

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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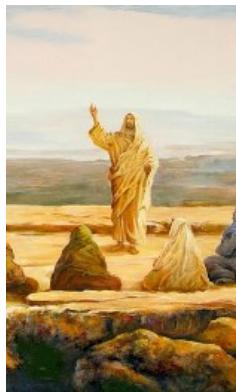
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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

13th February

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**

A Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel by Father Greg Friedman, OFM

Over the years, I've had occasion to meet men and women who are single-minded in their pursuit of justice and their dedication to helping those on the margins of society. One thing most of these folks have in common is their ability to get right to the point.

That's the feeling I get from the Gospel for this Sunday. We're all familiar with Matthew's presentation of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." Today, Luke offers us a sermon of Jesus as well. But the setting isn't a mountainside. Rather, the Lord stands on a stretch of level ground.

And Luke's version of Christ's Beatitudes" is also different from Matthew's. They're shorter, more direct, and focus more on the physical reality of poverty. In Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "poor in spirit"; in Luke he says, "Blessed are you who are poor." And the blessings are quickly followed by a list of woes for those who are rich and satisfied.

Luke's Gospel overall is known for a focus on the poor. The fact of enduring poverty or other troubles seems to offer a perspective on God which helps us realize that we need to depend on God for everything. That's a challenging message, one that we nevertheless need to hear. And we can thank Luke for capturing that part of what Jesus came to proclaim.

SUNDAY LITURGY @ *Home*;

For Adults:

For Families with Young Children:

This 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; Dominic and Anna Vogl

RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,
Francesco D'Andrea
May he rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
John Barrett; Frnak Lamplugh; Arthur Gleeson; Michael Brady; Dan
Maloney; Giuseppe Patti; Domenica Patti; Domenico Nesci;
Solomon Abanes
whose anniversary occurs at this time*

Funeral this week

✠ Tuesday 15th February

10.30am Funeral Mass for Francesco D'Andrea

Weddings this week

Anthony Gentile & Stephanie Marzullo

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



Parish Council discussions - Mass times

At Tuesday evening's Parish Council meeting, we welcomed Fr Tony Doran as the new parish priest for St Monica's, in addition to his current role as PP for St Vincent de Paul Strathmore. Parish Council members, Fr Tony D and Fr Andrew discussed the workload of the 2 parishes that will now be shared between 2 priests, having previously been shared between 3. Council members agreed with Fr Tony D and Fr Andrew that adjustments to Mass times would be necessary to ensure our priests are not overwhelmed, working across both parishes.

After taking into account the existing Mass times at the 2 parishes, as well as the number of funeral masses held at St Monica's and Mass times at other neighbouring parishes, the following adjustments were agreed :

- **Sunday Mass times at St Monica's to remain at 8:30am; 10:30am; 5:30pm and St Vincent de Paul at 9:30am.**
- **Saturday vigil masses to be combined and held at St Vincent de Paul at 6pm**
- **No change to Saturday morning Mass time at St Monica's at 8am**
- **Weekday masses at St Monica's to be combined and held at 9.15am only**

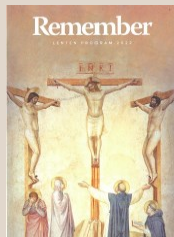
***** These changes are to start as of the 1st of March *****

The Parish Council, together with Fr Tony D and Fr Andrew, will continue to monitor attendance numbers at all Masses and remain open to the possibility of further changes in the future, after a period of review. Members of the Parish Council will speak at all Masses next weekend to advise of these changes. Any concerns can be expressed to them for consideration if future adjustments are required after the period of review has passed.

Remember—Lenten Program 2022

Remember is a 72-page full colour book 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

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

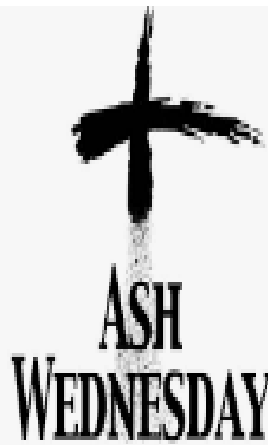
Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death.

