

The Parish of Richmond



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KURRAJONG NSW

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NORTH RICHMOND NSW

St Monica's Primary School
32 Francis St RICHMOND NSW
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27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — Year A 4 October 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Esther 4:17
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 79:9, 12-16, 19-20
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. *Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

PRAYER FOR PEACE & JUSTICE IN THE WORLD



God of peace and justice, who changes the hardest heart and breaks the power of violence, we entrust the people living in war torn countries to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; We are brothers and sisters. Give us strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.
***Amen**.*

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

The International Eucharistic Congress began in Lille in 1881 with the hope that a renewal of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist would prove to be the catalyst for the re-evangelisation of the world. Quickly, the Congress became international, in that it began to be celebrated throughout the world, not just in Europe. In 1928, Sydney hosted the event for the first time. In recognising the centenary of that event, Sydney has been chosen again to host the Congress in 2028.

The Eucharistic Congress will be held from 24 September – 1 October 2028 and will include a visit from Pope Leo XIV to Sydney. This is an exciting time for the Church in Australia and promises to be a time of great renewal. In the lead up to the congress, the Diocese of Parramatta will be hosting several events and programs next year.

As we prepare for this great celebration of faith, we are invited to deepen our own love and devotion to the Eucharist and to pray for the renewal of the Church in Australia and throughout the world. May the coming years be a time of spiritual preparation, renewed faith, and missionary zeal as we journey together towards the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney.

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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
Melissa Beggs
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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE REMEMBER

Throughout November the Church prays for the souls of the faithful departed. Envelopes are available at the church doors for you to submit names of family and friends you would like included in the November Masses. Place them in the collection bag or give at the parish office, ASAP so lists can be completed.

STUDENTS STUDYING FOR HSC

We keep all our HSC students in our prayers as they prepare for their final exams.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Is taking a two-week break and will resume on Monday 12 October 2026.

SPRING FASHION MORNING TEA

This Tuesday 6 October 11am in the Old Church. Book a table, call Christine 0416 073 483 at the Richmond/Windsor View Club. Entrance $20 Cash.

2026 SAVE THE DATES



- *14 Oct* - **Pastoral Council Meeting**
- *11-16 Oct* - **Clergy Annual Retreat**
- *18 Oct* - **1st Holy Communion Classes Begin**
- *21 Oct* - **Finance Committee Meeting**
- *30 Oct* - **Volunteers Thank You BBQ**
- *7 Nov* - **Grandparents Day Talk**
- *28 Nov* - **Parish Annual Retreat**

INVITATION TO ANNUAL DIOCESAN SRE CATECHIST MASS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday 30 October 2026 at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral. RSVP: ccd@parractholic.org 13 October.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Will take place at St. Monica's on Friday 9 October during the 9am Mass.

LUKE 24 YOUTH GROUP (8-17 year olds)

Following Jesus' Footsteps - A Virtual Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Come along for an evening of discovery, faith and friendship! Monday 12 October, 5.30pm in the Old Church. *Dinner will follow.*

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES

Will commence from Sunday **18 October 2026.** *These are the class times:*



Sunday 9.00am 18 Oct	Sunday 10.30am 18 Oct	Monday 3.45pm 19 Oct	Tuesday 7.00pm 20 Oct	Wednesd. 4.00pm 21 Oct	Thursday 6.30pm 22 Oct	Friday 4.30pm 23 Oct
St Greg's	St Mon's	St Mon's	St Mon's	St Mon's	St Mon's	St Mon's

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 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.

For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website:
https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/
Thank you for helping keep our parish a safe and welcoming place.

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



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V	U	H	F	L	A	L	R	L	V	J	S	U	I	Y
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LISTEN	WATCHTOWER	PARABLE	SON	SERVANTS
SENT	WALL	HARVEST	KILLED	COLLECT
BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

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

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Account Name Richmond St Monica's Church

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The Second Collection - Supporting Parish needs
Reference: Second Collection (Your name)

Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Rosario Pelias, Kathleen Hutchinson, Joan Crutcher, 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.

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 Geogeon, Ruth Larven, Ursula Kelleher.



We welcome the newly baptised

Valentina Barillaro

...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: The Old Church
Time: 5.30pm - 7.00pm

On a Journey to be Richer in Faith
Luke 24
YOUTH MINISTRY

Luke 24 Young Adults Group
(18 - 34yrs) *Presentation*
Date: Thursday 8 October
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 6.30pm

LUKE 24
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES

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
10/11 October 2026
28th 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 - A Roy
7.30am -
9.30am - V Cavallaro R Thumma
M Robinson
5.30pm - C Chantiri

Projector
6.00pm - C Thompson
7.30am - M McMahon
9.30am - E Choudhary
5.30pm - M Teuma

Children's Liturgy
9.30am - E Mizzi

Cleaners - A Njoku M Sherry

Counters
4 Oct - N Godsell L Bowen M McMahon
11 Oct - C Barber F Pausanos C Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 5 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - M Breaden
EMoHC - H Convey

Wednesday 7 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - L Sheffield
EMoHC - A Moloney

Friday 9 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - D Bowles
EMoHC - M Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 10 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - M Ryan
EMoHC -

Sunday 11 October 2026 - 8am
Readers - P Hurst J Wall T Misdom
Eucharistic Minister - P Waterford
Minister at the Altar - F Kelleher
Data Projector - A Drew
Altar Preparation - R Ryan
Cleaners - D Grima

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