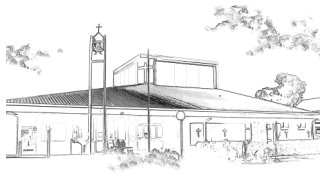


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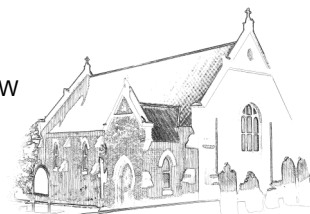
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## Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year A 25/26 April 2026

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: psalm 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:14. 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22:1-6

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

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, days the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

I am the gate of sheepfold.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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)*

### Anzac Day

This weekend, we come to commemorate Anzac Day. It's fitting that this weekend's Gospel is taken from John 10:14, where we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays his life down for the sheep.

Anzac Day invites us to remember courage, sacrifice, and the cost of service. As dawn breaks and silence settles, we hold space for those who gave everything, and for those who returned carrying unseen burdens. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd deepens this remembrance. He knows his sheep by name, and lays down his life for their sake.

In the stories of Anzac, we glimpse echoes of that shepherding love: leaders who step into danger, mates who refuse to leave one another, and a shared commitment to protect the vulnerable. Yet the Good Shepherd also reminds us that sacrifice is not an end. His path leads through suffering toward restoration, calling us to be people who mend and reconcile.

On this day, remembrance can become a living practice. We honour the fallen not only with wreaths, but by tending our communities, noticing the lost, and standing with those in need. We listen for the Shepherd's voice in acts of compassion, choosing courage that protects life rather than diminishes it.

May Anzac Day shape in us a deeper gratitude and a clearer calling: to follow the Good Shepherd into paths of mercy, where sacrifice becomes seed for hope, and peace takes root in ordinary lives. In doing so, we resist forgetting, resist indifference, and resist the temptation to glorify war without grieving its wounds. We become keepers of memory and makers of peace, guided by a Shepherd who still gathers, still heals, and still calls us by name, today, tomorrow, and always, in every place we are sent to love well.

Fr Adam Carlow.

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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.**

**Tuesday 7pm - 8.30pm.**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Leadership & Communication     | <b>Completed</b>    |
| 2. Social Justice & Pastoral Care | <b>Completed</b>    |
| 3. <u>Ministry</u>                | <b>May 5</b>        |
| 4. Youth                          | <b>May 19</b>       |
| 5. Faith Formation                | <b>(Wed) June 3</b> |



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**As we mark Anzac Day** this weekend, we reflect on 110 years since the Gallipoli campaign & commemorate all Australians who have served in times of peace & war. **Lest we forget.** We continue to pray for peace in our own times.



**Ongoing Adult Faith Formation-RCIA** will meet on Monday May 4, (7pm - 8pm) in the Emmaus Room, 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.

**Anointing of the Sick** will take place at St. Monica's during 9am Mass on Friday 8th May.

**Mothers Day Sunday 10th 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.



## PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Tuesday 28 April Saint Peter Chanel.**
- **Wednesday 29 April Saint Catherine of Siena.**
- **Saturday 2 May Saint Athanasius.**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday we are invited to join the Universal Church in prayer for Vocations, as we ask the Lord to send labourers into His harvest! This day is a reminder to pray for and support those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church.

**Teshana, our parish secretary, has decided to retire in the coming month.**

We extend our heartfelt thanks for her fifteen years of dedicated service to the parish. Teshana's bubbly personality and ever ready willingness to help will be deeply missed. Teshana will join our parish community for morning tea following the 9.30am Mass at St Monica's on May 24. **The position of Parish Secretary will be advertised in the coming weeks.**



## Sacraments News.

**RECONCILIATION:** Enrolment is now open until the 30<sup>th</sup> June.

This is for children baptised in the Catholic Church and attending Yr 3 or older at school. Please use the QR code here, or on the Posters in the church. Alternatively use the Parish Website Link. See posters for details.

2026 Sacrament of Reconciliation Enrolment Form



## 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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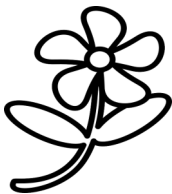
## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**PPC - 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.**



**The Shepherd and His Sheep**

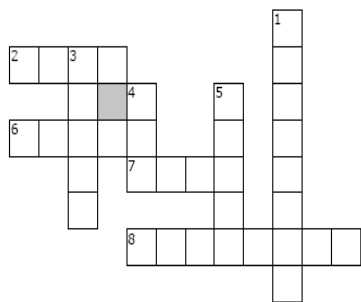
His sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:4b (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV)



John 10:1-10



**ACROSS**

- 2. An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
- 6. The sound made when people speak or sing
- 7. The word or words by which a person or thing is known
- 8. A person who takes care of sheep

**DOWN**

- 1. Someone not known or not familiar
- 3. Someone who steals
- 4. A small area surrounded by a fence in which animals are kept
- 5. A farm animal with thick curly wool

SHEPHERD	THIEF	NAME	VOICE
SHEEP	GATE	STRANGER	PEN

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

Date: Monday 11th May

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.

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

Mary Butler, 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, Martin Deguara, Julie Bennett, Jim Sultana, Noel Copland, Catherine Vella

**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...**

Koah Camilleri, Luke Mifsud, Evie Vella, Ari Woodhouse

...to our Christian family



**Happy birthday**

Evangeline Amoguis & to all those celebrating this week.

**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

**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

2/3 May 2026

5th Sunday of Easter  
Year A

### St Monica's

#### Readers

6.00pm - J. Chapman M. Darmody  
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 - D. Grima V. Muscat  
7.30am - A. Burnett L. Attard  
9.30am - H. Convey A. Aquilina  
5.30pm - J. Morley A. Duarte

#### Minister of the Altar

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

#### Junior Ministers

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

#### Data Projector

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

#### Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C. Saliba

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C. Livingstone

#### Counters

26 Apr - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri  
03 May - F. Crew T. Misdorn M. Want

#### WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 27 April 2026

Reader - A. Copland

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Wednesday 29 April 2026

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 1 May 2026

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - A. Huxley

### St Gregory's

Saturday 2 May 2026

Reader - J. Wall

EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

Sunday 3 May 2026

#### Readers

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

**Minister at the Altar** - D. Ryan

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

8.00am - M. Ryan

**Data Projector** - S. Buchan

**Altar Preparation** - M. Ryan

**Cleaners** - C. Livingstone

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