

**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**  
**3 February 2019**  
 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Year C  
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**St Monica's**

**Readers**

6.30pm— P. Buckley M. Breaden  
 7.30am— A. Edwards M. Fenech  
 9.30am— C. Thompson F. Yates  
 5.30pm— J. Morley T. Scopelliti  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**  
 6.30pm— J. Bennett J. Gorman  
 7.30am— M. Pirovic M. McMahon  
 9.30am— J. Van Der Burg C. Hey  
 5.30pm— A. Freitas

**Acolytes / Senior Server**

6.30pm— W. Bennett  
 7.30am— C. Nickle  
 9.30am— M. Crew  
 5.30pm—

**Junior Ministers**

6.30pm—  
 7.30am— L. Attard  
 9.30am— C. Saliba S. Saliba  
 5.30pm—

**Data Projector**

6.30pm— T. Buckley  
 7.30am— T. Galino  
 9.30am— L. Ryan  
 5.30pm— T. Tomasella

**Children's Liturgy**

6.30pm -  
 9.30am -

**Altar Preparation**

**Cleaners**

**Counters**  
 27 Jan— B. Riley B. Riley M. Stone  
 03 Feb— F. Crew T. Misdom M. Want

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 28 January 2019**

Reader— M. Breaden  
 EMoHC— J. Ebbs

**Wednesday 30 January 2019**

Reader— M. McMahon  
 EMoHC— A. Moloney

**Friday 1 February 2019**

Reader— D. Bowles  
 EMoHC— F. Crew

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**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 2 February 2019**

Reader— Jackie  
 EMoHC— Cathy

**Sunday 3 February 2019**

**Readers**

8.00am— M. Mooney T. Misdom S. Lundy

**Altar Server** J. Ebbs

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

8.00am— M. Ryan

**Altar Preparation** P. McCallum

**Cleaners** L. Pullin

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**St John of God Chapel**  
 Tuesday 4.00pm  
 Saturday 6.00pm

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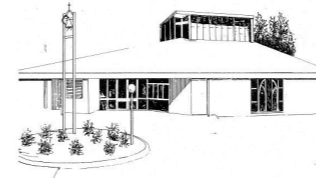


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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C 27 January 2019**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.**

**FIRST READING: NEHEMIAH 8:2-6, 8-10**

*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

**RESPONSORIAL PS: PSALM 18:8-10, 15**

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.**

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-30**

*Together you are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.**

**REFLECTIONS ON THE READING...**

Human beings are frail and foolish. We have been told that grace is to be found in the universe. But in our human foolishness and short-sightedness we imagine divine grace to be finite, and for this reason we tremble. But the moment comes when our eyes are opened, and we see that grace is infinite. Grace demands nothing from us but that we await it with confidence and acknowledge it with gratitude. Grace makes no conditions and singles out none of us in particular. Grace takes us all to its bosom and proclaims a general amnesty.

*(Isak Dinesen).*

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020...**

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying*

**Have you had your say yet?**

The first of the Plenary2020 discussion groups, held at St Monica's on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018, was a rewarding and productive experience for all those who attended. The lively discussions and sharing of ideas and thoughts ensured that it was a productive and worthwhile experience. A number of key topics were raised and explored and these have now been submitted on the Plenary Council website. (<https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursayplenary2020/#2>)

BUT we still have much more to contribute – For all those parishioners who would still like to **have their say** and contribute to the discussions, please come along and join us on **SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY AFTER THE 9.30 AM MASS AT ST MONICA'S**. You are warmly invited to come along for a cup of tea at 10:30 for 10:45 start in the Old Parish Hall.

A number of ideas and thoughts about our Parish came out of the first Plenary discussion we held, and as part of our current renewal in the Parish we have decided to focus for now on one specific issue to look at more closely, and explore how as a Parish we can move forward on it – Involvement of young people in our Parish.

