



The Parish of Richmond



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 12 July 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, 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)

WALKING TOGETHER IN CHRIST!

Last Sunday, the Australian catholic church celebrated 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and the 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestone anniversaries were “reminders of the enduring faith, resilience, and our **shared call to walk together**” as **one Body in Christ**, guided by the Holy Spirit. The number forty (40) In the bible and in different cultures of the world signify “a period of testing, trial, transformation, or probation” which represents a complete generational cycle, or a milestone that ultimately leads to a new beginning or divine fulfillment.

Today, the church in Australia is inviting us to celebrate Seafarers Sunday (or Sea Sunday), when we honour the millions of maritime workers who sustain global trade, with the theme: **"Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers"**. Seafarers are men and women who leave their families behind to face increasing and complex maritime challenges like tension, insecurity, war, and fear. We are called today, to pray for the safety, peace, dignity, faith, and hope of these people in the maritime industry and to entrust them to the care of mama Mary, the star of the sea.

Consequently, it is in the spirit of “**walking together in Christ**” with our first nation people and our maritime missionaries of hope, that the **pastoral assembly working group** is inviting us to the **parish pastoral assembly** which is just two weeks away. Hence my dear brothers and sisters, let us keep walking together in Christ remembering that God's plan is certain, and His words are meant to nourish us, and give us life, when we receive them with open hearts, we can grow strong in faith and bear much fruit.

Fr. Raymond C. Ugwu, C.S.Sp.

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Monthly Special Blessings

Marriage Anniversaries:
Every 2nd Sunday of the month.
Birthdays: Every 4th Sunday of the month.

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All parishioners are invited to the **PARISH ASSEMBLY: 25th JULY 2026 9am to 1pm** Mark the date!

All suggestions from the Listening Consultations are presented in the **Parish Assembly working document**, available at the door. They will be discussed 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 **EM** are required for Saturday morning Mass to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion.

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

FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP - 8 AUGUST 2026

Holy Hour for young people (18-35) at the tomb of Mary. Saturday 8 August 4.30pm to 5.45pm

ST LUKE'S PARISH DINNER DANCE

Fundraising for building project. On Saturday 25 July at 7.00pm at St Luke's Catholic College. Ph: 02 7261 0246.

SEAFARERS SUNDAY—12 JULY

This Sunday is Seafarers Sunday. The theme is 'Harbours of Hope'. The maritime industry's workforce faces significant isolation, dangerous conditions, and extended periods away from loved ones. We entrust them to the care of Mary, Star of the Sea, we pray for safety, dignity, peace, and hope for all who journey and work upon the waters.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Sunday 12 July - Sts. Louis & Zelie Martin
- Wednesday 15 July - Saint Bonaventure
- Thursday 16 July - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

BEST WISHES AND THANK YOU

We congratulate Fr. Raymond and ask God's blessing on him as he marks the 22nd anniversary of his ordination and his 2nd year as our Parish Priest.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

On Wednesday 15 July at 7.00pm in Emmaus Room.

R.C.I.A. It is time to plant seeds of encouragement. Have you started that conversation with those who may be interested in the Catholic Faith? Would you be willing to accompany them on their journey of Faith? Commencing late August. *Watch the Bulletin for further details.*

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation 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 SACRAMENTS

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

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

**PPC - 12/08/2026
PFC - 19/08/2026
Time at 7.00pm**

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

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

The Diocese of Parramatta offers its unreserved and deepest apologies to survivors of abuse and their families for the hurt and suffering this abuse has caused throughout their lives.

The Diocese of Parramatta is absolutely committed to ensuring that no child entrusted to our care is ever harmed again.

The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to a culture of safeguarding where leaders at all levels put safeguarding first and where the best interests of children are always paramount.

The Parable of the Sower

But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a
Based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)



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The First Collection - Supporting the Diocesan priests

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

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

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Joseph Baldacchino, Antonio & Clorinda Carniato, Bill Burnett, Joseph Teuma, Carmen Teuma, George and Marta Schembri, Philip Vassallo.

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Mile, Leanne Ryan, Kathy & Peter Johnson, Maria Galuzzo, Irene Barry, Laurie Cauchi, Leigh Geogon, 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

... 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



Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18 - 34yrs) Tru Ninja Social Night

Date: Friday 17 July
Venue: at Rouse Hill
Time: 7.00pm



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

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
18/19 July 2026
16th Sunday
of Ordinary Time Year A



St Monica's

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

Eucharistic Ministers

6.00pm - J Gorman J Portelli
 7.30am - L Attard A Dunbar
 9.30am - M Portelli Z Culican
 5.30pm - S Higgins C Barber

Minister at the Altar

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

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 Breaden
 7.30am - C Thompson
 9.30am - L Culican
 5.30pm - Choir Members

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - E Mizzi

Cleaners

N Godsell C & A Salkeld C Pritchard

Counters

12 July - F Crew T Misdom M Want
 19 July - M Ryan D Bowles C Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 13 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - F Crew
EMoHC - C Nickle

Wednesday 15 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - C Allison
EMoHC - A Moloney

Friday 17 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - L Sheffield
EMoHC - A Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 18 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - F Crew
EMoHC - M Ryan

Sunday 19 July 2026 - 8.00am

Readers - N Ginige C Colusso-Craig E Leddy
Eucharistic Minister - A Drew
Minister at the Altar - C Byatt
Data Projector - H Gillies
Altar Preparation - M Ryan
Cleaners - S McMahon

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