
- 6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
- 8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

DOWN

- 1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
- 3. To be alive or have life
- 5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
- 7. To stop living

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| TOMB | MARTHA | DIE | MARY |
| LIVE | RESURRECTION | LAZARUS | SICK |

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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:

Michael John McMahon, Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Ann Roberts, Peter Roth

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, Nada, Denise, Zlatka



We welcome the newly baptized...
 Oscar Farrugia

...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: Thursday 26 March
 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

28/29 March 2026

Palm Sunday

Year A

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St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Xiberras D. Watkins
7.30am - A. Dunbar A. Tabone
9.30am - C. Hey E. Choudhary
5.30pm - T. Galino R. Sultana

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Xiberras J. Muscat
7.30am - A. Burnett L. Attard
9.30am - H. Convey A. Aquilina
5.30pm - A. Duarte

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm -
7.30am - C. Fleetwood
9.30am - M. Crew
5.30pm - D. Murphy

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - A. Roy
7.30am - C, E & E. Cauchi
9.30am - L & A. Farrugia
5.30pm - Sultana

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
7.30am - J. Cauchi
9.30am - A. Mathews
5.30pm - C. Sultana

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - M & M. Pastoors

Cleaners - K. Murphy M. Camilleri

Counters

22 Mar - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri
29 Mar - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 23 March 2026

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 25 March 2026

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 27 March 2026

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 28 March 2026

Reader - C. Smiroldo

EMoHC -

Sunday 29 March 2026

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan I. Galea T. Misdom

Minister at the Altar - D. Ryan

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - M. Ryan

Data Projector -

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - C. Livingstone

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