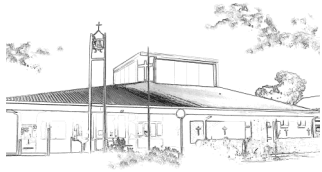


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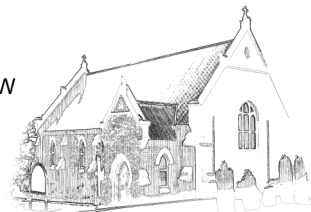
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Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year A 10 May 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth. The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, 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)

MOTHER'S DAY

A Catholic understanding of motherhood goes far beyond biology; it reflects a vocation rooted in self-giving love. A mother is called not only to nurture life but also to guide her children in the ways of faith. They shape the hearts of their children. By bringing new life into the world and nurturing it, mothers cooperate with God's plan for humanity. What a beautiful gift it is to participate in God's creative work.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the model of this vocation. Her willingness to accept God's will with faith and humility shows that her vocation is rooted in saying "yes" to God, even when the path involves sacrifice. Mary's motherhood was not only biological but spiritual, as she cared for and guided Jesus and later became a spiritual mother to the Church.

Catholic teaching recognises that motherhood can be lived spiritually as well as physically. Women who nurture, teach, protect, mentor, and care for others can also reflect maternal love. In this sense, motherhood as a vocation is ultimately about living a life of faithful, selfless love in response to God's call.

This weekend, we recognise and give thanks for our mother and mother figures. We give thanks for the gift of life, the sacrifices they make, and the guidance they give. To all the mother and mother figures of our parish, I wish you a warm and joyful Mother's Day! May God bless you, and may Mary, our Spiritual Mother, continue to guide and intercede for you.

Fr Adam

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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.

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| 1. Leadership & Communication | Tuesday 7pm - 8.30pm.
Completed |
| 2. Social Justice & Pastoral Care | Completed |
| 3. Ministry | Completed |
| 4. Youth | May 19 |
| 5. Faith Formation | (Wed) June 3 |



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ongoing Adult Faith Formation-RCIA will meet tomorrow Monday 11th May, (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.

Bishops' Good Works Appeal will be held next weekend 16/17 May. Envelopes are available today. Thank you for your continued support.

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How to Apply: Please submit your résumé and a brief cover letter outlining your suitability for the role to:

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Applications close: 15 May 2026

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Thursday 14 May Saint Matthias.

Ministers at the Altar & Readers.

Please Note: Pentecost Sunday 24th May.

The Readings for all Masses will be from the Mass of the Day. The Sequence will be included at all Masses except the Vigil 6pm Saturday.

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 30th 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**

Blessing For Mothers ..

May the God of our mother Sarah be your fountain of life to bless you and give you health and happiness, so that you may be a blessing to your family and to all who are in your care.

May Jesus, the Son of Mary, be your Protector to give you strength and health and peace, so that you may be a refuge and haven for your family.



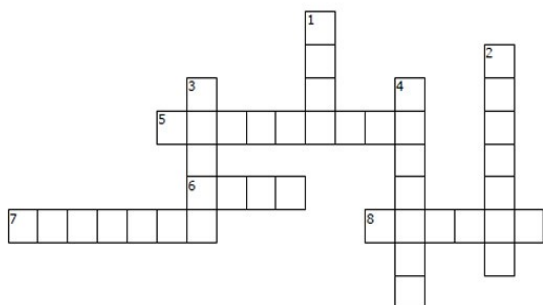
Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV)



John 14:16



ACROSS

5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the _____.

DOWN

1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

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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, Sam & Mary Camilleri, Josephine Dimech, Veronica Eves, Lyn Garrick, Carmen Camilleri

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...

Caleb Mendoza, Cole Nutman, Brodie Sumeghy

...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 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

16/17 May 2026

**The Ascension of the Lord
Year A**

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Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
7.30am - S. Duff M. McMahon
9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea
5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

6.00pm - J. Gorman J. Portelli
7.30am - L. Attard A. Dunbar
9.30am - M. Portelli Z. Culican
5.30pm - KA Kemble C. Barber

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
7.30am - K. Bauer
9.30am - A. Brailey
5.30pm -

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - J. McGregor
7.30am -
9.30am - V. Cavallaro A. Vella M. Anderson
5.30pm - C. Chantiri

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breden
7.30am - C. Thompson
9.30am - L. Culican
5.30pm - Choir members

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - M & M. Pastoors

Cleaners - N. Godsell C & A. Salkeld
C. Pritchard

Counters

10 May - M. Ryan D. Bowles C. Chapman
17 May - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 11 May 2026

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - C. Nickle

Wednesday 13 May 2026

Reader - A. Aquilina

EMoHC - M. McMahon

Friday 15 May 2026

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 16 May 2026

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 17 May 2026

Readers

8.00am - N. Ginige C. Smiroldo E. Leddy

Minister at the Altar - C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

8.00am - A. Drew

Data Projector - H. Gillies

Altar Preparation - M. Ryan

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