

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C)

20th March 2022

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

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

Tuesday - Friday : **9.15 am**

Saturday: **8 am** (*followed by Exposition of the Holy Sacrament and Reconciliation*)

Reconciliation : Saturday 8.30 am or by appointment

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

St. Monica, pray for us!

St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us!

Dear friends,

During the week, I buried a man for whom Mass and the daily encounter with the Lord in the Eucharist was of supreme importance in his life. Indeed, one of his children commented in a eulogy: "Dad's faith shaped his life." Wouldn't it be good if this could be said about all of us at the end of our lives? As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, let us redouble our efforts to get rid of all the rubbish in our lives—all the stuff which hinders us from knowing Jesus—and really live lives shaped by our faith—not in a superficial, outward, showy sort of way, but in a truly authentic and deep way where we are known for our deep faith in and love of Jesus and his power to transform not only our own lives, but the lives of all whom we encounter.

Fr Tony Doran PP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet
from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING | Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

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.*)

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Matthew 4:17

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!

GOSPEL | Luke 13:1-9

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her
young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my
God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever
singing your praise.

Sunday Liturgy @ Home;

For adults

For families with young children

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.

BAPTISMS

This weekend we joyfully welcome these children into our Parish community:

Rosalie Patricia Anne Denton

Christian Fugaro

Hugo Andrew Gatt

William Joseph Stokes Klevenz

Giselle Emerald-Rose Martins



Let us pray together for these children to grow up in the love of Christ.

WEDDINGS

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



Joshua Roda & Khiara Gallo

Antonio Pignataro & Kayla-Marie Pannezzo

"What God joins together, let no one put asunder."

FUNERALS

There is no funeral at St. Monica's this week.

PRAY FOR: our elders and the sick

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico;

Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo;

Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin;

Anna & Garry Henneken;

Stephanie Jouhari; 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;

Andrew Pike

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Cedric Besterwitch; Val Trethowan;

Frank Dempsey; Des Wolfe;

Reg Salter; Dave O'Brien;

Josephine Coura; Paul Clancy;

George Howden; John Grant;

Irene & Osmond Bastian;

Andrew Bastian

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

(for Sunday 27th of March)

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
8.30am (Sun 27/3)	Asela Savino Luke Mathews	Concetta Munafo
10.30am (Sun 27/3)	Antonina Briggs Theresa Vu	John Morello Joanne Allison
5.30 pm (Sun 27/3)	Michelle Christian Robert Young	Barbara Clancy

ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Team 4	March
Wednesday 23 rd March 9.45 am	Concetta Munafo

LENTEN REFLECTION

- Wednesdays after 9.15 am Mass
- Symons Centre



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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Fridays during Lent
- at 3 pm (in Italian) and
at 7 pm (in English)



Durante il Periodo Quaresimale ci saranno stazioni della Croce ogni venerdi a 3 pm (in Italiano) ed a 7 pm (in Inglese).

TRUE NORTH

Young Adults Gathering

- Every 2nd Sunday, after 5.30 pm Mass
- Symons Centre
- Next Gathering: **Sunday 10th April**

The gathering will start with a light supper and social, then a short presentation and faith discussion.

If you have any enquiries, please see Fr. Andrew or email via truenorth90stable@gmail.com.

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.

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.



MARCH

18th St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor

19th St Joseph

23rd St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop

25th The Annunciation of the Lord

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Interested in volunteering?

Moonee Ponds Conference is looking for new members.

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. For more information, contact the Parish office on 9370 5035 or mooneeponds@cam.org.au.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

- Every Thursday (except Holy Thursday)
- 7.30 pm to 9 pm
- 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:

24 March – Lessons from Life

31 March – Power of Praise

ALPHA IS COMING!

- St. Monica's Symons Centre, Moonee Ponds
- Thursdays, from 5 May to 7 July, 2022
- 7 pm – 9.15 pm
- Enquiries and Registrations:
Adrian Commadeur – 0403 512 936
mooneeponds@cam.org.au



SCRIPTURES REFLECTION

& DISCUSSION with Fr. Tony Feeney

- Fridays at 7 pm via Zoom
- [Click here for Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 750 3236 9165
- Passcode: 282664

If you would like to join this Zoom meeting room via landline in Melbourne, please call 03 7018 2005 and follow the options.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

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.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

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 Catholic Parish as a volunteer, or apply for a new WWCC at <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>.

If you need more information, detailed instructions for St. Monica's WWCC can be found [here](#).

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 prayerful.

This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent22>

Call 1300 734 880 for more information.

Please take a bulletin to home and read though.
Have a blessed week in Christ.

READINGS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 27th March for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING | Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

SECOND READING | 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL | Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.'"