

The Parish of Richmond



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ALL SAINTS — Year A 1 November 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23:1-6
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3
We shall see God as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 11:28
Alleluia, alleluia! **Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.** ***Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Matthew 5:8-10
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

PRAYER FOR PEACE & JUSTICE IN THE WORLD



God of peace and justice, who changes the hardened 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**.*

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

This weekend, we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The two days of celebration remind us that death is not the end. We are all called to eternal life with God, who conquers the grave through his resurrection and ascension.

On **All Saints Day,** celebrated on 1 November, we honour all the saints, both those recognised by the Church and those whose holiness is known only to God. Their lives remind us that sainthood is not reserved for a select few. It is a calling for every Christian. The saints, through their example, encourage us to persevere in faith, even when life is difficult, trusting that God's grace will provide.

On **All Souls Day,** celebrated on 2 November, we remember and pray for all the faithful departed, especially our loved ones who have died. Although grief can leave an emptiness in our hearts, our faith offers us hope. Our prayers for the dead express our continuing love and our belief in the communion of the saints, the spiritual bond that unites the Church on earth. This holy day serves as a comforting reminder that death does not sever our connection to those we cherish, for love and prayer endure beyond the grave.

Together, these two celebrations invite us to reflect on how we live, how we love and how we prepare our hearts for eternity. They remind us to cherish those around us, forgive generously and place our hope in Christ. Ultimately, they assure us that our earthly journey is a prelude to an everlasting home, where we will one day be reunited with God and our loved ones in the Father's house.

Fr Adam

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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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Encountering Advent Invitation



What if this Advent felt different?

Join us for an
"Encountering Advent: a guided reflection through the four Sunday Gospels"

We'll explore the different ways Jesus "comes to us" -
in history, in the ordinary moments of our daily life, and in our hope for what is still to come.

Date: Saturday 24 November 2026 **Venue:** St Monica's Old Church **Time:** 9.00am to 12.30pm

You are invited! Please, register your name in the foyer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THANK YOU
To all who prepared and attended the Thank You BBQ. It was an enjoyable evening of Friendship & Hospitality

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**.

NO RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Tomorrow Monday 2 November. Till next week.

ADVENT PRAYER GROUPS
Will commence on Monday 23 November, RCIA Group at 7.00pm and Tuesday 24 November meet at 9.30am for 10.00am start. Books $5. All are welcome.

FORMATION FOR MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR
Saturday 14 November, 9.30am to 3.00pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion St Blacktown
To register: 0460 037 795 ofw@parracatholic.org

2026 SAVE THE DATES



- *7 Nov* - **Grandparents Day Talk**
- *26 Nov* - **Parish Annual Memorial Mass**
- *28 Nov* - **Parish Annual Retreat**
- *29 Nov* - **All Baptised Thanksgiving Mass**
- *8 Dec* - **Parish Assembly Animation Group**

ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 November Monday
Mass at St Monica's 9.00am & 7.00pm, and at St Gregory's 6.30pm. *Following 9.00am Mass at St Monica's there will be a* ***blessing of the Columbarium and Memorial Wall.*** Readings are Isaiah 25:6-9, Letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:5-11. See page 1029 St Pauls Sunday Missal.

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?'*

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Will be during 9.00am Mass on Friday 13 November.

NEW TIME FOR RECONCILIATION
At St Monica's is Saturday from 5.00pm to 5.45pm.

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES
Have commenced**.** *These are the class times:*

Sunday 9.00am 1 Nov	Sunday 10.30am 1 Nov	Monday 3.45pm 2 Nov	Tuesday 7.00pm 3 Nov	Wednesd. 4.00pm 4 Nov	Thursday 6.30pm 5 Nov	Friday 4.30pm 6 Nov
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 - 09/12/2026
Time at 7.00pm

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

SAFEGUARDING CORNER

The Diocese of Parramatta acknowledges and recognises the victims and survivors of abuse and offers our unreserved and deepest apologies for the hurt and suffering this abuse has caused.

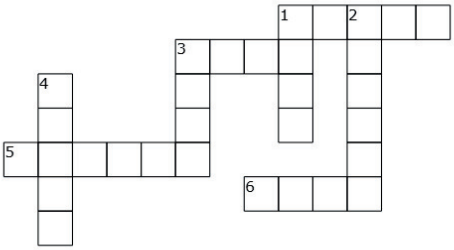
For more information, please visit the Diocese of Parramatta Safeguarding website:
https://parracatholic.org/safeguarding/
Thank you for helping keep our parish a safe and welcoming place.

The Beatitudes

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."
Matthew 5:11 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 5:1-12





ACROSS

1. To show great kindness toward others
3. To be without any faults; without sin
5. A need for food
6. To feel happiness, joy and pleasure

DOWN

1. To be humble in spirit or manner
2. A payment received in return for doing good deeds
3. Having little money or few possessions
4. To feel sadness

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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

Koswara Buntono (from Jakarta), Michael Kirwan, 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 throughout this month of November

We pray together for: ***'It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins'*** 2 Maccabees 12:46.

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Trinity Young, 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

...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, Dinner*
Date: Thursday 5 November
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 (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
7/8 November 2026
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

St Monica's

Readers
6.00pm - J Chapman M Darmody
7.30am - T Maguire A Edwards
9.30am - A Pace K Brough
5.30pm - J Morley E Teuma

Eucharistic Ministers
6.00pm - D Grima V Muscat
7.30am - A Burnett A Dunbar
9.30am - A Aquilina C Hey
5.30pm - S Nash S Higgins

Minister at the Altar
6.00pm - R Ujmiak
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

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

Children's Liturgy
9.30am - C Vogt

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

Counters
1 Nov - M Ryan D Bowles C Chapman
8 Nov - N Godsell L Bowen M McMahon

WEEKDAY ROSTER
Monday 2 November 2026 - 9am
Reader - M Breaden
EMoHC - H Convey

Wednesday 4 November 2026 - 9am
Reader - L Sheffield
EMoHC - A Moloney

Friday 6 November 2026 - 9am
Reader - M Ryan
EMoHC - A Huxley

St Gregory's

Saturday 7 November 2026 - 9am
Reader - J Wall
EMoHC - C Pritchard

Sunday 8 November 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 - M Ryand
Cleaners - A Vincent

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