We would like to invite the **young people and families of the Parish** to come along on the **24<sup>th</sup> February** to our next Plenary 2020 meeting to explore and offer suggestions about what we can do as a Parish to address the needs of the young people- as they are the future of our parish. This Family day, after the 9:30 Mass, will include a Sausage sizzle and time to socialise after the discussion groups. *Being part of the parish and having a say and participating in its renewal is important.*

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Plenary discussions groups on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Richmond Parish PlenaryCouncil2020 Organising Committee

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### AUSTRALIA DAY

Let's come together to pray in thanksgiving for our nation & its people.

*'Remember we are but travellers here.'*

St Mary MacKillop

*'If you live in this land and are prepared to look after the part you live on, then you belong.'*

Mowaljarlai, a Kimberley Elder

**Australia: the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit**

### HYPAR-IMPORTANT NEWS...

- Friday 1 February 2019, will be First Friday Adoration commencing at 6:30pm this is led by the youth then followed by a light supper (please bring a plate to share) and social activities - all welcome.
- Friday 8 February 2019, will be the Spiritual & Games Night (for school aged kids in year 5 to year 9). This is held in the old Church from 7pm til 9pm. There will be a light supper and fun games.
- Saturday 16 February 2019, will be the HYPAR Youth Mass at 6:30pm followed by supper (please bring a plate to share) and fun family activities in the Old Church - all welcome.
- Friday 22 February 2019, will be the Young Adults Youth Group (aged 16 years +) starts at 7pm in the old Church. Have lots of laughs and make new friends it will be a great night.



# Announcements

**New diary for 2019:** A new diary for Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries has been placed in the Church foyer of St Monica's. If you would like your birthday or anniversary published, please print your name and details on the appropriate page.

**R.C.I.A Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.** Recently two people have come forward enquiring about the faith. Meetings will commence soon. It is anticipated that this group will meet during the day. If you are interested in joining the group as an enquirer, a companion on the journey or a member of the team, please contact the parish office.

**Thank you** to everyone who attended and supported last weekend's annual St Paul's Festa. A special mention to the volunteers, without their assistance and the dedicated committee members the St Paul's Festa could not continue.  
Raffle prize winners  
1st Prize - R. Scicluna Ticket no 0526  
2nd Prize - N. Camilleri Ticket no 01627  
3rd Prize - L. Portelli Ticket no 0129

**CatholicCare Solo Parent Services** is commencing a Bereavement Support Program for men or women whose spouse or partner have died. The program will be run at Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair (5 Todd Row, St Clair) on Thursdays fortnightly from 10am to 12 midday in the Pioneers Room of the Parish, commencing 21 February to 16 May. To secure a place on this program please ring the Parish on 9670 8222 or email [stclair@parracatholic.org](mailto:stclair@parracatholic.org)

### PARISH DIARY DATES

- **Monday 28 January Saint Thomas Aquinas.**
- **Thursday 31 January Saint John Bosco.**
- **Saturday 2 February The presentation of the Lord.**
- **Monday 4 February Circle of Friends** will meet following morning Mass in the Parish Meeting Room. Come & join us.
- **Sunday 10 February St Gregory's Morning Tea** following 8am Mass. It would be wonderful if you could stay for a cuppa & bring a plate to share. All welcome.
- **Weekend 23/24 February Catholic Foundation Appeal.**



**Job vacancies** at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre at Grose Vale. Head Housekeeping and a Cleaner position are currently available. A description detailing further information about these roles are available a [www.catholicjobsonline.com.au](http://www.catholicjobsonline.com.au) Applications close 1 February 2019.

**Hawkesbury Rural Australians for Refugees** will be hosting a #Right Track Community Action Workshop on Sat 23rd February at the Deerubbin Centre in Windsor.

