



ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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Violet

2nd Sunday of Lent

13th 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**

Lent is perhaps a good time to start something new. Lent invites us to change the dynamic of our lives: to leave behind all that hinders us from knowing and loving Jesus in order that we may be ready to celebrate the great feast of God's love at Easter.

To help get us ready for Easter, we are invited to fast. We usually think of fasting as fasting from food. It is that, but it can be much more than that. We fast so that we may make room in our lives for other things. Pope Francis challenges us to think of fasting this way:

- fast from hurting words and say kind words
- fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- fast from anger and be filled with patience
- fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
- fast from worries and trust in God
- fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
- fast from pressures and be prayerful
- fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
- fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
- fast from grudges and be reconciled
- fast from words and be silent so you can listen

This is the sort of fasting which changes the dynamic of our lives, which makes room in our lives for us to be so much more, to change not the externals of our lives but to create clean hearts in us. Perhaps this is the sort of fasting we need to embrace this Lent.

Let us continue to remember the people of Ukraine at this time. If you are able, please give generously to the Caritas Emergency Appeal for Ukraine.

St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr, pray for us and for the people of Ukraine.

St Monica, pray for us.

St Vincent, pray for us.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

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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; Anna Vogl

RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,
Dominic Vogl;
May he rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Charles Livingstone; June Lewis; Marie Graetz; Maureen Flynn; Joan Cunningham; Shirley & Malcolm Baptist; Raymond Soans
whose anniversary occurs at this time*

Funeral this week

✠ Thursday 17th March
1.30pm Funeral Mass for Dominic Vogl

BAPTISMS



This weekend we welcome
into our Parish Community

Mason James Fraser

Johanna and Xavier's wedding was originally planned for September 2020 but had to be hastily brought forward to August 4 2020 to allow it to happen at all (with 4 people and the celebrant) before stricter COVID-19 restrictions came in.



A vow renewal with family and friends was booked for August 2021 but another COVID-19 lockdown also prevented this. Finally on Saturday 18th March they will have a vow renewal at the Church—surrounded by their family and friends. We wish them all the best for their future together.

Vow Renewal this week

Johanna & Xavier

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



LENT 2022 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

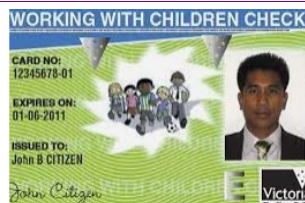
Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed!
For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and
inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you
make this Lenten journey more powerful and helpful.
This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>

Call 1300 734 880 for more info

Is your Working with Children Check up to date?

As we continue building our rosters for 2022 it is a timely reminder that **All Volunteers must hold a Working with Children Check**. There are no exceptions and we are required by law to enforce this requirement. Please update your WWCC to include St. Monica's as a volunteer, or apply for a new WWCC at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>
Detailed instructions for St. Monica's WWCC can be found [here](#)



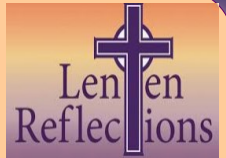
From the 1st of March 2022,
the Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore and
the Parish of St Monica, Moonee Ponds
are walking together and working together.



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.



Melbourne Catholic Round Up

If you're still searching for some Lenten practices to help you deepen your experience of Lent, we've put together [15 creative ideas for you to think about](#).

There are plenty of issues facing us today that challenge us to put our faith into action. In the wake of the unfolding war in Ukraine, Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas (Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine), speaks with *Aid to the Church in Need* [about the unfolding humanitarian crisis and how tragedy is uniting the Ukrainian people](#). Along with Caritas, Jesuit Mission Australia has also [launched the Ukraine Crisis Appeal](#).

Earlier this week we marked International Women's Day, and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference said it's [incumbent on the Church to respond to the problems facing women today](#), especially domestic violence. And Catholic Social Services Australia [calls our attention to a newly published report](#) showing that just under 3 million Australians are living in poverty, with young women and women approaching retirement notably worse off than most. [Harmony Week](#) is also coming up later this month, and the Professional Standards Unit invites us to use it as an opportunity to reflect on how we engage our diverse cultural communities in the creation of safe parishes.

Interested in volunteering?

The St Vincent de Paul Society's members and volunteers provide practical support, advocacy and friendship to the most vulnerable in our community by providing hope, comfort and dignity to disadvantaged people, trapped by their circumstances due to sickness, job loss, mental illness and family breakdown. The majority of assistance provided by the Society is through local groups, known as conferences. **Moonee Ponds Conference** is looking for new members. For more information contact the Parish Office on 9370 5035 or mooneeponds@cam.org.au



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.



As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

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:
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 20/3	Tim Mitchell Maria Galioto	Sylvia Letcher
10.30am Sun 20/3	Lucia Ragnanese Joe Ragnanese	Carmen Shiu
5.30 pm Sun 20/3	Anthony Matthews Janath Fernando	Brian Mathews

CHURCH VACUUMING

Team 2

Saturday 19th March 8.30am

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

- 14th Labour Day public holiday
- 17th St. Patrick
- 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary
- 25th The Annunciation of the Lord



PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Feeney 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



PARISH DANCE

Is back

Friday 18th March at 7.30pm
In the Symons Centre
Enquiries to Renus Burke
0430 392 152

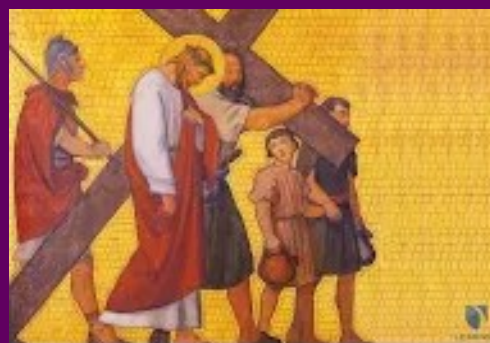
SCAFFOLDING

The scaffolding on the south side of the Church for Church roof repairs should be taken down shortly.



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 20th March for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

A reading from the book of Exodus

Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME**

