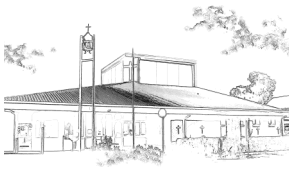

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 5 July 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 47:10-11
Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10
See how humbly your king comes to you!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9, 11-13
If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Cf. Matthew 11:25
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30
I am gentle and humble of heart.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 11:28
Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

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)

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Many of us carry heavy loads—worries about family, work, health, finances, or the uncertainties of the future. Jesus does not promise a life without challenges. What he does promise though is the possibility of resting in his peace. He calls us to exchange the crushing weight of our fears for the gentle yoke of His love. A yoke is a wooden crosspiece used to bind two draft animals (like oxen) together so they can pull a heavy load.

Christ's yoke is "easy" and His burden is "light" because He shares the journey with us. When we surrender our cares to Him, we discover that true rest is not simply the absence of problems but the presence of the Saviour. In Him, our souls find hope, strength, and renewal.

The yoke also symbolises discipleship, the idea of 'walking in-step' with Christ. To take Jesus' yoke is to learn from Him. He says, "Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart." As we grow in His character, we discover that forgiveness replaces bitterness, and hope overcomes despair.

By walking in-step with Jesus, our challenges don't disappear, but they become transformative. The challenges of life may remain, but they no longer define us or overwhelm us because we face them with the One who has overcome the world. As we keep in step with Christ, we discover that His grace is sufficient for each day.

On this 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, may we respond to Christ's invitation with open hearts. Let us lay our burdens at His feet, trust in His unfailing care, and receive the rest that only He can give. May this time of worship renew our spirits, strengthen our faith, and remind us that we are never alone, for the Lord walks with us always.

"Come to me... and you will find rest for your souls." May this promise encourage and sustain us throughout the week ahead.

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All parishioners are invited to the

PARISH ASSEMBLY: 25th JULY 2026 9am to1pm

Mark the date!

All suggestions from the Listening Consultations will be presented at the Parish Assembly for further discernment and confirmation of mission priorities.

REGISTRATION: *To register your attendance at the Parish Assembly please scan the QR Code here, to submit your name and contact details, or fill out the registration form at the back of the Church.* ***Everyone is Welcome!!***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY AT ST GREGORY'S

Two EMs are required for Saturday morning Masses to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion.

Two new cleaners are needed to **assist once a month** with cleaning **St Gregory's Church.** If you can help, please contact the Parish Office immediately.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

This Friday 10 July during the 9am Mass at St. Monica's.

FAREWELL to our fellow parishioner Bob Camilleri. **May he RIP.** Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 10 July at 11am at St Monica's

THANK YOU

The families of Thomas Breaden were overwhelmed by the support of parishioners. We sincerely thank everyone for their prayers, love and assistance before and during Tom's Funeral Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

On Wednesday 8 July at 7pm. There will be a joint meeting of the PPC and the Assembly Working Group.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- *Monday 6 July* - **Saint Maria Goretti**
- *Tuesday 7 July* - **Blessed Peter To Rot**
- *Saturday 11 July* - **Saint Benedict**

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Thank you for your support of the Peter's Pence Appeal held last weekend. $820.80 was collected.

ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

Envelopes for the financial support of the Parish are still available in the Church foyer. Thank you for your continued generous support.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Celebrated today 5 July, the theme 'Walking together in Christ - 40 years on!' calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope - listening deeply, and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. The Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country, and deep sense of community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia.

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

RECONCILIATION

Enrolments are now closed. Classes begin from 26 July. Ceremony will be 26 August.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

For Baptised children from grade 4 and above. ENROLMENT is open now! Please use this QR Code or visit Parish Website Sacramental Program

2026 Sacrament of Holy Communion Enrolment

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
St Monica's: 9.00am
Second Friday of the month, or by arrangement with the priests

Baptism
By appointment only.
St Monica's: 11.00am 2nd & 3rd Sundays
St Gregory's: 11.00am 1st Sunday
Booking & Preparation essential.

