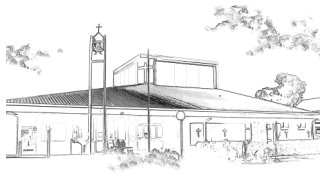


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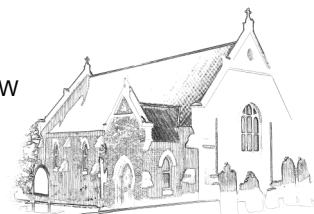
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## Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A 3 May 2026

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with Spirit and Wisdom.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us. As we place our trust in you.

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 15:1, 5

I am the vine and you are the branches, says the Lord; he who lives in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, 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)

### CONTINUING THE MISSION OF CHRIST ON EARTH

Acts of the Apostles 10:38 tells us that “Jesus went about doing good” by His active service of preaching/teaching, healing physical sicknesses, liberating those in spiritual bondage and demonic possession, feeding the hungry, forgiving sinners, and demonstrating God’s power among men since God was with Him. Thus, He encouraged us to do good deeds without showing off or doing them publicly for public praise (Mt 6: 1-4), so that our father in heaven will reward us.

The foregoing demonstrates that the mission of Jesus Christ on earth was a “Ministry of Goodness” which teaches us the importance of “caring for those in need” just as James 1:27 reminded us about “a pure and undefiled religion”. This implies that for us to continue the mission of Christ, we need to follow Him **our model of service and compassion**. In this regard, the church’s **Corporal Works of Mercy** call us to serve others by feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, and burying the dead (Mt 25: 34-40 and 1 Cor 3:16). Thus, Christ’s ministry of goodness challenges us to **show love through acts of kindness and service**, and to **live with purpose, courage, love and compassion**.

In the light of the forgoing, continuing the mission of Christ who is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6) on earth requires us His followers to: serve and care for the needy, the orphans, and the widows in distress, as a way of **living out our faith, and sharing God’s love with others**. My dear brothers and sisters, let us **live the way of Jesus** as part of God’s people, by putting our faith into action because “true **faith without good work is dead** in itself” (James 2:26), and “**trusting Jesus brings strength and direction** in our lives”. **HAPPY SUNDAY EVERYONE!!!**

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Catholic Foundation Good Shepherd's Appeal** will be held weekend 16/17 May.  
Thank you for your continued support.

### Parish Secretary

#### St Monica's Catholic Church – Richmond Parish - Part time

St Monica's Catholic Church, Richmond Parish, is seeking a warm, organised, and highly capable **Parish Secretary** to support the pastoral and administrative life of the parish.

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**How to Apply:** Please submit your résumé and a brief cover letter outlining your suitability for the role to:  
[raymond.ugwu@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:raymond.ugwu@parishofrichmond.org.au)  
**Applications close: 15 May 2026**



## PARISH DIARY DATES

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

#### 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.



**Stamps:** Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children.  
Thank you for your continued support.

## 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.

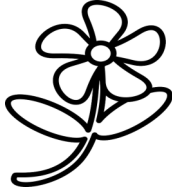
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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**PPC - 10/06/2026**  
**PFC - 17/06/2026**  
**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.**

**"I Am the Way"**

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

Based on John 14:1-14



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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, Josephine Gillies, Joe Vella, Mary Moloney

**We Prayerfully Remember the Sick**

Irene Barry, Laurie Cauchi, Leigh Geogon, 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, Fran Yates



**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: Thursday 14th May  
 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

**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**

**9/10 May 2026**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Year A**

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**St Monica's**

**Readers**

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

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

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

**Minister at the Altar**

6.00pm - A. Vincent  
7.30am - A. Moloney  
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

**Data Projector**

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

**Children's Liturgy**

9.30am - K. Kemble  
**Cleaners** - A. Njoku M. Sherry

**Counters**

03 May - F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want  
10 May - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 4 May 2026**

**Reader** - M. Breden

**EMoHC** - H. Convey

**Wednesday 6 May 2026**

**Reader** - L. Sheffield

**EMoHC** - A. Moloney

**Friday 8 May 2026**

**Reader** - D. Bowles

**EMoHC** - M. Ryan

**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 9 May 2026**

**Reader** - M. Ryan

**EMoHC** - J. Wall

**Sunday 10 May 2026**

**Readers**

8.00am - P. Hurst J. Wall A. Bwaia

**Minister at the Altar -**

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

8.00am - P. Waterford

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