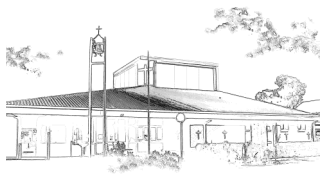


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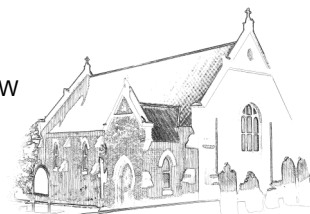
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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – Year A 4/5 April 2026

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 138:18, 5-6

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

### SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

### RICHMOND PARISH ASSEMBLY PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, you always guide Your people on their pilgrim way. Accompany us as we prepare to plan for our future direction by embarking upon the path of discipleship towards greater communion, participation and mission.



Help us to-walk together as one family who are attentive to the cry of the earth and the voice of the poor. Give us new hearts to respond faithfully to the signs of the time. May we never lose sight of the history and tradition of our parish community, but may we become more effective instruments of Your Gospel, by building upon the generosity and vision of past generations.

Form us into a community of mutually empowered and credible witnesses who are ready to prayerfully listen, learn, and discern together. May we all embrace our baptismal call and enliven Your Church here in the Parish of Richmond.

We ask this, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from the Diocesan Pastoral Assembly Prayer)

## ALLELUIA: HE IS RISEN INDEED

The feast of the resurrection of our lord Jesus Christ stands as the central point of our Christian liturgical year. This feast celebrates the mystery of Christ, His victory over death and the cross through His resurrection. It is the corner stone of our faith, which gives a promise of redemption and eternal life to God's people.

Thus, at the heart of our Easter celebration which began with the Easter vigil activities, we welcomed five of our brothers and sisters who received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist), and one person that was received into the catholic faith. Watching and participating in these ceremonies, deepened my joy in the fact that the lord has risen and has invited us to rejoice and be glad over the life-giving mystery of Christ's victory over sin and death which challenges us to believe and to live it out daily.

My dear brothers and sisters, while we enjoy our holidays, camping, horse race, parades, footy, rest and recreation, and family and friends bonding together, may we always remember that **easter is a time of New Beginnings as the easter egg reminds us, Spiritual renewal, and the rebirth of faith** which calls us Christians to live in the light of Christ's resurrection as Easter people whose song is **Alleluia, He has Risen Indeed.**

**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL AND MANY MORE BLESSINGS AHEAD, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!**

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

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The Parish of Richmond

**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: 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026.**

**Register** your participation for at least one or two **Listening Consultation(s).** Sign lists in foyer or use QR code.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                   | <b>Tuesday 7pm -8.30pm.</b> |
| 1. Leadership & Communication     | <b>April 14</b>             |
| 2. Social Justice & Pastoral Care | <b>April 21</b>             |
| 3. Ministry                       | <b>May 5</b>                |
| 4. Youth                          | <b>May 19</b>               |
| 5. Faith Formation                | <b>(Wed) June 3</b>         |



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Easter Blessings and Joy!** We congratulate Ayden Darcy, Benjamin Dunk, Christina Papworth, Philippa Gow, Rachel Hembrow and Veena Bhiki as we welcome them into our Parish Community. May God bless you all.

**Thank You To All** who helped make our Easter Celebrations prayerful. For all who worked behind the scenes and those who participated in the ceremonies we are truly grateful for your generous support. May the Risen Lord shower you and your families with Easter blessings.

*Thank You*

**Project Compassion. Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!** Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges & lift themselves out of poverty.

## PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Friday 10 April Anointing of the Sick** will take place during 9am Mass at St Monica's.

**RCIA** will meet on Monday 13th April, in the Emmaus Room, to reflect on the journey of faith of the newly initiated and to look at 'Ministry and Mission' as this part of their introduction to the life of a Catholic concludes. Keep an eye on the Bulletin in August for the date of the commencement of next year's journey to Easter.

**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](mailto:zac.culican@parishofrichmond.org.au).

## 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	FRIDAY Emmaus Room 4.30pm
<b>Start DATE</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> April	19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> April	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	24 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Facilitator</b>	Margaret	Anni	Allyson	Anita	Maria	Scott
<b>REMINDER</b>	Rehearsal Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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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[admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto: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 foy-**  
**ers & parish website**



*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.* —Psalm 118:24

*Christ is risen. Hallelujah!  
May the miracle of Easter bring you renewed hope, faith, love, and joy.*

## The Case of the Empty Tomb

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

John 20:1 (NIV)

Based on John 20:1-18 (NIV)



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CRYING	STRIPS	HEAD	DEAD	STONE
WEEK	ANGELS	FIRST	BURIAL	LORD
RISE	REMOVED	TOMB	FOLDED	MARY
BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH

### Luke 24 Youth Group (8-12yrs) (13-17yrs)

Date: Monday 13th April

Venue: Old Church

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

### STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

Donations can be made using the bank details below, or via the Tap-and-go machine and online donations which are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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#### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Richard Freitas, Peter Woods, Paul Borg, Maryann Callaghan, Vincent Dalley, Dennis Gamble, Norman Davies

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

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Carmelo Magro, John Moloney, Violet Gove

#### 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...

Mia Dhillon  
Amy Satara  
...to our Christian family



#### Happy birthday

Fr Raymond  
& all those celebrating this week:

### Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-34yrs)

Date: Thursday 9th April

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

**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

11/12 April 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year A

## St Monica's

### Readers

6.00pm - J. Fewtrell C. Hession  
7.30am - T. Maguire A. Edwards  
9.30am - E. Esposito K. Brough  
5.30pm - J. Morley E. Teuma

### Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - P. Hession A. Huxley  
7.30am - A. Dunbar  
9.30am - N. Esposito C. Hey  
5.30pm - S. Nash S. Higgins

### Minister of the Altar

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

### Junior Ministers

6.00pm - A. Roy  
7.30am -  
9.30am - V. Cavallaro R. D'Souza  
M. Robinson  
5.30pm - C. Chantiri

### Data Projector

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

Cleaners - A. Njoku M. Sherry

### Counters

05 Apr - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman  
12 Apr - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

### WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 6 April 2026

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - H. Convey

Wednesday 8 April 2026

Reader - A. Aquilina

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 10 April 2026

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - M. Ryan

## St Gregory's

Saturday 11 April 2026

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - J. Wall

Sunday 12 April 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

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - D. Grima

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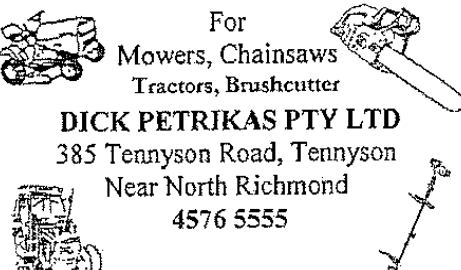
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