

The Parish of Richmond



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RICHMOND NSW

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25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — Year A 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 10:14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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.***



SEEKING THE MERCY OF GOD

This Sunday's readings challenge our human instincts about fairness, justice, and how God operates. We are invited to abandon standard accounting and step into the boundless, overwhelming generosity of divine grace.

In our first reading from Isaiah, the prophet urges us, "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near." Isaiah reminds us of an essential truth that humbles our intellectual pride: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." We often track debts, count merits, and demand proportional rewards. God, however, operates on a logic of pure love and unconditional mercy.

This divine generosity is powerfully illustrated in Jesus' Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. The landowner hires labourers throughout the day—some at dawn, others at the final hour—yet pays every single worker the same daily wage. Those who worked in the heat all day, grumbled, feeling cheated. But the landowner responds directly to their envy: "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

God's grace is not a limited commodity or a reward earned through point-tallying. Whether we have served Him our entire lives or turned toward Him in our final hours, His salvation is offered abundantly to all.

This week, let us cast aside jealousy and rigid expectations. May we rejoice in the salvation of others, grateful that our God measures us not by human merit, but by His infinite love and mercy.

Fr Adam Carlow

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MONTHLY SPECIAL BLESSINGS

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

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The Parish
of Richmond



Come One & Come All to St Monica's Annual Pre-Loved Books & White Elephant Stall



ON THIS WEEKEND 19 & 20 September, 9am to 3pm. Lots of bargains.

The **Double Ristretto Coffee Van** will be on site on Sunday 20 September along with a **Sausage Sizzle**.
Contact: Books (Carmen) 0402 070 889 White Elephant (Narelle) 0416 002 893

St Monica's Pre-Loved Books & White Elephant Stall **SUPER CASH RAFFLE**

Money raised goes towards improving our Parish CCTV Coverage.

PayID: 0423 200 537 Drawn 12noon Sunday 20 September

ANNOUNCEMENTS



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Will meet tomorrow, Monday 21 September at 7pm in the Emmaus Room. This week our focus is on *'The structure of the Mass.'*

WELCOME BACK Father Adam

We trust you have enjoyed time to relax and refresh.

WELCOME TO FAMILIES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We bid warm welcome to the families enrolling children to prepare for their First Holy Communion. We offer them our prayerful support as they prepare for this very special occasion.

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.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- Monday 21 September - Saint Matthew
- Tuesday 23 September - Saint Padre Pio
- Saturday 26 September - Saints Cosmas & Damian

THANK YOU TO ALL

Who donated goods to the White Elephant and Pre-Loved books. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to all who have spent time over the past month preparing the sale. We also thank those who have sold raffle tickets at the Churches and Market Place, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who attended.

ST CARLO ACUTIS - RELIC PILGRIM

Mass, relic veneration, blessings, adoration, confession and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition.

At St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Monday 28 September 4.30pm to 6.00pm
Tuesday 29 September 8.00am to 8.00pm
Wednesday 30 September 8.00am to 1.30pm
For details visit www.stcarloaustralia.com

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT

Enrolment is NOW open - please use the QR code or Parish Website.

IMPORTANT: Parent Information Evening 23rd September – 7-8pm St Monica's. Mass choices and Class times will be finalised at this meeting.

CLASSES begin from 18th October. They continue for 4 weeks.

REHEARSAL Wednesday 18th November. **Please put these dates in your diary.**



PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30am
Mon, Wed & Fri: 9.00am

St Gregory's

Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am

St John of God

No Masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

St Monica's:
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm
St Gregory's
Saturday: after 9.00am Mass

Anointing of the Sick

St Monica's: 9.00am
Second Friday of the month,
or by arrangement with a priest.

Baptism

By appointment only.
St Monica's: 11am, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
St Gregory's: 11am, 1st Sunday
Booking & Preparation essential.

Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required. All enquiries 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 in church foyers and parish website.

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

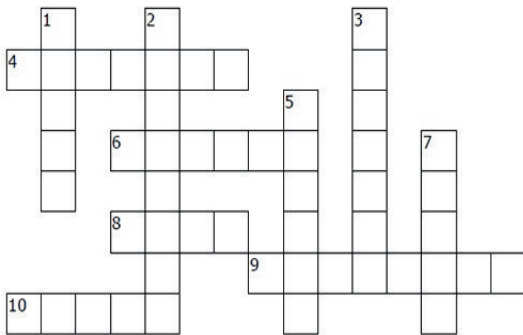
The Catholic Church is committed to celebrating and safeguarding the involvement of young people in our communities.

Safeguarding is a term used to describe the protection of the welfare and human rights of people who are, in some way, connected with our work, particularly people who may be at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



ACROSS

4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
6. The place where God lives
8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
9. A place where grapes are grown
10. Pay received for working

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
2. To give or share freely with others
3. To gripe or complain
5. Not playing by the rules
7. Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	MONEY	WORKERS	VINEYARD
GENEROUS	HOUR	WAGES	UNFAIR	EQUAL

STEWARSHIP: 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.parihofrichmond.org.au. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

SUPPORT DONATIONS

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Account Name Richmond St Monica's Church

The First Collection - Supporting Diocesan priests

Reference: First Collection (Your name)

The Second Collection - Supporting Parish needs

Reference: Second Collection (Your name)

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

George Galea, Imelda Borsato, Fr. Eugene Stockton, Doris Crawley, Sylvia Farrugia, Nellie Biddle, Sean Killen, Rena Vella, Tereza Muscat, Richard & Beryl Freitas.

... and those we remember this week

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, John Healy, Maryann Callaghan, Dolahenty and Barrett families, Callaghan and Bradley families.

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Pat Stanton, Gerard Rack, 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.



**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 12 October
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm



Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18 - 34yrs) Debate Night

Date: Thursday 24 September
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
26/27 September 2026
26th Sunday
of Ordinary Time Year A



St Monica's

Readers

6.00pm - J Xiberras 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 Xiberras J Muscat
 7.30am - C Thompson A Dunbar
 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

Projector

6.00pm - M Breaden
 7.30am - M McMahon
 9.30am - E Choudhary
 5.30pm - M Teuma

Children's Liturgy

9.30am -

Cleaners - K Murphy M Camilleri

Counters

20 Sep - F Crew T Misdom M Want
 27 Sep - M Ryan D Bowles C Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 21 September 2026 - 9am

Reader - M Breaden
EMoHC - M McMahon

Wednesday 23 September 2026 - 9am

Reader - A Moloney
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 25 September 2026 - 9am

Reader - D Bowles
EMoHC - A Aquilina



St Gregory's

Saturday 26 September 2026 - 9am

Reader - C Smioldo
EMoHC -

Sunday 27 September 2026 - 8am

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 - J Dorahy

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