

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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1st Sunday of Lent

6th March

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

**WELCOME
BACK TO
CHURCH**

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 8am

Sunday : 8.30am (Italian & English); 10.30am; 5.30pm

Tue-Fri : 9.15am

Reconciliation on Saturday: 8.30 am or by Appointment

**WE ARE SO
GLAD TO SEE
YOU**



*We warmly welcome
Fr Tony Doran
as our new Parish
Priest.*

19 years ago, Fr Tony was an Assistant Priest at St Monica's Parish straight after his ordination in 2003.

SUNDAY LITURGY @ *Home*;

For Adults:

For Families with Young Children:

Read the latest COVID-19 guidelines from the Archdiocese [here](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *our elders and the sick*

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken; Leo Gillman; Jillian Eolzella; Loretta Bastian; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Anne Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken; Giuseppina Mammone; John Morello Snr; Lou Cursio; Dominic & Anna Vogl

RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,
Assunto Zaio; Luigi (Lou) Cursio
Fr. Kevin Mogg
May they rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Nazzareno Camela; Rosa Di Pasquale; Bill Letcher
whose anniversary occurs at this time*

Funeral this week

✠ Friday 11th March
11am Funeral Mass for Luigi Cursio

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome
into our Parish Community



*Tessa Jane Hoffman
Adam Anthony Miziewicz
Richard Ari Miziewicz
Zoe Gulia Crockett
Sofia Gatta
Ivy Caruso
Lexie Karrs Aparo*

Weddings this week

Nicholas Carey & Melissa Robinson

*We pray for them as they begin their
married life together.*



A Prayer for Ukraine

Gracious God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.
May they be held in your loving care and protection
and given the strength
to endure their suffering and hardship.
Transform the hearts and minds of those who
perpetuate the violence and oppression.
Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts
toward peace; may they not be compromised by
self-interest and blind indifference.
We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of
Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus,
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Fr. Tony Feeney's Farewell

Last Sunday many attended Fr. Tony Feeney's Thanksgiving Mass and Farewell/Retirement Celebrations. The Mass concluded with Fr. Tony singing "I did it HIS Way" and a standing ovation from the Congregation. Farewell Celebrations continued in the well decorated Symons Centre with speeches, cake cutting and lots of yummy food and drink, great hospitality and good company. It was lovely to be able to gather and celebrate together after such a disruptive COVID period. Thanks so much for the hard work of Fr. Andrew, the Parish Council, School and Parish Community for making Fr. Tony's Farewell memorable and special.



3 PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER

Prayer is the action that leads people to God. We take time away from the distractions of the world **to turn to God**, to contemplate, to listen and talk to Him. Prayer gives meaning to Lenten practices, which draw us closer to Him.

Fasting

Fasting is restricting consumption, depriving yourself of both good and bad things for the glory of God. This means normally watching what you eat on a day that it is practiced, one regular meal and two small ones. During Lent, we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **ABSTINENCE** is practiced all Fridays of Lent.

ALMSGIVING

Almsgiving is the action that leads us Christians to see others, love them, listen to them and offer them our time, help, advice, money, shelter, company, affection. It is not limited to giving material goods, it is the gift of self. It is based on **CHARITY**, to love God and others as oneself. To give alms is to be united to Christ in his poverty.

Parish Council discussions - Mass times

At the last Parish Council meeting, we welcomed Fr Tony Doran as the new parish priest for St Monica's, as well as PP for St Vincent de Paul Strathmore. The workload of the 2 parishes that will now be shared between 2 priests, (previously been shared between 3) was discussed.

Council members agreed adjustments to Mass times would be necessary to ensure our priests are not overwhelmed, working across both parishes. Taking into account the existing Mass times at the 2 parishes, the number of funeral masses held at St Monica's and Mass times at neighbouring parishes, the following adjustments were agreed :

- **Sunday Mass times at St Monica's to remain at 8:30am; 10:30am; 5:30pm and St Vincent de Paul at 9:30am.**
- **Saturday vigil masses to be combined and held at St Vincent de Paul at 6pm**
- **No change to Saturday morning Mass time at St Monica's at 8am**
- **Weekday masses at St Monica's to be combined and held at 9.15am only**

***** These changes commenced 1st of March *****

The Parish Council, Fr Tony D and Fr Andrew, will continue to monitor attendance at all Masses and remain open to the possibility of further changes in the future, Any concerns can be expressed to the Parish Council.

St. Monica's is a Child Safe Parish. We hold the care, safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our community.



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved and she can focus on school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

ST. MONICA'S

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursday (except Holy Thursday)
7.30 to 9 pm in the Symons Centre.

A Warm welcome to all who desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus, and become 'Missionary Disciples' as Pope Francis calls Catholics to be. The following is the program for coming Thursdays:

- 3 March - Healing
- 10 March - Forgiveness
- 17 March - St Patrick
- 24 March - Lessons from Life
- 31 March - Power of Praise

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
8.30am Sun 13/3	Bernard Healey Connie Priscoglio	Stella Maurici
10.30am Sun 13/3	Lynn Besterwitch Jennifer Trethowan	Joanne Allison Tony De Fazio
5.30 pm Sun 13/3	Catherine Taylor Maurice Passuello	Theresa Vu

CHURCH VACUUMING

Team 2
Friday 11th March

CHURCH LINEN

March
Concetta Munafo

Support My Parish

CDFpay for Parishes enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments – you can set-up a recurring payment or you can choose a one-off offering. The Moonee Ponds site is live and found at <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=96>
We thank you in advance for supporting our parish.

March

- 6th 1st Sunday of Lent
- 8th Parish Pastoral Council
- 14th Labour Day public holiday
- 17th St. Patrick



PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Friday at 7pm
Please note change of details:
[Click here for Link](#)



(Meeting ID: 750 3236 9165)
Passcode: 282664 Accessing Zoom via landline
(in Melbourne): call (03) 7018 2005

True North, Young Adults Gathering

It will start with a light supper and social, then a short presentation and faith discussion. You are more than welcome to join!

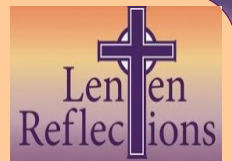
Every 2nd Sunday of the Month after 5.30pm Mass

- at Symons Centre.
- Next meeting **Sunday 13th March**

Any enquiries? Please see Fr Andrew or email via truenorth9ostable@gmail.com

Lenten Reflection

in the Symons Centre
after 9.15 am Mass
Wednesdays in Lent beginning
on 9 March 2022.



Please join in Breaking Open the Gospels of Lent in preparation for the Resurrection of the Lord.

SCAFFOLDING

There will be scaffolding going up on the south side of the Church for a few days from 28th February for Church roof repairs.



STAZIONI DI LA CROCE

Durante il Periodo Quaresimale ci saranno stazioni della Croce Ogni venerdi a 7.00pm in inglese ed a 3.00pm (in italiano) nella Chiesa.



Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent
3.00pm (in Italian) 7.00pm (in English)

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 13th March for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

A reading from the book of Genesis

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink **(R.)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Phil 3:17 – 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME

