

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

6th February 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 of the Word of God

The Lord (the Word) always surprises us – just ask the prophet Isaiah, St. Paul, and St. Peter in today's Word of the Lord! All that the Lord asks of us is an open mind and a simple heart - an open mind to hear and receive His Word, and an open heart to love others as He loves us.

As He did with Isaiah, Paul and Peter, Jesus speaks to us in the daily reality of our lives – be we fishing, walking or working. He speaks to us in the reality of our lives – in our families (their struggles and joys); in those in need (those who hunger and thirst) ; in the stranger or new neighbour to whom we are invited to extend a word of welcome – He speaks to us, all our encounters being opportunities for us to hear and welcome the Lord who always surprises us.

The Lord can also surprise us by inviting us to change the way we do some of things we have grown accustomed to, inviting us to do them in a new way - like Jesus asking Peter to throw out his nets at a different time of day and surprising him with the abundance of his catch!

So often we can all close ourselves off from the invitation to change and in so doing to miss the opportunity encountering the Lord who comes to surprise us, comes knocking on the door of our lives (our reality) inviting us to welcome something new into our lives – be it a new priest, a new way of being parish, whatever!

Like with Isaiah, St. Paul and St. Peter in today's Word of the Lord, may our ears be opened to hear the Lord's invitation and our hearts be ready to respond: Here I am Lord send me!



SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home;

For Adults:

For Families with Young Children:

Next Sunday will be a special collection for the CatholicCare Chaplaincy Appeal

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; Sally O'Farrell; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Anne Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken; Giuseppina Mammone; John Morello Snr; Lou Cursio

RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,
Justin Diviny; Leo McDonald;
Mazzareno Cricenti
May they rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Vincent Magnano; Dorrie Brady; Veronica Murphy;
Margaret Wolfe
whose anniversary occurs at this time*

Funeral this week

✠ Friday 11th February
11am Funeral for Justin Deviny

BAPTISMS



This weekend we welcome
into our Parish Community

*Tomas Frank Szigeti
Cleo Dinakis
Leonardo Kattwinkel*

Weddings this week

Berlin Patag & Natasha Reynolds
*We pray for them as they begin their
married life together.*



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.

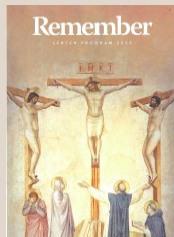
Communicants: Each communicant comes forward and
removes one side of their face covering and sanitises their
hands at a sanitation station provided nearby. Following
reception of the Blessed Sacrament they step to the side to
place the host on their tongue. The communicant replaces their
face covering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

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the
Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special
collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of
supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The
Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year
in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and
those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people
find comfort and hope as they go through some of their
darkest hours and times of need.

Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online
at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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](#).

When this is over

When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of Communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday I
Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be,
we were called to be,
we hoped to be.
And may we stay
that way – better
for each other because of the worst.

Laura Kelly Fanucci

<https://laurakellyfanucci.com/>

*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 Reader and Eucharistic Minister

Calling all parishioners! We are now calling for expressions of interest for volunteers to serve as Readers 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 or by phone on 9370 5035. **(Ministers for 10.30am Sunday especially needed)**

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Team 2 – 2 pm	February
Friday February 11	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

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 12/2	Peter Sequerah Therese Wilson	Amanda Lim Sequerah
8.30am Sun 13/2	Bernard Healey Connie Priscoglio	Stella Maurici
10.30am Sun 13/2	Lucia Ragnanese Joe Ragnanese	John Morello
5.30 pm Sun 13/2	Robert Young Jacinta Beckley	Pauline Duggan/ Brian Matthews

Current Job Vacancies

- Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington
- Office Coordinator, Catholic Social Services (0.8 FTE)
- Communication Admin Support Officer, E. Melbourne
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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.

February

- 8th** - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- St. Josephine Bakhita
- 13th** **Chaplaincy Sunday**
- 14th** Valentine's Day
- 15th** Child Safeguarding Meeting



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 27th February
Fr. Tony Feeney's
Thanksgiving Mass and Farewell
More details to follow

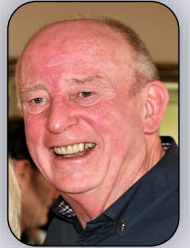
PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Friday at 7pm

[Click here for Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888)

Passcode: 93705035



Happy Birthday! Marie Barrett,

long time Parishioner, who did the Flowers for the Church for many years



ST. MONICA'S

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursday

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:

- 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: sommml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895



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Tell us what you would like to see more of on our Parish Page !

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

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
Jer 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

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

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME

