



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

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 30 August 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PSALM 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Cf. Ephesians 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 5:9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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 27th, THE FEAST OF ST. MONICA

Every August 27th, the parish of Richmond and the parish primary school do celebrate the feast of St. Monica, our patroness. She was born in Tagaste, North Africa, in 332 AD, and she is known as the mother of Navigius, Perpetua, and St. Augustin of Hippo. St Monica's faith shaped her entire life, even when she faced a difficult marriage to Patricius, a non-Christian who treated her badly. Her son Augustine, strayed from the Christian faith to follow false teachings, living a wayward life, and partying. But St. Monica never gave up in her marriage, she remained patient and kind, constantly praying for her husband and son's conversion. She followed her son to different cities, with the hope that he would finally come back to God and Christianity.

My dear brothers and sisters, with St. Monica's strong faith, prayer life, love for her family, and perseverance, the long-awaited miracle happened. Her pagan husband became a Christian. Her prayers and many tears that never stopped were also answered in Milan, where Augustine's curiosity and search for wisdom brought him face to face with St. Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, who became a great influence on Augustine. Augustine finally decided to become a Christian, and he was baptised. St. Augustine often credited his mother's prayers and love for his conversion. This shows us how powerful and effective our mothers and fathers' prayers and love can be on their children.

Finally, the readings and message of this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A show us that following Jesus means sacrifice which leads to true life. Choosing patience, kindness, and responsibility as did St. Monica, are ways of carrying our crosses with faith, love, and courage.

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

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



Find us on
Facebook

**The Parish
of Richmond**



Time to Clear Book Shelves and Cupboards!



Donations for Book & White Elephant Stalls will be received in the Old Church, from 9.30am to 1pm, Monday to Friday now until 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.

HELP IS NEEDED: during the week, 9.30am-1.00pm in the Old Church, to help prepare the books. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Contact: Books (Carmen) 0402 070 889 White Elephant (Narelle) 0416 002 893

St Monica's White Elephant & Book Fair SUPER CASH RAFFLE

Everyone's assistance is needed. Please go to raffle ticket sellers after Mass, to collect a book of tickets to sell to family & neighbours. All sold and unsold tickets need to be returned by 13 September. **Money raised will go to specific needs within the parish.** Drawn 20 September 2026, 12 noon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PATRONAL FEAST

On 3 September, we celebrate Feast of St Gregory. Mass will be at St Gregory's at 9am on Saturday 5 September.

TODAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has issued a statement on 7 August titled **Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division**. "Grant us the grace to choose encounter over division, compassion over fear, and hope over hatred in our daily lives and communities".

FATHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, 6 September, we celebrate Father's Day. A Blessing will be given at Masses for Dads/Granddads.

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Supporting retired Priests and those who are ill, will be taken up next Sunday 6 September.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Will meet tomorrow, Monday 31 August at 7.00pm in the Emmaus Room. Our first topic is 'In Search for God'.

PARISH DIARY DATES

- Thu 3 September - St Gregory the Great
- Sat 5 September - St Teresa of Calcutta



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & ASSEMBLY WORKING GROUP MEETING

A joint meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 2 September.

MAY GOD'S PEACE SURROUND YOU

We pray for our young people who made their Reconciliation this week and their families and ask God's blessing on them all. A special word of thanks to the Facilitators and Maria Boyd, our Sacramental Coordinator, who helped prepare them for this time of grace.

BE THE WITNESS - THE MUSICAL

The story of Jesus, through the eyes of Peter.
At Riverside Theatres Parramatta. 10-13 September 2026.
Visit: www.bethewitness.com.au for details.

FORMATION MEETING

For Readers and/or Eucharistic Ministers, there will be a formation meeting in mid-October. Time and date TBA. If interested, contact Mary McGuinness or the Parish Office.

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 - 21/10/2026
Time at 7.00pm

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

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

In order to fully celebrate and encourage our young people to enjoy life in our church community, protecting them is a top priority.

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.

DISCOVER AND SHARE IN OUR STORY

The Sisters of Charity, Australia's first religious sisters, invite you to their Heritage Centre at Potts Point. The Centre brings alive the spirit of the Congregation, it's history and heritage. Open Tuesday to Thursday 10am to 3pm or by appointment. Free entry, parking available. Call 9138 0835 for details.



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:

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

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Bill McMahon, Maryann Callaghan, Joseph Somi, Tom Breaden, Charlie & Jeffrey Rafalo, Alice Head, James Head, John Head, 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**
... to our Christian family.

Happy birthday
to all those celebrating
this week.



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) Adoration and Dinner

Date: Friday 4 September 2026
Venue: The Church
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
5/6 September 2026
23rd 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 - M McMahon L Attard
 9.30am - H Convey A Aquilina
 5.30pm - J Morley A Duarte

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - R Ujmiak
 7.30am - C Fleetwood
 9.30am - M Crew
 5.30pm - D Murphy

Junior Ministers

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

Data Projector

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

Children's Liturgy

9.30am - K Kemble

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

Counters

31 Aug - N Godsell L Bowen M McMahon
 7 Sep - C Barber F Pausanos C Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 31 August 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Breden
EMoHC - M McMahon

Wednesday 2 September 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - L Sheffield
EMoHC - A Moloney

Friday 4 September 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Ryan
EMoHC - A Huxley



St Gregory's

Saturday 5 September 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - J Wall
EMoHC - C Pritchard

Sunday 6 September 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 - C Livingstone

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 **EASY FALL GUTTERING**
 Free Quote
 www.easyfall.com.au 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.