

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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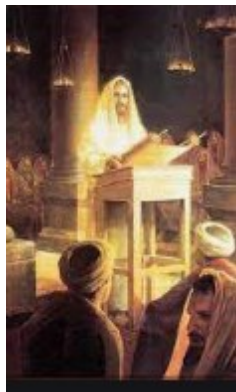
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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

30th January 2022

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 & 6pm (Vigil for Sunday)**  
**Sunday : 8.30am (Italian & English); 10.30am; 5.30pm**  
**Tue-Fri : 7am; 9.15am**  
*Reconciliation on Saturday: 10am & 5.30pm or by Appointment*

**WE ARE SO  
GLAD TO SEE  
YOU**

### SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTIONS

Sunflowers give us pleasure through their large and round yellow flowers, and provide health for our bodies with their nutritious black seeds. However, sunflowers must lift their heads and face the sun to bloom. Just as the sun shines on sunflowers, God shines on us with the light of His love: "A love that is patient and kind, a love that never jealous, and a love that endures whatever comes". When we are in this light of love, our faith blooms beautifully, and we can bear the good fruit of love for our neighbours.

However, we have denied living in the light of God's love and have betrayed His love many times in history, even now. Therefore, God sent His only Son into the world to save the people of Israel and all humankind. Jesus, our Saviour, proclaimed the Good News and delivered the light of God's love to them. Many people, including the people of Nazareth, were astonished by the gracious words of Jesus. However, some did not accept Jesus as a Saviour. They refused to follow his teaching, even though it was simple and straightforward: "*Loving God and loving our neighbour.*" They turned away from the light of God's love. Besides, they got angry and tried to kill Jesus.

We know well that Jesus was not a person who was trying to simply please the crowd or compromise with the voices of the majority. Instead, he did not hesitate to confront the people if necessary, like the prophet Jeremiah did in the past. It is because God's will was more important to Jesus than the trend of public opinion. Yes, Jesus listened carefully to God's voice as a person deeply rooted in God. Because of that, he was not afraid to confront the majority for the sake of truth. So, in our faith, let us gaze upon God unceasingly like sunflowers chasing the sun, and follow the excellent examples of life that Jesus has shown us: "*love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely and leave the rest in the Hands of the Creator. (Definition of hospital, by Pope Francis, Jan 2022)*"



Fr. Andrew Choi

**SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home;**

For Adults:

For Families with Young Children:

**PLEASE PRAY FOR: our elders and the sick**

**Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Justin Diviny ; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken; Leo Gillman; Jillian Eolzella; Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Anne Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken; Giuseppina Mammone; John Morello Snr.**

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We remember in prayer,*  
**Maria Rumoro; Louie Schembri;**  
**Sr. Pauline Pitman OLSH (Sydney);**  
**Ronald Gipp**  
*May they rest in peace.*

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of*  
**Kath Nicol; Kathy Jergens; Sue Parkes; Nicola Venuta;**  
**Ida Desfosses; Marie Mc Grath; Joseph Mizzi**  
*whose anniversary occurs at this time*

## Funerals this week

✠ Friday 4th February  
11.00am Funeral Prayers for Ronald Gipp

## Weddings this week

*Adrian Arjona & Natalie Scardamaglia*

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



On 28th November Archbishop Comensoli made an announcement for Parishioners of St. Monica's and St. Vincent de Paul's Strathmore. Some hard copies are still available in the Church or read the full electronic letter from the Archbishop [here](#).

## 23/12/2021 COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



**Face coverings will be required for gatherings indoors for people aged eight and over.**

**A reminder this will mean:**

**The Reader:** may lower his/her face covering for the readings. This applies as well for the Universal Prayer.

**Cantors and Singers:** when a cantor is singing, the face covering may be lowered. It must be worn at all other times. Distancing between singers is recommended.

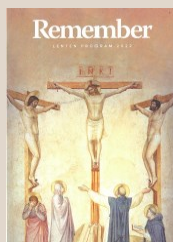
**Communicants:** Each communicant comes forward and removes one side of their face covering and sanitises their hands at a sanitation station provided nearby. Following reception of the Blessed Sacrament they step to the side to place the host on their tongue. The communicant replaces their face covering and returns to their seat

**QR Check-In:** QR code check in is required for all Places of Worship. For those who do not have a device, provision must be made to assist with a check in or to capture name and contact details.

