

The Parish of Richmond



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KURRAJONG NSW

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St Monica's Primary School
32 Francis St RICHMOND NSW
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30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — Year A 25 October 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 104:3-4
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26
If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51
I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:23
Alleluia, alleluia! **All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.** ***Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40
You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ephesians 5:2
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

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****.*

IS LOVE THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT?

Sometimes, it seems more easier for us to love ourselves without being told, than to love others as we love ourselves. This may be the reason for the answer that Jesus, gave about the greatest commandment, which is to **love God with all our heart,** and to **love our neighbour as we love ourselves.** Jesus gave this answer because he understood that for us to love others as we love ourselves, that **love for God must be our greatest love.** This shows that, "when we love God more than we love ourselves, then we will be able to love others as much as we love ourselves".

In his homily read by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle on the 10th anniversary of 'Amoris Laetitia,' Pope Leo XIV urged us to put into practice **the riches of 'Amoris Laetitia'** in the family. This is because, the family is "an affective… spiritual and sacrificial union" and **"an icon of God's love."** Thus, Christian families and communities, he said, need to **"mature in love,"** for there to be **"genuine growth of love between persons"** in the society. It then implies that "loving God fully and loving others honestly bring peace, purpose, and hope to our lives and our world."

My dear brothers and sister, **if love will guide** our words, actions, and thoughts for God and others, **everything else will fall into place,** and we will not have any trouble keeping the other ten commandments. Although it isn't easy to keep the commandments, yet, we need God's help daily for us to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Love for God then should be seen in how we care for others, because God cares for us, and cares about how we treat other people who are poor, weak, or alone. Hence, Jesus said: "A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you, …"** (John 13: 34-35).

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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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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 departed family and friends you would like included in the November Masses. Place them in the collection bag or hand in at the parish office, **ASAP**.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Will meet tomorrow Monday 26 October at 7pm. Our topic is *'The God of Revelation'.*

MISSION SUNDAY One in Christ, United in Mission

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Mission Appeal last Sunday. $5,603.00 has been forwarded.

ST MONICA'S PIETY STALL

See new Children's Gifts in the Piety Stall and some new Christmas Gifts and Cards.

RECONCILIATION AT ST. MONICA'S

As from Saturday 31 October the new time for Reconciliation will be **5.00pm - 5.45pm.**

2026 SAVE THE DATES

- *30 Oct* - **Volunteers Thank You BBQ**
- *7 Nov* - **Grandparents Day Talk**
- *28 Nov* - **Parish Annual Retreat**

ALL SAINTS' DAY - 1 November Sunday

Usual Sunday Mass times. Readings are of the Feast, See page 1025 St Pauls Sunday Missal.

ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 November Monday

Mass at St Monica's 9.00am & 7.00pm, and at St Gregory's 6.30pm. Readings are Isaiah 25:6-9, Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:5-11. See page 1029 St Pauls Sunday Missal. *November Mass envelopes are available at the Church doors.*

GRANDPARENTS TALK

If you are a grandparent, you are invited to our first ***Grandparent's Talk.*** Saturday 7 November, 10.00am to 11.30am in the Emmaus Room. Topic: *I am a Grandparent, What Now?*

RETREATS AT JAMBEROO ABBEY

People are invited to come on retreat to rest, reflect and reconnect with God. From October to December. For details call the Abbey on 02 4236 0011.

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES

Have commenced**.** *These are the class times:*

Sunday 9.00am 25 Oct	Sunday 10.30am 25 Oct	Monday 3.45pm 26 Oct	Tuesday 7.00pm 27 Oct	Wednesd. 4.00pm 28 Oct	Thursday 6.30pm 29 Oct	Friday 4.30pm 30 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 - 11/11/2026
PFC - 18/11/2026
Time at 7.00pm

Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers and parish website.

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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 Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"
Matthew 22:37

Based on Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)



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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Maria Galluzzo, Eric Glanville, Dallas Smith, Rosario Pelias, Doris Crawley, Joan Crutcher, Imelda Borsato, Fr. Eugene Stockton, Nellie Biddle, Sean Killen.

... and those we remember this week

Emanuella "Lily" Vella, David Camilleri, Lily Vella, Mary & Felix Aquilina, Ernest Betridge, Ronald Clark, Jim Buttigieg,

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, Ann Garrick, Phillip Logue, Pat Stanton, Gerard Rack, Frank McGuiness, Francisca De Almeida, Leanne Ryan, Kathy/Peter Johnson, Leo Stivala, Irene Barry, Laurie Cauchi, Maria Zeks, Leigh Geogeon, Ruth Larven, Mile.



We welcome the newly baptised

Max & Johnny Williams

...to our Christian family.

Happy birthday

to all those celebrating this week



Luke 24 Youth Group
(8-12yrs) (13-17yrs)
Date: Monday 9 November
Venue: Emmaus Room
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: Friday 30 October
Venue: Emmaus Room
Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

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 (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
31 October/1 November 2026
All Saints Day Year A

St Monica's

Readers
6.00pm - J Xiberras D Watkins
7.30am - A Dunbar A Tabone
9.30am - C Hey E Choudhary
5.30pm - T Galino R Sultana

Eucharistic Ministers
6.00pm - J Xiberras J Muscat
7.30am - A Burnett 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 - A Roy
7.30am - C, E & E Cauchi
9.30am - L & A Farrugia T Levi
5.30pm - L Sultana C Chantiri

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

Children's Liturgy
9.30am - M & M Pastoors

Cleaners - M Portelli & Family
L Culican C Livingstone M Kath

Counters
25 Oct - F Crew T Misdom M Want
1 Nov - M Ryan D Bowles C Chapman

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 26 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - A Copland
EMoHC - M McMahon

Wednesday 28 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - A Moloney
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 30 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - D Bowles
EMoHC - M Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 31 October 2026 - 9am
Reader - C Smiroldo
EMoHC -

Sunday 1 November 2026 - 8am
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

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