

The Parish of Richmond



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St Monica's Primary School
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32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME — Year A 8 November 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Cf. Psalm 87:3
Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-8
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 24:42, 44
Alleluia, alleluia! **Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.** ***Alleluia!***

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Cf. Luke 24:35
The Disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

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 THE EUCHARIST REALLY THE TRUE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST?

A survey on Catholics' attitude towards Holy Communion as articulated by archbishop Michael J Sheehan in his article in the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, published in May 1995 revealed that only 30% of those surveyed believed that "Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in the Eucharist"; while the other 62% thought what they received was only 'a symbolism or a representation', and 8% were neutral, not sure of what to say.

This challenges us to seek to understand the correct doctrine, so that we can live according to that doctrine than, living with the "inaccurate and distorted view of the Eucharist". Jesus said in John 6: 53-56: "Truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you do not have life within you…. For My flesh is true food and My blood is true drink…." This shows us that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus, and not just a symbolic bread and wine which strips the eucharistic celebration of its true meaning.

My dear brothers and sisters, the **bread and wine consecrated** is **transformed** into the **real Body and Blood of Christ,** by divine power through the process of **transubstantiation.** Thus, St Paul warns us that: "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily…, eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:27,29). Let us therefore, approach the Eucharist with faith, love, utmost respect, devotion, and reverence. Let us not receive the Lord unworthily, and if we are conscious of any sin that may prevent us from receiving communion, we may come forward to receive a blessing from the priest or other ministers.

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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 28 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



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)

Meets tomorrow Monday 9 November, 7pm. Our topic is *"The Birth of the Church and Peter and the Church."*

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On 21 & 22 November, 70 children will make their First Holy Communion. The masses at 6pm, 9.30am and 5.30pm will have significant numbers in attendance. Please pray for the children and their families and we thank you for your understanding regarding limited seating at the Communion Masses.

2026 SAVE THE DATES



- *26 Nov* - **Parish Annual Memorial Mass**
- *27 Nov* - **Encountering Advent Reflection**
- *28 Nov* - **Parish Annual Retreat**
- *29 Nov* - **All Baptised Thanksgiving Mass**
- *08 Dec* - **Parish Assembly Animation Group**
- *16 Jan* - **Feast of Saint Paul at 5.30pm**

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Will be during 9.00am Mass on Friday 13 November.

PARISH ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

To be held on Thursday 26 November at 7pm. We invite those who have lost loved ones during the past year. Some Parishioners whose families are living overseas or interstate have been unable to attend the funeral of a loved one, we offer this Mass for your comfort and healing. You may like to bring a flower to place at the Altar before Mass. Light refreshments in the Emmaus Room will follow Mass. *All 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

SACRAMENT NEWS, RICHMOND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES

These are the class times:

Sunday 9.00am 8 Nov	Sunday 10.30am 8 Nov	Monday 3.45pm 9 Nov	Tuesday 7.00pm 10 Nov	Wednesd. 4.00pm 11 Nov	Thursday 6.30pm 12 Nov	Friday 4.30pm 13 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.

MINISTERS ON ROSTERS

In view of Christmas and January school holidays, would all ministers **read your rosters closely!** If you know you will be unavailable, please make every effort to get a replacement.

By 30 November **inform Mary McGuiness** if you're not going to be available, of any changes you've made or any challenges you've encountered. Email Mary at: **mary.mcguiness@parishofrichmond.org.au**

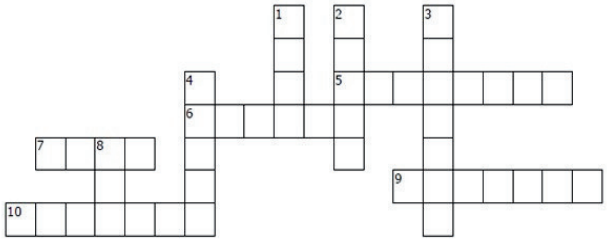
At Christmas extra ministers will be required at the various Masses. Please tell Mary, in advance, of your availability and willingness to assist. ***Thank you!***

Give Me Oil In My Lamp



Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 25:1-13 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. 12 o'clock at night
6. Not awake
7. A swinging or sliding cover over the place where someone usually enters a room
9. Ceremony in which a man and a woman are married.
10. Someone who does not use good judgment is _____.

DOWN

1. Someone who has good judgment and makes good decisions is _____.
2. Devices used to produce light
3. A feast or meal held in recognition of some person or occasion
4. To observe or look at something
8. A liquid that is often used to make fuel.

MIDNIGHT	LAMPS	WATCH	OIL	FOOLISH
ASLEEP	DOOR	BANQUET	WISE	WEDDING

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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The First Collection - Supporting Diocesan priests

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The Second Collection - Supporting Parish needs

Reference: Second Collection (Your name)

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

Gianna Locke, Trinity Young, 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

Rafael Pomering

...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)
Date: Thursday 19 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
14/15 November 2026
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

St Monica's

Readers
6.00pm - J Fewtrell C Hession
7.30am - S Duff M McMahon
9.30am - K Petersen M Manea
5.30pm - C Salkeld A Salkeld

Eucharistic Ministers
6.00pm - P Hession A Huxley
7.30am - L Attard A Dunbar
9.30am - M Portelli Z Culican
5.30pm - KA Kemble C Barber

Minister at the Altar
6.00pm - A Vincent
7.30am - K Bauer
9.30am - A Brailey
5.30pm - P Delahy

Junior Ministers
6.00pm - A Roy
7.30am -
9.30am - V Cavallaro A Vella M Anderson
5.30pm - C Chantiri

Projector
6.00pm - C Thompson
7.30am - C Thompson
9.30am - L Culican
5.30pm - Choir Members

Children's Liturgy
9.30am - E Fitzsimons T Szyszka

Cleaners - A Njoku M Sherry

Counters
8 Nov - N Godsell L Bowen M McMahon
15 Nov - C Barber F Pausanos
C Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 9 November 2026 - 9am
Reader - F Crew
EMoHC - C Nickle

Wednesday 11 November 2026 - 9am
Reader - A Aquilina
EMoHC - M McMahon

Friday 13 November 2026 - 9am
Reader - D Bowles
EMoHC - M Ryan

St Gregory's

Saturday 14 November 2026 - 9am
Reader - M Ryan
EMoHC -

Sunday 15 November 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 - S McMahon

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