**Vaccinations:** no current vaccination requirements.

## Remember—Lenten Program 2022

**Remember** is a 72-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.



**Remember** is available for purchase for \$10 from the piety stall at the back of the Church or the Parish House at 22 Robinson Street.

## Welcome Back!

*We welcome all families and visitors to our Parish of St. Monica's Moonee Ponds. As this week marks the beginning of the school year we welcome back all our young people, their families as well as our teachers and school staff. May this year be a special year for us all.*



**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

St. Monica's Parish Primary School  
St. Monica's Parish Giving Tree  
We send our sincere appreciation from over 50 families at Christmas time when we were able to give them significant help because of your generosity.

Particular thanks to our wonderful parish primary school who, at very short notice, have restocked our food store and have made a significant cash donation.

The popular parish giving tree was also very helpful in adding that special Christmas touch.

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

## Love

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 -

## 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](#)



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.



## ✓ The Ministry of the Lector and Eucharistic Minister

Calling all parishioners! We are now calling for expressions of interest for volunteers to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for new Weekend Rosters. This is a great way to become a steward of your time and talent for the parish. Experienced Ministers ready to get back on the Roster and newcomers welcome.

If you would be willing to give of your time, please contact Sonya at the Parish Office at [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au) or by phone on 9370 5035. (Ministers for 10.30am & 5.30pm Sunday especially needed)

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Team 1 – 7.30am	February
Thursday February 3	Maria Giardina

## Il Ministero del Lettore e i Ministri Eucaristici

Appello ai parrocchiani! Siamo alla ricerca di volontari per il ruolo di Lettori e Ministri Eucaristici da aggiungere al nuovo calendario settimanale. Questa è una grande opportunità per valorizzare il tuo tempo e diventare un talento per la parrocchia. I Ministri già in elenco sono pronti a riprendere il loro servizio ed i nuovi sono più che benvenuti! Se desideri offrire una piccola parte del tuo tempo libero in favore della Parrocchia e di tutta la comunità di Santa Monica, puoi contattare **Sonya** dell'ufficio parrocchiale al numero telefonico **9370 5035** o via email all'indirizzo [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au)

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISITIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 5/2	Paul Duffy tbc	Marie Sequerah
8.30am Sun 6/2	Sylvia Letcher Luke Mathews	Asela Savino
10.30am Sun 6/2	Antonina Briggs tbc	Tony De Fazio
5.30 pm Sun 6/2	Michelle Christian	tbc

## Support My Parish

In these challenging times the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Archdiocese of Melbourne have partnered to build an online parish payment portal, *CDFpay for Parishes*. This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments – you can set-up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, 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.

## January

30th 4th Sunday in Ordinary time  
31st St. John Bosco Memorial  
\* School students return

## February

2nd The Presentation of the Lord (*Feast*)  
5th St Agatha (*Memorial*)  
8th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting



## PARISH ZOOM MOBILE

### SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony

Friday at 7pm

[Click here for Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888)



This weekend will be the last opportunity to acquire some of Fr. Tony's past reading material. Have a browse at the books in the Symons Centre and leave a gold coin donation to St. Vincent de Paul if you wish.

## ST. MONICA'S

### Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursday

St Monica's Prayer Group will recommence on Thursday 3 February 2022, at 7.30 to 9 pm in the Symons Centre.

Anyone who wishes to return after Covid to pray and reflect on the purpose and meaning of our Christian life is most welcome.

The following topics will be addressed:

3 Feb – A Vision for the Prayer Group.

10 Feb – Fruitful Prayer.

17 Feb – Making the Most of the Bible and

24 Feb – The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Enquiries 0403 512 936.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS



MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)

Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Tel: 9326 1895

*Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.'*

—communion antiphon

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 6th February for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**Is 6:1-8**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,  
for I am a man of unclean lips  
and I live among a people of unclean lips,  
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of  
hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,  
your sin is taken away,  
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**The word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

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

**1 Cor 15:1-11**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you

are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

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**Gospel Acclamation**

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Gospel Lk 5:1-11**

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

**PLEASE TAKE THE  
BULLETIN HOME**

