

The Parish of Richmond



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 19 July 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

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 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

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)

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
**PARISH
ASSEMBLY**



ISAIAH 43:19



Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.



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



**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE PROVIDED**

SCAN TO REGISTER



**SATURDAY
25TH JULY
9AM-1PM**



**ST MONICA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH,
RICHMOND**

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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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of Richmond**

GOD'S PATIENCE AND CARE

Every baptized Christian has a godparent, whose job is to assist the parents as spiritual mentors in raising the child in the faith. One of them need to be at least 16 years old, fully initiated and practicing Catholic, who is not the child's parents. The godparents chosen by parents help to mentor, support, and guide a child through life, religious upbringing, and spiritual growth. They also help the child to grow in patience and other Christian virtues through their word and good example.

Today, our readings remind us that God gives everyone time to change and grow because God is Patient and Kind. Jesus uses the parables about seeds, weeds, and yeast, to teach us that the kingdom of God may look small at first, but it grows in hidden ways. Thus, my brothers and sisters, let us trust in this growth and wait patiently with hope. Let us in union with our godparents look out for the small ways God is working in our daily lives.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE GOD PARENTS DAY

We recognize the important role God Parents play in the spiritual journey of our godchildren. May the Lord continue to guide their steps and bless their faithful witness.

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.

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 support.

BEING A SPONSOR IN RCIA: RCIA Will Soon Begin

Would you be interested in being a companion on the journey of Faith? You will attend weekly sessions, stand with the candidate during liturgical rites, and guide them in living out the Catholic faith. Please contact Parish Office.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Wednesday 22 July - St Mary Magdalene
- Friday 24 July - St Charbel Makhoul
- Saturday 25 July - St James the Greater

CAR PARKING AROUND THE CHURCH

Neighbours have raised concern regarding how we park vehicles that restrict visibility and make it difficult to safely exit their driveways. *"This creates an ongoing safety risk and causes unnecessary inconvenience for those living nearby"*. Please, be mindful of where we park, avoiding obstructing visibility or access to neighbouring properties.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

We celebrate Fr Adam's birthday this Monday 20 July. May Jesus bless him abundantly for all his dedicated work and support to us.

NEW BOOK: Free to Flourish

Free to Flourish, Father Stephen Onyekwere's warm new book on healing, marriage and faith, gently guiding people from surviving to flourishing. Written with our Bishop's blessing and subsidised at just \$20. For copies, call Mary Queen of the family Parish Office on 02 9622 1125 or email sonyekwere@mqofblacktown.org.au.

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 is committed to engaging and listening to the voices and experiences of survivors.

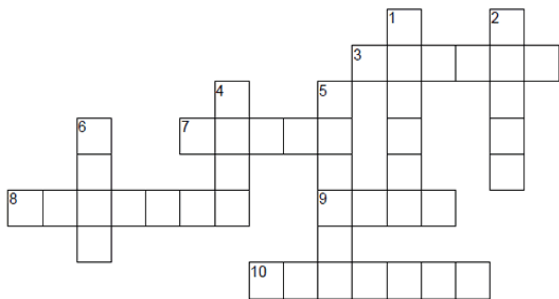
Safeguarding commits us to ensuring all people engaged by the diocese are suitable, supported, and skilled for their role, including screening processes, supervision, support and ongoing education and training.

Safeguarding commits us to hearing the voices of our community, to making spaces to listen to children's voices, and to seeking input and feedback from families and the broader community.

At the Feet of Jesus

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42



ACROSS

3. To pay attention to what someone says
7. An adult female human
8. A very small town
9. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor
10. To be concerned about something; to be troubled

DOWN

1. A female having the same parents as another person
2. The son of God
4. The place where a family lives
5. A spoken or written reply to a question
6. To give assistance to someone

HOME	WORK	ANSWER	WORRIED	VILLAGE
LISTEN	WOMAN	JESUS	SISTER	HELP

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

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

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Peter Spiteri, Pauline Landnga, Vella and Camilleri families.

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

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



We welcome the newly baptised

Elly Sultana, Grace Bailie, Alfred Galea, Ella Azzopardi, Xavier & Malakai da Ponte.

... to our Christian family.

Happy birthday
to all those celebrating
this week



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

Date: Monday 10 August
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm



Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18 - 34yrs) Cruise Presentation

Date: Friday 30 July
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

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
25/26 July 2026
17th Sunday
of Ordinary Time Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J Xibberas D Watkins
 7.30am - T Fogarty A Tabone
 9.30am - L Sheffield M Mizzi
 5.30pm - R Sultana T Ross

Eucharistic Ministers

6.00pm - J Xibberas J Muscat
 7.30am - C Thompson A Burnett
 9.30am - L Ryan J Cauchi
 5.30pm - D D'Mello R Vecchio

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - P Beirne
 7.30am - A Moloney
 9.30am - C Pritchard
 5.30pm - R Ujmiak

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - A Roy
 7.30am -
 9.30am - C & E Cauchi S Borg
 5.30pm - L Sultana C Chantiri

Data Projector

6.00pm - M Breaden
 7.30am - M McMahon
 9.30am - E Choudhary
 5.30pm - M Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C Saliba

Cleaners

K Murphy M Camilleri

Counters

19 July - M Ryan D Bowles C Chapman
 27 July - N Godsell L Bowen M McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 20 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Breaden
EMoHC - M McMahon

Wednesday 22 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - A Moloney
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 24 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - D Bowles
EMoHC - A Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 25 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - C Smiroldo
EMoHC -

Sunday 26 July 2026 - 8.00am

Readers - L Currall M Mooney A Drew
Eucharistic Minister - D Makepeace
Minister at the Altar - A Vincent
Data Projector - S Stennett
Altar Preparation - M Ryan
Cleaners - J Dorahy

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