The purpose of this event is to engage people at the grass-roots level in our communities who are supportive of people seeking asylum and want to learn tools and strategies to have more effective, values based conversations about this issue with people around them, their community leaders, MPs etc.  
REGISTER: <https://bit.ly/2LQ0tCn>

### Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased

Wayne Eather  
Keith Knot  
Gloria Martin  
Agnes Baratto  
Dianne Smyth  
Kimbo Maxe  
Brian Hegarty  
Liberty Coutis

### ... and those we remember at this time.

Mary Aquilina, Felix Aquilina, Con Mavroforas, John Steiner, Ron Clark, Paul Keppel, Peter Galluzzo, Giacinta Bagnara, Lorenza & John Saliba, Jerry & Josephine Camenzuli, Mary & Charles Apap, Elizabeth Delmar, Baby Alex Cini, Joseph Baldacchino, Patricia Young, John Larven, Larven Family, Joseph Tabone, Georgia Tabone, Carmelo Vella

### Baptism...

Baptisms are celebrated within the Parish on the first (St Gregory's), second & fourth Sundays (St Monica's) of each month at 11am.  
Contact the Parish Office to make enquiries.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Monique Saliba



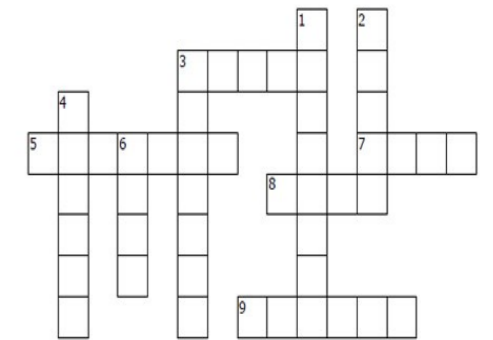
### WE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER THE SICK

Jeff Steven, Josephine Cutajar, Tye Angland, Frank Grima, William Grima, Frank Cauchi, Stephen Avery, Pauline Azzopardi, Dale Wasley, Carmen Sultana, Violet Dwyer, Melissa Colless, Janice Anderson

### Promises, Promises

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor." Luke 4:18a (NIV)

Based on Luke 4:14-21



#### ACROSS

3. Something you do to help someone
5. A person who speaks for God
7. Information about recent events or happenings; previously unknown information
8. The opposite of bad
9. A long roll of paper with writing on it

#### DOWN

1. A person who is kept in jail
2. Unable to see
3. To be allowed to do whatever you want to do
4. To deliver a sermon
6. Having little or no wealth and few or no possessions

PRISONER	FAVOR	GOOD	PROPHET	POOR
BLIND	FREEDOM	NEWS	PREACH	SCROLL

### Please Note:

- No Mass on Tuesdays at St John of God from 25 December to 29 January 2019. Mass resumes on Tuesday 5 February.

### TIME FOR A LAUGH...

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. 'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk. 'Only the Ten Commandments!' answered the lady.

#### PARISH MASS TIMES

**St Monica's**  
Saturday: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 5.30pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9.00am  
**St Gregory's**  
Saturday: 9.00am  
Sunday: 8.00am  
**St John of God**  
Tuesday: 4.00pm  
Saturday: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

#### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation**  
St Monica's:  
Saturday 5.30pm - 6pm.  
St Gregory's:  
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.  
**Anointing of the Sick**  
Friday 29 March 2019, 9.00am at St Monica's.  
Or by arrangement with the priests.

#### Baptism

By appointment only.  
St Monica's: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11.00am.  
St Gregory's: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11:00am  
Booking & Preparation are essential.  
**Marriage**  
Strictly by appointment. A minimum of 6 months notice is required.  
All enquiries please email [admin@parishofrichmond.org.au](mailto:admin@parishofrichmond.org.au)

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**12 February 2019 at 7pm.**

*Meeting Minutes available on notice boards in church foyers.*

#### REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Rosary**  
St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
St Monica's: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.

**Choir Practice**  
St Monica's:  
Tuesday 7pm  
*NEW MEMBERS WELCOME*

**Children's Liturgy**  
St Monica's:  
1st & 4th  
Sunday 9.30am

**Circle of Friends**  
Parish Meeting Room:  
1st Monday of the month  
9.30am

**Youth Group Social**  
Meet every 3rd Saturday of the month after 6.30pm HYPAR Mass.  
**HYPAR Holy Hour**  
Meet every 1st Friday of the month 6:30pm-7:30pm praying for youth followed by pizzas.