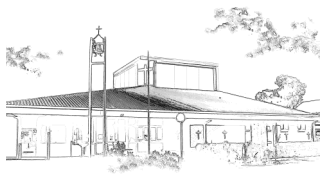


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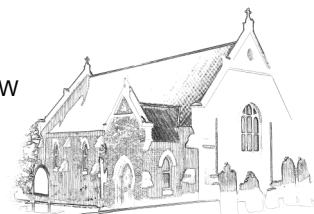
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A 28/29 March 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Matthew 21:9

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 21:8-9

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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 Shape the Way Our Parish Listens,
Leads and Connects, With Practical Responses,
To Real Needs of the Community.**

All parishioners are invited to the **FIVE LISTENING CONSULTATIONS** which will be held in the lead up to the **PARISH ASSEMBLY: 25TH JULY 2026.**

Register your participation for at least one or two **Listening Consultation(s)**.

Tuesday 7pm -8.30pm. See lists in foyer:

1. *Leadership & Communication* **April 14**
2. *Social Justice & Pastoral Care* **April 21**
3. *Ministry* **May 5**
4. *Youth* **May 19**
5. *Faith Formation* **(Wed) June 3**



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Easter Schedule:

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 will be available during Adoration following 9am Mass at St Monica's on Wednesday. Also, during the Stations of the Cross at St Monica's and St Gregory's on Good Friday at 10am. Please note there are no confessions on Holy Saturday.

Project Compassion Boxes & Envelopes: please return on Holy Thursday. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Reminder for all who are taking part in the Foot Washing Ceremony on Holy Thursday please bring a small towel. Thank you.

Please note: There is no Mass at St Gregory's next Saturday, 4th April.

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.



PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Thursday 2 April Thursday of the Lord's Supper.*
- *Friday 3 April Good Friday.*
- *Sunday 5 April Sunday of the Resurrection.*

Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday:

A collection for the upkeep of the holy sites in Jerusalem will be collected as you leave the Church following the Stations, 10am both Mass centres and the celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm St Monica's. Thank you for your contribution.

Safeguarding Update: Safeguarding is the training provided by the Diocese to keep us all safe. Thanks for all those who have completed Safeguarding Training. Many ministers will be due for a renewal or need to begin training, so the easiest way is online at <https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/training>. Please let me know if you require any assistance at zac.culican@parishofrichmond.org.au.

Sacraments News.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES – 2026						
TIME & PLACE	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
	St Gregory's Following 8am Mass	St Monica's Following 9.30am Mass	Emmaus Room 3.35pm	Emmaus Room 7pm	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
 enquiries please email:
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 10/06/2025
PFC - 15/04/2025
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.)

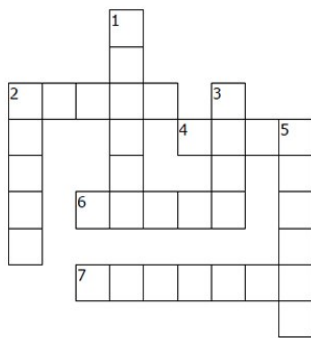
Tasks include mowing, whipper snipping, collecting and disposing of clippings, and blowing paths and the car park. All tools are provided, and your help would be greatly appreciated.

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

The Triumphal Entry

A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Matthew 21:8 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:1-11



ACROSS

2. A loose outer garment without sleeves worn instead of a coat
4. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals
6. To speak with a very loud voice
7. A community which is smaller than a town, usually in the countryside

DOWN

1. The part of a tree that grows out from the main trunk and has leaves
2. A large group of people who have gathered together
3. A young male horse (or donkey)
5. An animal like a small horse with long ears

BRANCH	COLT	ROAD	CLOAK
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STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Peter Woods, Paul Borg, Maryann Callaghan, Vincent Dalley, Dennis Gamble, Norman Davies, Tony Scopelliti

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Charlie & Jeffrey Refalo, Ronald Horan

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Laurie Cauchi, Leigh Geogon, Fran Yates, Leo Stivala, Bruce Buchanan, Venera Chetcuti, Robert Pereira, Ruth Larven, Sandra Vaughan, Delina Galea, Lorraine Phillips, Joan Crutcher, Margaret Skelley, Maria Zeks, Mark Potter, Rose Galea, Peter Johnson, Melissa Adamitz, Nada, Denise, Zlatka



We welcome the newly baptized...

Eli Adams
Finn & Isobel Murphy

...to our Christian



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: tbc

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

4/5 April 2026

**Sunday of the Resurrection
Year A**

Please refer to the special Easter Rosters already circulated to know the Holy Week Roster both at St Monica's and at St Gregory's



St Monica's

Readers

- 6.00pm -
- 7.30am -
- 9.30am -
- 5.30pm -

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

- 6.00pm -
- 7.30am -
- 9.30am -
- 5.30pm -

Minister at the Altar

- 6.00pm -
- 7.30am -
- 9.30am -
- 5.30pm -

Junior Ministers

- 6.00pm -
- 7.30am -
- 9.30am -
- 5.30pm -

Data Projector

- 6.00pm -
- 7.30am -
- 9.30am -
- 5.30pm -

Cleaners - M. Portelli L. Culican M. Kath C. Livingstone

Counters

29 Mar - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want
05 Apr - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 30 March 2026

Reader - M. Breden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 1 April 2026

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney



St Gregory's

Saturday 4 April 2026

Reader -

EMoHC -

Sunday 5 April 2026

Readers

8.00am -

Minister at the Altar -

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am -

Data Projector -

Altar Preparation -

Cleaners -

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