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

2nd March 2022

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)

For the next few weekends please bring last years Palms to the Church or Presbytery for burning to make ashes for Ash Wednesday



ART THEME Faith in Pandemic Times

Social restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic have increased feelings of loneliness and social isolation. With places of worship forced to close to contain the spread of virus, important religious festivals not celebrated, and religious rituals held online rather than in-person, people have found it increasingly difficult to maintain a sense of community.

How have you or your faith community been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? Where have you found strength, hope, and purpose in times of isolation, anxiety and uncertainty? Where have you found faith in pandemic times? How does one worship alone? How can you embrace your faith tradition during a pandemic? Can sacred texts and rituals provide comfort in times of isolation? How have you been able to maintain a sense of community?

Call for Artists: The Moonee Valley Interfaith Network is calling upon artists to participate in an artistic exploration of the theme 'Faith in Pandemic Times'. Whilst artists do not have to be part of a faith tradition, all artwork submitted must closely align to the theme. Photography, painting, mixed media, sculpture, and other visual arts will be considered for this exhibition. Free Entry. Closing Application Date: 25/02/2022
More information: mvin.org.au/faith-in-pandemic-times

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.



✓ Formation for **Eucharistic Ministers**

New and experienced ministers are welcome.
- Saturday 19 February at 4.30pm
- St. Monica's Parish Church
If you have any queries, please contact
Fr. Andrew (Andrew.Choi@cam.org.au) or call the
Parish Office.

✓ The Ministry of **the Reader**

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

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Team 3 – 8.30am	February
Saturday February 19	Maria Giardina


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:
17 Feb – Making the Most of the Bible and
24 Feb – The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Enquiries 0403 512 936.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND


MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 20/2	Lynn Besterwitch Jennifer Trethowan	Dayanthie De Silva
8.30am Sun 21/2	Tim Mitchell Maria Galioto	Sylvia Letcher
10.30am Sun 21/2	Kylie Martin Jerome Martin	Joanne Allison
5.30 pm Sun 21/2	Catherine Taylor Maurice Passuello	Barbara Clancy

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 Catholic Church
*Wherever you are on your journey with
God, you are invited and welcome here.*



February
13th **Chaplaincy Sunday**
14th Valentine's Day
15th Child Safeguarding Meeting
16th Finance Committee Meeting
22nd The Chair of St. Peter Apostle



You are all invited
What: **Fr Tony's thanksgiving mass
and farewell celebration**
When: **Sunday, the 27th of Feb**
at the 10:30 am mass then from 11:30am to 2:30pm
Where: the Church then to the Symons Centre

Please join us to celebrate and honour the man;
Fr Tony. Stay longer or drop in between these times
to chat and enjoy the hospitality. Formalities will
begin at 12pm. If you wish to contribute in any way
including financially to a wider parish organised
present, please contact us via email
forfrfeeney@gmail.com.

**PARISH ZOOM MOBILE
SCRIPTURES REFLECTION
& DISCUSSION**
with Fr. Tony 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
We are thrilled to announce that True North Young
Adults will recommence this year from March. It will
start with a light supper and social, then a short
presentation and faith discussion. Please see the
details below. You are more than welcome to join!

- Every 2nd Sunday of the Month,
after 5.30 pm Mass.
- at Symons Centre.
- Opening Night will be 27 February. It will be a
relaxed night of social and a light supper.

Any enquiries? Please see Fr Andrew or email via
truenorth9ostable@gmail.com

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE –
is currently recruiting volunteers to
support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in
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 (preferred for contact)
Website: www.mercyworks.org.au
Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895



This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 20th February for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

A reading from the first book of Samuel

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(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 is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

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

1 Cor 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME**

