

The Parish of Richmond



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KURRAJONG NSW

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NORTH RICHMOND NSW

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32 Francis St RICHMOND NSW
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28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — Year A 11 October 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Psalm 129:3-4
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22
I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

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 22:1-14
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 1 John 3:2
When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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.

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****.*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 'ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION'

Next Sunday is the World Mission Day. It is the anniversary of its one hundred years since people in Australia and around the world have joined together in prayer and generosity to ensure the Church can carry Christ's love to those who need it most. This year, the catholic mission focus is on the missionary work in Malawi, where 'the Church is carrying Christ's love to children in need' so that their lives will be changed and they can grow in hope.

The catholic mission's story from Malawi reminds us that our children's access to education cannot be questioned when compared with many other children around the world whose ability to even get to school can be a daily challenge. For example, in rural Malawi, some children walk up to 10 kilometres just to reach a classroom, and for those with a physical disability, that journey is even harder. Many children simply stay home because hunger has left them too weak to make the long journey in an unpaved road with heavy traffic.

In the light of the fore going, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be 'One in Christ' and 'United in Mission', so that with our support through Catholic Mission, a new primary school could be built closer to where these families now live. Hence, these children 'can travel safely to school, receive ongoing education, and begin to dream again' of a future beyond survival, because 'every person is precious in God's sight'. My dear brothers and sisters, our support and generosity are more than a donation, for they are 'acts of love that travels far beyond our doorsteps' to: 'build classrooms, provide nutritious meals, and ensure that children waiting in hope for the books and supplies they need to learn' will become happy. Thank you, and God bless you.

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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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Thank You BBQ

Fr Raymond, Fr Adam and the Parish Pastoral Council invite all Parish volunteers to a ***BBQ on Friday 30th October 2026*** *to thank you all for your dedicated service to the Parish community.* **Venue:** *St Monica's Church gardens, Richmond.* **Time:** *from 5.30pm.*

All is provided, please bring along any alcohol, you plan to drink, and if possible,a salad or dessert to share.

For catering purposes, please fill in the lists which are in the Church Foyers.

Our Parish is what it is today because of the faith, generosity and hard work of countless people over many years. Come and let's celebrate together.

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.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Meets tomorrow evening, Monday 12 October at 7pm. Our topic is *'The Bible: The Word of God'.*

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.

SPRING FASHION MORNING TEA

Thank you to all those that attended and supported the Richmond/Windsor View Club.

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.

BEST WISHES to our students, teachers and staff

... as they commence Term 4.

ORBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is in total submission to the will of God that we announce the passing of Sr Joan Murphy OSC, who died on 08/10/2026 at Our Lady of Consolation Aged Care Facility, Rooty Hill.

May her soul rest in peace, Amen

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: 5.00pm - 5.45pm
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

All staff and volunteers of the Diocese of Parramatta who work with children and adults at risk are required to complete Mandatory Safeguarding Training.

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 Wedding Banquet



So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
P	R	V	G	K	W	S	T	L	X	Q	E	A	D	H	F	B	N	C	O	U	I	J	Y	M	Z

1. 4-21-12-7-8-7 _____
2. 22-18-3-22-8-12-14 _____
3. 14-22-18-18-12-2 _____
4. 1-13-2-13-17-9-12 _____
5. 6-12-14-14-22-18-4 _____
6. 7-12-2-3-13-18-8-7 _____
7. 17-13-18-11-21-12-8 _____
8. 2-12-16-21-7-12-14 _____

INVITED	WEDDING	BANQUET	DINNER
SERVANTS	GUESTS	PARABLE	REFUSED

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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Account No 1000 00204
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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:

Eric Glanville, Sr Joan Murphy OSC, Rosario Pelias, Kathleen Hutchinson, Joan Crutcher, George Galea, Imelda Borsato, Fr. Eugene Stockton, Doris Crawley, Nellie Biddle, Sean Killen, Richard & Beryl Freitas.

... and those we remember this week

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, Henk Ruigrok, William O'Doherty, Kees De Wit, Charlie & Jeffrey Refalo, John McCarter, Jim Buttigieg, Margaret Attard, Dolahenty/Barrett families, Maryann Callaghan, Callaghan/Bradley families,

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Sr. Joan Murphy OSC, Ann Garrick, Phillip Logue, Pat Stanton, Gerard Rack, Frank McGuiness, Francisca De Almeida, Leanne Ryan, Kathy/Peter Johnson, Leo Stivala, Maria Galuzzo, Irene Barry, Laurie Cauchi, Maria Zeks, Leigh Geogeon, Ruth Larven, Mile.



We welcome the newly baptised

Indie Elsley, Tyler Sultana, Mikayla Spiteri.

...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) *Social Night*
Date: Friday 16 October
Venue: Holey Moley, Penrith
Time: 7.00pm

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 (0490 140 652)

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
17/18 October 2026
29th 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 - KA 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 - C Chantiri

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

Children's Liturgy
9.30am - C&C Saliba

Cleaners
N Godsell C&A Salkeld C Pritchard

Counters
11 Oct - C Barber F Pausanos C Thompson
18 Oct - V Muscat F Muscat R Camilleri

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 12 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - F Crew
EMoHC - C Nickle

Wednesday 14 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - A Aquilina
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 16 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - L Sheffield
EMoHC - A Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 17 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - F Crew
EMoHC - M Ryan

Sunday 18 October 2026 - 8am
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 - I Galea

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