



The Parish of Richmond



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 26 July 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

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 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 5:7-8

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

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)

THE TREASURE IN THE FIELD

Have you ever found something so captivating that everything else temporarily faded into the background?

In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers two brief but vivid snapshots of the Kingdom of Heaven: the person who stumbles upon a buried treasure, and a merchant who finally tracks down the ultimate pearl. When both realise what's in front of them, neither hesitates. Filled with immense joy, they go and sell everything they own to secure what they have found.

It is easy to focus on what these men gave up: their possessions, their security, their familiar comfort. But Jesus isn't asking us to focus on the loss; He is inviting us to gaze upon the extraordinary *value* of the gain.

Notice the word Saint Matthew uses to describe the field worker's response: **joy**. He didn't relinquish his belongings out of cold duty. He did it eagerly because he recognised that what lay before him was worth immeasurably more than anything he was leaving behind.

The Gospel asks us an important question: *Have we recognised the priceless value of our faith?*

Sometimes, we can fall into treating our spiritual lives as a long checklist of obligations—rules to keep, routines to maintain, or burdens to bear. But Christ reminds us that a relationship with Him is not a heavy weight; it is the ultimate treasure. When we truly glimpse the depth of God's love and mercy, letting go of lesser distractions isn't a loss, but freedom.

May we pray this week for eyes to see the treasure of God's presence right in the middle of our daily lives, and for hearts joyful enough to give Him our all.

Fr Adam

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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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RICHMOND PARISH ASSEMBLY

This weekend on Saturday 25 July, we gathered together in the Old Church for our Parish Assembly.

It was well attended with up to 80 parishioners participating on the day.

All suggestions from the Listening Consultations were presented and discussed. The Assembly discerned and confirmed the main Mission Priority for each Parish Pillar: A full report will be given later.

THANK YOU to all who prepared, facilitated, attended and shared their thoughts on the future direction of our Parish.

May God bless you all !!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Loving God, fill the hearts of all grandparents and the elderly with your peace and fill their lives with joy. May their wisdom and experience continue to guide the generations. We honor them as a precious treasure in our families and communities. **To celebrate there will be morning tea following 9.30am Mass at St Monica's.**

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.

BEING A SPONSOR IN RCIA: RCIA Will Soon Begin

A RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) sponsor is a practicing Catholic who acts as a spiritual mentor and companion to someone joining the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Wed 29 July - Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
- Fri 31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola
- Sat 1 August - St Alphonsus Liguori

RICHMOND PARISH RAFFLE

2026 Richmond Parish raffle tickets have been launched this weekend. Please participate in the sales by inviting your family and friends to purchase tickets. If you would like to sponsor any of the prizes, please contact the Parish Office on 02 4578 1410. Pay ID: 0423 200 537

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.

ENJOY THE BREAK!

We wish Fr. Raymond a relaxing holiday and look forward to welcoming Fr. Zvonimir. Fr. Zvonimir has written a book on the 'Massacre of the Croatian People 1945'. This book tells the history of Croatia. 'This is a masterly book that can change lives.' (Edmund Campion, Sydney). Copies available over the next two weekends at St. Monica's.

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

First Reconciliation Classes and times for Week 1

Sunday - Kurrajong following 8.00am Mass	Sunday - Richmond following 9.30am Mass	Monday 3.45pm	Tuesday 4.00pm	Tuesday 7.00pm	Wednesday 4.00pm	Friday 4.30pm
26th July	26th July	27th July	28th July	28th July	29th July	31st July



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT

Use the QR code here or on the Posters in the Church. Or else parishofrichmond.org.au – Sacramental Program

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

Safeguarding commits us to the rich diversity of the Diocese of Parramatta including those who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds and those with a disability.

Safeguarding commits us to having regularly updated policies and procedures which document our safeguarding practices and are publicly available for transparency and accountability.

WE SAY GOOD BY TO OUR FRIEND TEREZA MUSCAT

Funeral will be on Tuesday 28 July at 10am here at St Monica's Parish. May she rest in peace.

Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:46 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)



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KINGDOM	FIELD	JOY	FOUND	HIDDEN
VALUE	ALL	HEAVEN	MAN	PEARLS

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Tereza Muscat, 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, Charlie and Jeffrey Refalo, Christine Duncan, Frank Cauchi, Caroline Carson, Michael Crew, Mary Attard, Raymond O'Doherty.

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

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



**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 10 August
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm



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

Date: Thursday 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
1/2 August 2026
18th Sunday
of Ordinary Time Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J Chapman M Darmody
 7.30am - A Dunbar A Tabone
 9.30am - C Hey E Choudhary
 5.30pm - T Galino R Sultana

Eucharistic Ministers

6.00pm - D Grima V Muscat
 7.30am - A Burnett L Attard
 9.30am - H Convey A Aquilina
 5.30pm - J Morley A Duarte

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - P Beirne
 7.30am - C Fleetwood
 9.30am - M Crew
 5.30pm - D Murphy

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - C, E & E Cauchi
 7.30am -
 9.30am - L & A Farrugia T Levi
 5.30pm - L Sultana C Chantiri

Data Projector

6.00pm - M Breaden
 7.30am - J Cauchi
 9.30am - A Mathews
 5.30pm - C Sultana

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - E Fitzsimons T Szyzka

Cleaners -

Counters

27 July - N Godsell L Bowen M McMahon
 3 August - C Barber F Pausanos C Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 27 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - A Copland
EMoHC - M McMahon

Wednesday 29 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - A Aquilina
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 31 July 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - L Sheffield
EMoHC - A Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 1 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - J Wall
EMoHC - C Smirollo

Sunday 2 August 2026 - 8.00am

Readers - M Ryan I Galea A Bwaia
Eucharistic Minister - M Ryan
Minister at the Altar - D Ryan
Data Projector - S Buchan
Altar Preparation - M Ryan
Cleaners - M Farrugia H Gillies

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