Marriage
Strictly by appointment.
A minimum of 6 months notice is required
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 8/07/2026
PFC - 19/08/2026
Time at 7.00pm

Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers and parish website

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

All staff and volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta who work with children and adults at risk are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

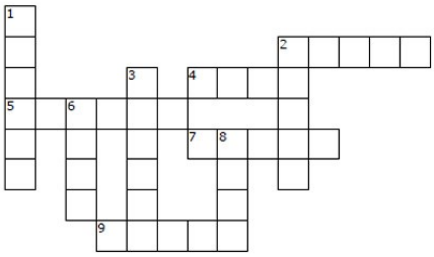
Safeguarding is a term used to describe the protection of the welfare and human rights of people who are, in some way, connected with our work, particularly people who may be at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to being a community of safeguarding that actively promotes the dignity and rights of children and of all persons, particularly those who may be vulnerable.

Rest for the Weary

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:30 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Not heavy
4. The opposite of go
5. A heavy load that you carry
7. The place within a person where their feelings or emotions are
9. Very tired, especially after working hard for a long time

DOWN

1. Not proud or not believing that you are important
2. To get knowledge or skill about a subject
3. Calm, kind or soft; not violent
6. Stop and relax to regain your strength
8. Not difficult

WEARY	HUMBLE	EASY	BURDEN	REST
COME	HEART	LIGHT	GENTLE	LEARN

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Bob Camilleri, Thomas Breaden, Pauline Tanti, Emanuel Degabriele, Nellie Biddle, Sean Killen, Brook Powell.

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Dr Antoine Hermens (anniversary), Grant Leslie, Beverley Riley, Mary & Michael Walsh, members of Doyle, Hermens, Horan & Stinson families, Joyce Conlon, Eric Quirico, Pia Rossi, Bill Burnett.

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Kathy & Peter Johnson, Maria Galuzzo, Irene Barry, Laurie Cauchi, Leigh Geogeon, Leo Stivala, Ruth Larven, Ursula Kelleher, Bruce Buchanan, Venera Chetcuti, Sandra Vaughan, Delina Galea, Lorraine Phillips, Joan Crutcher, Margaret Skelley, Maria Zeks, Mark Potter.

We welcome the newly baptised

Chloe Lorraine Dawson and Connor Luke Pentecost

...to our Christian family.

Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week

Luke 24 Youth Group (8 - 12yrs) (13 - 17yrs)
Date: Monday 13 July
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm

On a Journey to be Richer in Faith
Luke 24
YOUTH MINISTRY

Luke 24 Young Adults Group and CYP (18 - 34yrs)
Date: Friday 17 July
Venue: at Rouse Hill
Time: 7.00pm

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES

Rosary
St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.
St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday Mass.

Children's Liturgy
St Monica's: During 9.30am Mass
Every Sunday, not school holidays.

Parish Morning Tea
St Monica's: After 9.30am Mass
every fourth Sunday of the month.
St Gregory's: After 8.00am Mass
every second Sunday of the month.

Table Tennis
1st & 3rd Mondays
5.00pm - 7.00pm in the Old Church.

Benediction & Mass
St Monica's: 6.30pm - 7.30pm
every 1st Friday of the month.
St Gregory's: After 9.00am Mass
every 1st Saturday of the month.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
St Monica's: After 9.00am Mass
Every Wednesday to pray for vocations.

Monthly Special Blessings. ***Marriage Anniversaries*** - Every 2nd Sunday of the month. ***Birthdays*** - Every 4th Sunday of the month.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
11/12 July 2026
15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

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

Eucharistic Ministers
6.00pm - P Hession J Chapman
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 - R Ujmiak
9.30am - D Murphy M Hoffmann
5.30pm - T Ross

Junior Ministers
6.00pm -
7.30am -
9.30am - V Cavallaro R Thumma M Robinson
5.30pm - C Chantiri

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

Children's Liturgy
9.30am -

Cleaners
A Njoku M Sherry

Counters
5 July - V Muscat F Muscat R Camilleri
12 July - F Crew T Misdom M Want

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 6 July 2026 - 9.00am
Reader - M Breaden
EMoHC - H Convey

Wednesday 8 July 2026 - 9.00am
Reader - A Aquilina
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 10 July 2026 - 9.00am
Reader - D Bowles
EMoHC - M Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 11 July 2026 - 9.00am
Reader - M Ryan
EMoHC - J Wall

Sunday 12 July 2026 - 8.00am
Readers - P Hurst J Wall T Misdom
Eucharistic Minister - P Waterford
Minister at the Altar - F Kelleher
Data Projector - A Drew
Altar Preparation - M Ryan
Cleaners - A Vincent

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