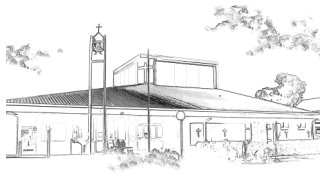


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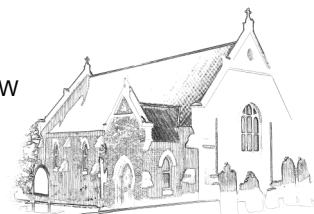
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Third Sunday of Easter – Year A 18/19 April 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 65:1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14. 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

They recognized him at the breaking of the bread.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Luke 24:35

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, 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)

WHAT IS ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS?

Some of our parish-based ministry groups are linked to "Luke 24", which is the biblical chapter that contains the narrative about **the Road to Emmaus**. The small function room that the parish uses and hires out for events and meetings is called the **Emmaus Room**. The different parish youth ministry groups, both present and the one in the making are all named after **Luke 24**. For example: **Luke 24 - Junior youth, Luke 24 - Young Adults, and Luke 24 - Around the table group?** (yet to unfold). Even our ongoing **listening consultation** is taking place in the **Emmaus Room**. These groups bring people together to relieve the experience of the two disciples who were walking on the Emmaus Road with a stranger who explained the scriptures to them, and whom they finally recognized to be **Jesus** at the **breaking of the bread**.

The experience of these **two disciples** shows us that Jesus is always present to us and speaks to us in our **prayers**, through the **scriptures**, in the **sacraments** of the church, in the **events** happening around us, and through the **people we encounter** every day. Thus, we are then encouraged today to **look for Jesus** in our daily lives and undertakings **with an open heart**, so that our **spiritual eyes** will be opened, and we shall grow stronger in **faith and holiness**.

The implication of the foregoing is that the **Road to Emmaus** helps those who walk together in it to: experience the risen Lord with **restored hope** and **rekindled faith**, **listen attentively** to each other and to the word of God with burning **enthusiasm** to **actively participate** in the **mission of Christ and His church**, and it deepens their **relationship with Jesus**, one another, and God's creation. Let our **Participation** in the **Mission** of the church **in our Parish** show that we are in **Communion** with God and those who walk with us daily on **our Road to Emmaus**.

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

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**Your Voice Can Help Shape the Way Our Parish Listens,
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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).**
Sign lists in foyer or use QR code.

Tuesday 7pm - 8.30pm.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation-RCIA will continue to meet on Monday evenings (7pm - 8pm) in the Emmaus Room for five weeks, with an *extended program to deepen & expand the knowledge of what it means to live the life of a Catholic* for the newly confirmed. This is also an opportunity for any parishioners who wish to deepen their appreciation of 'living the faith' to join in. All welcome. Date - Monday 20th April, 2026.

Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers: All liturgical ministers – readers, servers, extra ordinary ministers 7 ministers at the altar are invited to join us for our **Annual Commissioning Mass of Liturgical Ministers.** To be held on 12th May 2026, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Liturgical ministers please arrive by 7pm & be seated by 7:15pm. To register the number of guests & ministers attending please register by Thursday, 7th May. For more info, contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Saturday 25 April ANZAC Day.** Mass will be celebrated at St Gregory's, Kurrajong at 9am. Come & join us on this National Day of Remembrance.

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.

Mothers Day Sunday 10 May: We invite you to bring a flower and place it in front of the Altar, as we pray for all Mothers on this Day.



Sacraments News.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES – 2026						
TIME & PLACE	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
	St Gregory's Following 8am Mass	St Monica's Following 9.30am Mass	Emmaus Room 3.35pm	Emmaus Room 7pm	Emmaus Room 4pm	Emmaus Room 4.30pm
Start DATE	19 th April	19 th April	27th April	21 st April	22 nd April	24 th April
Facilitator	Margaret	Anni	Allyson	Anita	Maria	Scott
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
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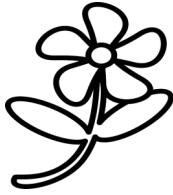
COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 10/06/2025
PFC - 17/06/2025
Time at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church
foyers & parish
website

MEMORIAL GARDEN PLAQUES:

If interested in having a loved one remembered in the Parish Memorial Garden please print on an envelope, the name of the person/s, also the name & phone number of the person placing the order.

To cover the cost of the plaque, its installation & the upkeep of the garden, a **donation of \$50** to be placed in the envelope which can then be posted in the **white letter box, at the Parish door.**



On the Road to Emmaus

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Luke 24:31a (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 24:13-35 (NIV).



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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, Sarah Smith, Pamela Everingham

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Reeta Gallyot, Nora O'Doherty, Mary Josephine Mizzi, Tony Suman, Melanie Sheffield

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Laurie Cauchi, Leigh Geogon, Fran Yates, Leo Stivala, Bruce Buchanan, Venera Chetcuti, 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...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week:

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

Date: Monday 11th May

Venue: Old Church

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-34yrs)

Date: Friday 24th 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

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

25/26 April 2026

4th Sunday of Easter

Year A

St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J. Xiberras D. Watkins
 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. Xiberras J. Muscat
 7.30am - C. Thompson A. Dunbar
 9.30am - L. Ryan J. Cauchi
 5.30pm - D. D'Mello R. Vecchio

Minister of the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
 7.30am - A. Moloney
 9.30am - C. Pritchard
 5.30pm - R. Ujmiak

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - A. Roy
 7.30am -
 9.30am - C & E. Cauchi S. Borg
 5.30pm - L. Sultana C. Chantiri

Data Projector

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

Children's Liturgy - E. Mizzi

Cleaners - K. Murphy M. Camilleri

Counters

19 Apr - C. Barber F. Pausanos
 C. Thompson
 26 Apr - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 20 April 2026

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 22 April 2026

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 24 April 2026

Reader - D. Bowles

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 25 April 2026

Reader - C. Smioldo

EMoHC -

Sunday 26 April 2026

Readers

8.00am - L. Currall M. Mooney A. Drew

Minister at the Altar - A. Vincent

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - C. Smioldo

Data Projector - S. Stennett

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

Cleaners - K. Hodgson

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