



The Parish of Richmond



Parish Office: 1A Bourke St RICHMOND NSW Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri 9:30am-4pm
Ph: 4578 1410 / 0423 200 537 www.parishofrichmond.org.au

St Monica's Church
Cnr Windsor & Bourke Sts
RICHMOND, NSW

St Gregory's Church
5 Old Bells Line of Rd
KURRAJONG NSW

St John of God Chapel
177 Grose Vale Rd
NORTH RICHMOND, NSW

St Monica's Primary School
32 Francis St RICHMOND NSW
Ph: 4570 3700

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 2 August 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 69:2, 6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:8-9, 15-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35, 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 6:35

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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 FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND

In Matthew 14:13–21, Jesus withdraws to a quiet place after hearing of John the Baptist's death. Yet when the crowds find Him, He does not turn them away. Instead, He is moved with compassion, heals their sick, and ultimately feeds more than five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish.

This familiar miracle reminds us that God's compassion meets us in our moments of need. The disciples saw only scarcity—a crowd too large and resources too small. Jesus saw an opportunity to reveal the abundance of God's kingdom. He simply asked the disciples to bring Him what they had. In His hands, their limited offering became more than enough.

We often face situations that seem beyond our ability to resolve. Whether it is a shortage of time, energy, patience, or resources, we can easily become overwhelmed by what we lack. This passage invites us to shift our focus from our limitations to Christ's sufficiency. He does not ask us to possess everything we need before serving Him. Rather, He asks us to offer what we have, trusting that He can multiply it for His purposes.

The miracle also points beyond physical bread to Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life, who satisfies our deepest hunger. As He fed the crowd, He demonstrated God's generous care for both body and soul. His provision was not merely adequate; it was abundant, with twelve baskets of leftovers remaining. As we enter this week, may we respond to the needs around us with the same compassion that Jesus showed. Let us place our gifts, however small they may seem, into His hands, and hope in his abundant grace.

Fr Adam

PARISH TEAM

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Raymond C. Ugwu CSSp
raymond.ugwu@parishofrichmond.org.au

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr Adam Carlow
adam.carlow@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Teresa Gambino - admin@parishofrichmond.org.au
Celina Alcantara - finance@parishofrichmond.org.au

SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR

Maria Boyd - sacraments@parishofrichmond.org.au

PARISH CO-ORDINATOR OF MINISTRIES

Mary McGuinness - mary.mcguinness@parishofrichmond.org.au

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK CO-ORDINATOR

Angela Copland - angelacopland54@gmail.com

Monthly Special Blessings

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

PRINCIPAL- ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

Melissa Beggs
StMonRic@parra.catholic.edu.au



**The Parish
of Richmond**



Parish Multi-Cultural Dinner Friday 21st August 6pm



Come one come all: join us for food, friendship & fun.

Share the flavours of your culture by bringing a favourite national dish to enjoy together. BYO alcohol. Soft drinks & juice provided.

*Entry is free, thanks to the generosity of those bringing dishes to share. If you're unable to prepare a special dish, a small donation would be warmly appreciated. **Most of all, we'd simply love you to be there.***



St Monica's White Elephant & Book Fair Super Cash Raffle
Please take a book of tickets to sell. **See Ticket Sellers in the foyer.**
Drawn 20th September 2026, 12 noon.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 15 August is a Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be at St. Gregory's Kurrajong at 9.00am.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Commences on Monday 24 August at 7.00pm in the Emmaus Room. If you are not baptised or perhaps baptised in another Faith and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith we warmly invite to join us. If you are unsure if this might be for you, the invitation is to 'Come and See', there is no obligation.

FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP

National Patronal Feast and Patron of our Diocese. Mass will be celebrated at St. Gregory's on Saturday 8 August at 9.00am. Come join us as we pray for our Country and Diocese.

Holy Hour of Adoration, Praise and Worship for young people (18-35) at the tomb of Mary at Mary MacKillop Place. Saturday 8 August from 4.30pm to 5.45pm. Details: Hannah.Hicks@mmp.org.au

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Monday 3 August - Saint Dominic
- Tuesday 4 August - Saint John Vianney
- Thursday 6 August - Transfiguration of the Lord
- Saturday 8 August - Saint Mary of the Cross

WELCOME!

Welcome 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.

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

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Will take place at St. Monica's on Friday 14 August during 9.00am Mass.

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
2 August	2 August	3 August	4 August	4 August	5 August	7 August



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 a complaints management process and policy which is effective and accessible, with a focus on ensuring the complainant is supported through the process.

Safeguarding commits us to ensuring that all matters requiring a statutory report are reported in a timely manner.

USED STAMPS WANTED

For St Mary MacKillop, please leave in the foyer.

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, at just \$20, call 02 9622 1125, to purchase a copy.

Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



- | | |
|----|----|
| 1. | 5. |
| 2. | 6. |
| 3. | 7. |
| 4. | 8. |

crowd	loaves	boy	basket
people	small	fish	twelve

Copyright © Sermons 4 Kids, Inc. • All Rights Reserved • www.sermons4kids.com

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.parishofrichmond.org.au. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

SUPPORT DONATIONS

BSB 067950
Account No 100000204
Account name Richmond St Monica's Church

The First Collection - Supporting the Diocesan priests

Reference: First Collection (Your name)

The Second collection - Supporting the parish needs

Reference: Second Collection (Your name)

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Tereza Muscat, Bob Camilleri, Doris Crawley, Colleen Richards, Sylvia Farrugia, Nellie Biddle, Sean Killen.

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Charlie and Jeffrey Refalo, Peter Spiteri, Michael Dimech, Maryann Callaghan, Frank Cauchi, Dolahenty & Barrett families, Callaghan & Bradley families, MaryAnn & Anthony Xiberras, Xerri Azzopardi Xiberras & Portelli families.

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
Luca Abrie, Kyrie Thomas
... 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) Talk on Holy Angels

Date: Friday 14 August 2026
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
8/9 August 2026
19th 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 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 - R Ujmiak
 9.30am - D Murphy M Hoffmann
 5.30pm - T Ross

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - A Roy
 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 - M & M Pastors

Cleaners - M Portelli & Family L Culican
 C Livingston M Kath

Counters

3 August - C Barber F Pausanos C Thompson
 10 August - V Muscat F Muscat R Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 3 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Breaden
EMoHC - H Convey

Wednesday 5 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - L Sheffield
EMoHC - A Moloney

Friday 7 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Ryan
EMoHC - A Huxley



St Gregory's

Saturday 8 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Ryan
EMoHC - J Wall

Sunday 9 August 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 - D Grima

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS WHO SUPPORT US

PARKLEA SAND & SOIL

- Open 6 Days
- Sand & Gravel
- Cement
- Garden Soils
- Decorative Pebbles
- Woodchips
- Mulches
- Turf
- Pavers
- Pine Logs
- Retaining Wall Blocks
- Hardware/Building Supplies
- Pick up & Delivery available

Phone: 4572 7549
 Fax: 4572 0011
 729 George St, South Windsor
 E: info@parkleasantsoil.com.au
 W: www.parkleasantsoil.com.au

Greater Western Health
 Podiatry, Physio & Chiro

- General Skin and Nail Care
- Diabetes Foot Care
- Orthotics
- Heel, Foot and Ankle Pain
- Ingrown Toe Nails
- Injury Rehabilitation
- Back Injury
- Dry Needling/Acupuncture
- Massage
- Headaches

128 Francis St, Richmond
 P: 4578 4788 www.greaterwesternhealth.com.au

For Mowers, Chainsaws
 Tractors, Brushcutter

DICK PETRIKAS PTY LTD
 385 Tennyson Road, Tennyson
 Near North Richmond
 4576 5555

The Leaf Guard that Really Works!

4577 2277
 Free Quote
 www.easysfall.com.au

EASY FALL GUTTERING
 ABN 86 151 736 695

Maggie Zorlu
 Principal | Director | L.R.E.A.

Richmond
 0407 675 898
 02 4578 8805
 maggie.zorlu@richmond.rh.com.au

Shop 4-5, 304 Windsor St, Richmond NSW 2753
 rh.com.au/richmond

PRINTWIZ
 the magic is in the finish

0432 440 435
 02 4588 6288
 info@printwiz.net.au

Funeral Booklets • Sante cards
 Docket books • Brochures • Flyers
 Business cards • Stickers • Posters
 Quality Banners • Signs Since 2001

Lic No. 109786C

Godwin's BATHROOM RENOVATIONS

WALL & FLOOR TILING
LEAKING SHOWER REPAIRS
WATERPROOFING
 Disable Access Bathroom Modifications

Call Godwin **0410 553 134**

ALL CLASS Painting Services

ABN: 95 112 724 079
 Licence No: 135311c

Joe Portelli
 Phone: 0419 254 034

Residential and Commercial
 Painting Specialists
 - Internal and External
 - Roof Restorations
 - Texture Coating Accredited
 - All Size Jobs
 - All Areas - Free Quotation

Gareth Conyard Maintenance & Welding

Specialising in
 - Welding
 - Mig/Tig/Stick
 Lawn Mowing/Hedges
 Property Maintenance

Gareth 0407 068 038

JEFFSAN EXCAVATIONS PTY LTD

A family owned & operated company since 1988

Luke Refalo
 (Director) Specialising in: Plant Hire

Civil Contracting Bulk Haulage
 Landfill Demolition

Plumbing Drainage Maintenance Civil New Homes Renovations

Call Anthony on 0421839356

WESTERN EXPRESS Plumbing Group

Specialising in the relocation of
 Portable buildings, shipping
 containers, farming &
 construction equipment.

Rental, sales & purchasing of
 Portable buildings & shipping
 containers for residential &
 commercial purposes.

OLLANDILO TILT TRAYS
 Local & country
 Call Matt 0417463726



FOR HIRE: The Emmaus Room: A small double-room with kitchen & IT facilities is available for hire, through the *Parish of Richmond*, by parishioners & friends. The area is suitable for small social gatherings, workshops & other functions. Availability by arrangement with the Parish Office.