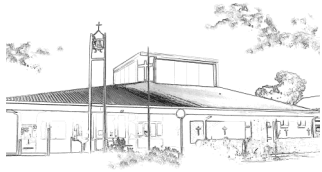


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## Pentecost Sunday – Year A 24 May 2026

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Romans 5:5; Cf. 8:11

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us, alleluia.

### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31. 34

Lord, send our your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Acts 2:4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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)*

### SAYING OUR GOODBYE AND WELCOME

This week we have come to say farewell to our Parish Secretary, Teshana Laferla. On behalf of myself, Fr Raymond, and the wider parish, we express our heart-felt gratitude and thanks to her for the 15 years of service she has given to our parish here in Richmond. Teshana will be dearly missed as our secretary. The warmth and love she brought to us will continue to endure in our hearts. Teshana, thank you so much for all you have done for us here at St Monica's. May God bless you in your future travels, and we look forward to seeing you again in the future as a member of our parish family.

We also welcome this week Teresa Gambino, who will be commencing the role of Parish Secretary here in our parish. Teresa comes from Arcadia and has had extensive experience working with the Diocese of Broken Bay. It's a big week of transition for Teresa, and we give her our support, accompaniment and prayers as she commences her new role. Teresa, you are most welcome, and we look forward to ministering with you in the future.

While it's a time of transition for us here in the parish, it's also a time of transition in the wider Church. We come to celebrate this weekend Pentecost, and we also celebrate confirmations as well. In Pentecost, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit is always at work in the life of the Church — renewing, strengthening, and calling forth new life. Just as the Spirit descended upon the disciples and led them into a new chapter of mission and hope, so too the Spirit continues to guide our parish through times of change and new beginnings. As we give thanks for Teshana's faithful service and welcome Teresa into our parish family, may the Holy Spirit fill all of us with a spirit of renewal and new life, as we embrace the new beginnings before us.

Fr Adam Carlow

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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 the foyer or use the QR code.**

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** for your support of the Bishop's Good Works Appeal last weekend. \$2337.80 has been forwarded. Envelopes are still available at the doors of the Church should you wish to contribute.

**We welcome** our new Parish Secretary Teresa Gambino to the Parish of Richmond.

**Preparing for the new Financial Year.** Envelopes for the financial support of the Parish are now being prepared, should you wish to have envelopes or use the credit card giving, please contact the Parish Office. If you have changed your address or any other details, please contact the parish office. Thank you to all for your generous support.

**RCIA** season has now come to an end. We thank all those involved especially the Candidates and Sponsors, the Facilitators, Team Members and Parishioners for their prayerful support. 2026/2027 RCIA classes will start in September 2026.



## PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Monday 25 May Our Lady, Help of Christians.**
- **Tuesday 26 May Saint Philip Neri.**

**Congratulations!** Today marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Diocese. We pray in thanksgiving for the leadership of our Bishops and the Diocesan Teams who have supported them.

**LUKE 24 YOUTH GROUP – TOILETRY DONATION DRIVE.** Luke 24 Youth Group will be collecting toiletries for St Vincent de Paul to support those in need within our community. Parishioners are invited to donate new and unopened items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, deodorant and other essential toiletries. A donation basket will be located in the church foyer, with donations being collected on Monday 8th June. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**The Diocese of Parramatta** is committed to zero tolerance of abuse and, through ongoing education of all Diocesan staff and volunteers and remains focused on building child-safe communities throughout all Parishes that care for children and adults at risk. Safeguarding Champion - Zac Culican.

## Sacraments News, Richmond.

**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  
enquiries please email:  
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**PPC - 10/06/2026**  
**PFC - 17/06/2026**  
**Time at 7pm.**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**available on notice**  
**boards in church foyers**  
**& parish website**

Dear Parishioners,

After 15 wonderful years as your Parish Secretary, it is hard to put into words what this time has meant to me.



It's been a blessing to serve this parish. You've made this role more than just a job, it's been a meaningful part of my life. I am grateful for the friendships, support and many chats I have had over these years.

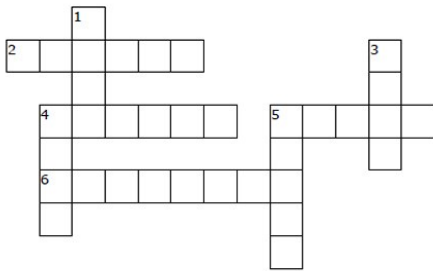
While I am looking forward to retirement, I will truly miss seeing you all.

Thank you for everything and may God Bless you all. A special thank you to Fr Raymond and Fr Adam for your kindness and support over the last 2 years.

With warmest wishes, Teshana.

## The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)  
Based on Acts 2:1-21



### ACROSS

- A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
- The place where God lives
- Something that can be heard
- Means of communication used by the people of a particular country

### DOWN

- A destructive burning
- Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
- Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
- To say words, to use the voice

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| LANGUAGE | FIRE   | HOLY  | WIND  |
| SPIRIT   | HEAVEN | SOUND | SPEAK |

## STEWARDSHIP: PARISH DONATIONS

Donations can be made using the bank details below, or via the Tap-and-go machine and online donations at our parish website at [www.parihofrichmond.org.au](http://www.parihofrichmond.org.au).

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Brook Powell, Mary Butler, Richard Freitas, Peter Woods, Paul Borg, Maryann Callaghan, Vincent Dalley, Dennis Gamble, Norman Davies, Sarah Smith

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

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Paul Farrugia, Gwen & Harry Sanson, Josephine Said, John Mary Said.

### 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...

Emelia Bamforth, Bodie Pisani, Alessia Portelli

...to our Christian family



### Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

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

Date: Monday 8th June

Venue: Old Church

Time: 5.30 - 7pm

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

Date: Friday 29th May

Venue: Bligh Park Hotel

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**

**30/31 May 2026**

**The Most Holy Trinity  
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 Dsouza  
M. Robinson

**Data Projector**

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

**Children's Liturgy**

9.30am - E. Mizzi

**Cleaners -**

**Counters**

24 May - C. Barber F. Pausanos  
C. Thompson  
31 May - V. Muscat F. Muscat R. Camilleri

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 25 May 2026**

Reader - A. Copland  
EMoHC - M. McMahon

**Wednesday 27 May 2026**

Reader - A. Moloney

EMoHC - M. McMahon

**Friday 29 May 2026**

Reader - M. McMahon

EMoHC - M. Ryan

**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 30 May 2026**

Reader - M. Ryan

EMoHC - J. Wall

**Sunday 31 May 2026**

**Readers**

8.00am - P. Hurst J. Wall  
**Minister at the Altar - F. Kelleher**

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

8.00am - P. Waterford

**Data Projector - A. Drew**

**Altar Preparation - M. Ryan**

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