

The Parish of Richmond



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TWENTYFIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 23 August 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. John 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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)

PETER AND THE KEY OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Sometimes reading Matthew 16:19 may make us to wonder what type of Key Jesus gave to Peter? The idea that Jesus gave Peter the “keys of the kingdom of heaven” may mean the special spiritual authority and the power to govern the Church. This makes Peter and his future successors, the guardians against false teachings in the church and gives them the power to make decisions in the church. This event is often marked as the beginning of Peter's role as the first Pope who passed on the authority to his other successors.

The act of giving Peter the key invites us Christians to connect our different positions of leadership with Peter's, so that we can see how Peter's role connects to our own call to serve in the church and in the society. This will help us to understand just like Peter; that we too have some responsibilities to God and humanity which we are called to exercise faithfully, lovingly, and humbly as we service the people of God every day.

My dear brothers and sisters, as Peter confessed his personal understanding and experience of Jesus as the son of God without relying on any external authority, he teaches us that each one of us has to answer the same question of who is Jesus to us based on our own personal encounter of Jesus in the gospel. Let us always remember that “all authority comes from God” (Romans 13:1), and this authority must be used with humility, faith, and in accordance with the plan of God. May our personal relationship with Jesus, always show that we truly know Him, trust in Him completely, and that we do not limit our knowledge of Him to what we expect only? **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**

Help Needed - Special Religious Educators

We are in need of more Special Religious Educators (SRE) catechists in our local public schools.

No previous teaching experience is required — comprehensive training, resources, and ongoing support are provided to help you feel confident and prepared. If you have time to teach in one school or would like to assist in several schools, there are flexible opportunities to suit your availability.

If you are passionate about your faith and would like to share it with others, consider joining our team of SRE's and help bring the message of hope and love to children in our parish community.

For more details contact Cathy Vogt on 0425 319 683 or email cvogt@parra.catholic.edu.au



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 at 7pm on Monday 24 August, in the Emmaus Room. If you are not baptised or perhaps baptised in another Faith or you are 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

- Monday 24 August - St Bartholomew
- Thursday 27 August - St Monica
- Friday 28 August - St Augustine



PATRONAL FEASTS

Feast of St Monica 9am Mass Thu 27 Aug, at Richmond.

Feast of St Gregory 9am Mass on Sat 5 Sep at Kurrajong.

Come let us join together and pray for our Parish!

WELCOME TO FR BOB ANDERSON

Thank you for being with us over the next four weekends.

PARISH MULTI-CULTURAL DINNER

Thank you to all who prepared the venue, the food, the entertainment. To all who came, you made it a very special evening building up our community in a Spirit of Hospitality and Friendship.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY WORKING GROUP MEETING

There will be a joint meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Assembly Working Group at 6.30pm on Wednesday 2 September.

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT

Enrolment is NOW open for children Yr 4 and up. Using QR code.

Please note PARENT INFORMATION Session is Wednesday 23rd September from 7pm.

Children do not have to attend but are welcome. Important information and selection of sessions.

Meeting will go for under an hour.



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 - 02/09/2026
Time at 6.30pm

PFC - 16/09/2026
Time at 7.00pm

Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards & church foyers
& parish website

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

The Diocese of Parramatta has a range of child-safe, age-appropriate resources designed to support families, parishes, and schools in creating safe and nurturing environments.

By celebrating and safeguarding young people, the Catholic Church creates an environment where they can explore their faith, develop friendships, and contribute positively to our community.

BEDE POLDING COLLEGE CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

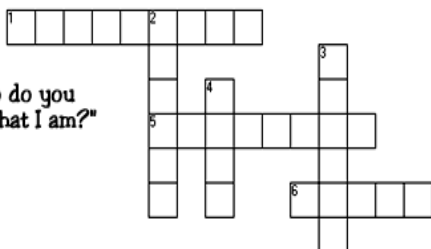
All are invited to a commemorative afternoon on Friday 11 September 2026, 3.30pm to 6.00pm at the College Grounds. RSVP: 1 September 02 4560 2900.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mary & Joseph Farrugia celebrate their 63rd Wedding Anniversary this August. We give thanks for their great witness to the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. *May God bless you!*



"Who do you say that I am?"



ACROSS

1. The followers of Jesus were called _____
5. Others thought Jesus was one of the Old Testament _____
6. "You are the Christ," answered _____

DOWN

2. Jesus asked what other _____ were saying about him.
3. Jesus said Peter's answer came from the heavenly _____
4. Some people thought Jesus was _____ the Baptist.

Words used in the puzzle.

disciples	John	Peter
people	prophets	Father

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

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

... and those we remember this week:

Mary (Josie) Horan, Lewis Mercieca, John Jones, Tony Vella, Peter Roth, Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Bill McMahon, Mary Wykes, Maryann Callaghan, Peter Mifsud, Joseph Buttigieg, 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

Charlotte & Hudson Beggs, Grace Sciculuna, Jackson & Lilly Vella, Valentina Grima,
... 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
29/30 August 2026
22nd 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 - K A Kemble 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 -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M Breden
 7.30am - C Thompson
 9.30am - L Culican
 5.30pm - Choir members

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - C & C Saliba

Cleaners - K Murphy M Camilleri

Counters

24 Aug - M Ryan D Bowles C Chapman
 31 Aug - N Godsell L Bowen M McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 24 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - A Copland
EMoHC - M McMahon

Wednesday 26 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - A Moloney
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 28 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - D Bowles
EMoHC - A Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 29 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - F Crew
EMoHC - M Ryan

Sunday 30 August 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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