

The Parish of Richmond



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23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – Year A 6 September 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden, not your hearts.**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life..

PARISH PRAYER

Ever loving God, we the community of the Catholic Parish of Richmond, praise you and dedicate our lives to you. Through the example of St Monica, St Gregory and St John of God we aspire to be people of faith and prayer, who extend peace, hope and light to the wider community.



When we listen to your Word, let it nourish us, giving us strength and perseverance in our daily lives. May the Holy Spirit enkindle in us a spirit of compassion and hospitality and a profound respect for each other.

*Help us to care for the sick, the elderly and those in need. Bless our young people that they may be inspired to know, love and serve You. May we strive to grow in holiness and dedicate our lives to Your service. We make this prayer through the intercession of our Mother Mary and Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.***

ST. GREGORY'S LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY

On the 3rd of September, we celebrated the feast of St. Gregory, a man who was born in Rome around 540 and was chosen as the pope in the year 590. He accepted to be the pope out of love for the church and because of his sense of duty and responsibility. He worked very hard to spread the Christian faith, help the poor, and ensured that the church was run well. Also, he brought order and hope to people in troubled times in the church and in the society. He is the patron of Teachers, students, musicians, and singers, and he teaches us to lead by serving others. St. Gregory was a strong and humble leader in the history of the Catholic Church, and his leadership brought hope and strength to both the Church and the people of Rome.

Furthermore, we honour today the influence, the generosity, and the unconditional love of our fathers, grandfathers, and father figures in the family and society. This fathers' day celebration invites us to imagine the pains, the risks, stresses, and inherent tensions our daddies pass through to provide for us. Let us appreciate their efforts, love for us, and sense of responsibility too, so that we can stop looking at their mistakes, lacks, or inabilities.

May our fathers' day celebration on this twenty-third Sunday of year A, and the joy of the feast of St. Gregory the great help all fathers and father figures in leading their families with love, humility, and sense of responsibility, while trusting God in difficult times. May we all grow in speaking truth with kindness when someone is going the wrong way, and in seeking peace when there is conflict, so that our church, society, and families will be built on unconditional love, generosity, and our collective sense of responsibility. **HAPPY FATHERS' DAY, TO YOU ALL!!!**

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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**



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 Thursday 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



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FATHER'S DAY

This Sunday we celebrate fathers, grandfathers and all father figures in our lives. We thank them for their love, guidance and protection. We ask God to bless them with strength, wisdom, patience, and rest for those deceased.

BISHOP'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

Supporting retired Priests and those who are ill, will be taken up TODAY. Envelopes are available should you require a receipt. Thank you for your support.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This Friday 11 September during 9am Mass at St. Monica's.

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.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Tuesday 8 September
- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Will meet tomorrow, Monday 7 September at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. This week we read Mark's Gospel, Jesus said if we know Him we know the Father. *How does Jesus reveal the face of God to us?*

REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATION

A school teacher, middle-aged Catholic lady is seeking accommodation. Please call 0423 925 144 for details.

HELP NEEDED - SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

No previous teaching experience required. Comprehensive training, resources, and ongoing support provided. If you are passionate about your faith and would like to share it with others, call Cathy Vogt 0425 319 683.

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 - 14/10/2026
PFC - 21/10/2026
Time at 7.00pm

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

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

The Diocese of Parramatta supports all Parishes with ongoing education, safeguarding training, an online learning platform, face-to-face sessions, and an extensive library of safeguarding resources.

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL AND TIBET

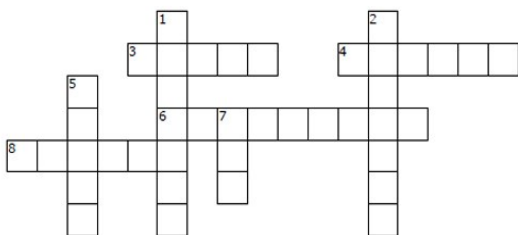
Loving God, Be close to all those caught in the devastation of the floods in Nepal and Tibet. Comfort those who have lost loved ones, strengthen those waiting anxiously for news, and guide rescuers and emergency workers as they search for survivors.

Give courage to displaced families and compassion to communities offering shelter, food and care. May those who are missing be found, and may those who mourn know they are not alone. God of mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

When Someone Hurts You

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. Matthew 18:15a

Based on Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. A statement proven to be accurate
4. To pay attention; To make an effort to hear something
6. A spoken or written statement that something is true
8. All followers of Christ as a group

DOWN

1. A member of the same race, church, religious group, or organization
2. A person who sees an event happen
5. A quality in a person that shows that they are not perfect
7. Breaking a religious law

BROTHER
WITNESS

TESTIMONY
FAULT

SIN
CHURCH

LISTEN
TRUTH

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.

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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, Richard & Beryl Freitas.

... and those we remember this week:

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, George Galea, Carlos Dufall, Florence Crew, Mary & Sam Cremona, Peter & Antony Roth, Nikola Marosevic, Madelena Bajada, Maryann Callaghan, Charlie & Jeffrey Rafalo, Alice, James & John Head, Peter Mifsud, Joseph Buttigieg, Dolahenty & Barrett families, Callaghan & Bradley families.

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Frank McGuines, Francisca De Almeida, Mile, Leanne Ryan, Kathy & Peter Johnson, Leo Stivala, Maria Galuzzo, Irene Barry, Laurie Cauchi, Maria Zeks, Leigh Geogon, Ruth Larven, Ursula Kelleher, Bruce Buchanan, .



**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) Presentation & Dinner

Date: Friday 11 September 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
12/13 September 2026
24th 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 - L Attard A Dunbar
 9.30am - A Aquilina C Hey
 5.30pm - S Nash S Higgins

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - A Vincent
 7.30am - A Moloney
 9.30am - D Murphy M Hoffmann
 5.30pm - T Ross

Junior Ministers

6.00pm -
 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 - A Njoku M Sherry

Counters

7 Sep - C Barber F Pausanos C Thompson
 14 Sep - V & F Muscat R Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 7 September 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Breaden
EMoHC - H Convey

Wednesday 9 September 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - A Aquilina
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 11 September 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - D Bowles
EMoHC - M Ryan



St Gregory's

Saturday 12 September 2026 - 9.00am

Reader - M Ryan
EMoHC -

Sunday 13 September 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 - A Vincent

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