

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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4th Sunday of Lent (Year C)

27th 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,

I know many of you have – quite literally – been breathing more easily with the relaxation of the mask *mandate* for places of worship. We should remember, though, that even though the mandate has been relaxed, masks are still **highly recommended** to be worn in indoor, enclosed spaces, especially where ventilation is not as good as we might want it to be. Older churches such as St Monica's do not have great ventilation, so it would be a good idea to consider wearing a mask inside to keep ourselves as safe as we can possibly be – especially as the numbers attending Mass are increasing little by little every week. That way, we keep ourselves and others safe when we gather for worship.

On Friday at morning Masses, Fr Andrew and I prayed the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Russia and Ukraine as requested by Pope Francis and reiterated by Archbishop Peter. Let us also continue to remember the people of Ukraine: that they may know peace and an end to violence and bloodshed at this time. Please give generously to the Caritas Emergency Appeal for Ukraine.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

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

St Monica, pray for us; St Vincent, pray for us.

**With every blessing,
Fr. Anthony Doran PP**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning;

exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING | Joshua 5:9-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM | Psalm 33(34):2-7

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Luke 15:18

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son,

for your brother was dead and has come to life;

he was lost and is found.

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.

WEDDINGS

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

Antonio Pignataro & Kayla-Marie Pannezzo

Giuseppe Gattellari & Marija Petreska

Andrew Khallouf & Cristina Natoli

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

FUNERALS

Funeral Prayer Service for Lucinda McDonald

Wednesday 30th of March at 11 am

(Lucy was our primary school teacher from 2015 until 2017 and is still remembered as a kind, energetic, dedicated and inspiring educator by many students and staff.)

Funeral Mass for Giuseppe Banno

Thursday 31st of March at 11 am

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer those who have gone recently:

Lucinda McDonald; Giuseppe Banno

Ignacia Doctor

May they rest in peace of Christ.

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

PALM SUNDAY

The Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday) is on the 10th of April.

At each Mass on that day, we will bless palms. At the beginning of the 10.30 am Mass we will process from the Symons Centre to commemorate of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem.

Please **bring your palm or olive branch** on that day.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

(for Sunday 3rd of April)

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
8.30am (Sun 3/4)	Sr. Loretta Bani Vincenza Pizzichetta	Bernard Healey
10.30am (Sun 3/4)	Jane Henderson	Stella Maurici
5.30 pm (Sun 3/4)	Jacinta Beckley Clare Darmanin	Jayalath Fernando

ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Team 1	March - Concetta Munafo
Friday 1 st April at 9.45 am	April - Maria Ballato

NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 30th of March, there will be NO MORNING MASS as the Fathers are attending the Clergy Conference. *Please remember all Clergy in your prayers.*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday 30th of March, the Parish office will be closed as there is a planed repair to our switch board. *Please email us or call us on others of the week.*

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).



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.



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.

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 at 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:
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 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 3rd of April for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING | Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING | Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
*With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.*
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL | John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'