



The Parish of Richmond



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 16 August 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 6:51-52

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

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)

AUGUST 15TH: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the major feast days in both the Catholic and Orthodox traditions. It is celebrated with happiness, devotion, love, hope and spiritual joy that leads thousands of the faithful to participate in church services, prayers, processions, and festivals held in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast celebrates Mary being taken to heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life here on earth. Through this celebration, we honour Mary as the mother of Jesus and a model of faith because She followed God with care and courage.

Accordingly, we are invited to do the same and to trust God's promise of salvation since Mary's Assumption points to the promise of life with God after death. My dear brothers and sisters, since Pope Pius XII named this belief a dogma of the Church in 1950, we believers are encouraged to embrace the unique symbolism of hope, faith, devotion, joy, and trust which this feast brings us daily.

As people drawn together by this Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us in response to the message of this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A, keep trusting God even when answers to our prayers seem delayed. Let us also welcome others with the same mercy God has shown them because, no one should be excluded when they seek God with trust and faith. Therefore, in response to the message of prophet Isaiah, St. Paul, and St. Matthew today, let us keep praying, trusting God's mercy, and welcoming others, just as God welcomes all peoples, because God's house is a place for every nation to return and to reunite with family and friends. **HAPPY SUNDAY EVERYONE!**

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.

PRINCIPAL - ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

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**The Parish
of Richmond**



Parish Multi-Cultural Dinner

This 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



2026 RICHMOND PARISH RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now on sale. Pay ID: 0423 200 537

Volunteers Needed to assist with selling raffle tickets at Richmond Marketplace Place Saturday 5 & 12 September between 9am - 3pm. If you can please spare an hour or two over the weekends, contact Carmen on 0408229639.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Commences 7pm Monday 24 August, Emmaus Room. If you are not baptised or perhaps baptised in another Faith and interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith we warmly invite you to join us.

TIME TO CLEAR BOOK SHELVES & CUPBOARDS!

Donations for Book & White Elephant Stalls will be received in the Old Church, from 9.30am to 1pm, Monday 24 August to Friday 17 September. *We would love all good items:* toys, puzzles, linen, crockery, Christmas items, unused candles, hats, bags, pictures, jewelry, knick-knacks. Please no large furniture, electrical items, clothing, or encyclopedias. Contact: Books (Carmen) 0402 070 889; White Elephant (Narelle) 0416 002 893.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Friday 21 August - St Pius X
- Saturday 22 August -
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



FOR THOSE ATTENDING MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER

- Please list the **ingredients in your dish** and give the list to the organisers when you arrive.
- Please **heat hot food before you arrive**. Bring it in a slow cooker or similar appliance or transfer it to a food warmer at the event.
- Please **take home any dishes and utensils** you bring.

WELCOME HOME

We welcome Fr. Raymond home and we trust that you have enjoyed the break. We also wish Fr. Adam a happy holiday, as he sets off for a time to relax and enjoy!

HAPPY ST CLARE FEAST DAY!

We ask God's blessing on the Poor Clare Sisters.

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY - 18 AUGUST

Thanks to Vietnam Veterans for courage, service, & sacrifice.

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

First Reconciliation Classes and times for Week 4

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
16 August	16 August	17 August	18 August	18 August	19 August	21 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

As part of the Diocese of Parramatta's commitment to Safeguarding there is a 'Prevention, Healing and Support' service.

Safeguarding commits us to fostering communities where everyone is respected, protected, and empowered.

HOLY SHROUD EXHIBITION

At the Chapel of St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta.
6-9 September — open all day.
10-13 September — open till late.

Crumbs from the Table

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



1. A _____ woman came to Jesus and asked him for help.
2. The woman begged Jesus to have _____ on her.
3. The woman told Jesus that her daughter was possessed by a _____.
4. The _____ asked Jesus to send the woman away.
5. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost _____ of Israel."
6. The woman continued to _____, "Lord, help me."
7. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's food and toss it to their _____."
8. "Even the dogs eat _____ that fall from the master's table" the woman answered.
9. Jesus saw that the woman had great _____.
10. Because the woman had great faith, Jesus _____ her daughter.

Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

healed	crumbs	Canaanite	sheep	faith
dogs	plead	demon	disciples	mercy

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

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

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Frank Cauchi, Maryann Callaghan, Dolahenty & Barrett families, Callaghan & Bradley 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

Kayce Snell, Zahli Sultana, Adelina Vella, Harvey Gallagher, Hallie Wade, Talis Camilleri.

... to our Christian family.

Happy birthday

to Rita Crane, Helen Garrick, Maria Boyd and Mary Mooney.



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

Date: Monday 14 September
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm



Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18 - 34yrs) St Joseph Consecration

Date: Friday 28 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
22/23 August 2026
21st 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 - R Ujmiak
 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 Breden
 7.30am - M McMahon
 9.30am - E Choudhary
 5.30pm - M Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - E Mizzi

Cleaners - N Godsell C/A Salkeld C Pritchard

Counters

17 August - F Crew T Misdom M Want
 24 August - M Ryan D Bowels C Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 17 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Breden
EMoHC - M McMahon

Wednesday 19 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - C Allison
EMoHC - A Moloney

Friday 21 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - L Sheffield
EMoHC - A Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 22 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - C Smiroldo
EMoHC -

Sunday 23 August 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 - K Hodgson

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