

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

20th 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**

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

One summer holiday, when I was a seminarian in Korea, I stayed at my parish with my parish priest. One day I was in a car with my parish priest to go somewhere - I couldn't remember where exactly it was. We had a chat as usual. Suddenly, he blessed something with his hand through the window. I asked him, "what are you doing, Father?" He answered, "Blessing the graves. We just passed by a cemetery." I was so impressed. Then, we kept chatting while he drove. Again, he did the same action. "To whom, Father, did you give blessing now?" I asked. He replied, "Can you see that car that is driven very dangerously? This was for the driver in that car." Though we would feel upset and angry if a car cut dangerously before us, I gained respect and learned a lot by seeing him praying for the Lord's blessing.

In Sunday's gospel, Jesus says, "love your enemies." Then, who are our enemies? It is a reality that a neighbour suddenly become an enemy even by a little thing, and it is not easy not to hate them as well. However, Jesus encourages us to love them. If we did not know Christ Jesus, we would be called (a kind of) righteousness just by not taking revenge on them. However, as long as we believe and follow Christ Jesus, we should do more: love and embrace them. Friends, we may love our enemies only when we realise the forgiveness of God in our hearts. We all need the love and forgiveness of God. Let us keep in mind that, sometimes, it is shown by our actions of love and forgiveness.

Fr. Andrew

SUNDAY LITURGY @ *Home*;

For Adults:

For Families with Young Children:

Read the latest COVID-19 guidelines from the Archdiocese [here](#)

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,
Kevin Lalor;
Philippe Riny
May they rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Janine De Castro; Pascal D'Mello; Luigi Martino; Angela Monteleone;
Maria & Bruno Barillaro; Michelangelo Mammone; Giuseppe Fasulo;
Carmelo & Domenica Campisi
whose anniversary occurs at this time*

BAPTISMS



This weekend we welcome into our Parish Community

*Adeline Harper Martin
Kai and Luna Patsanas
Leonardo Matteo Mazzitelli
Jacob Adam Baker
Matteo D'Angelo
Samuel Oliver Bampfield*

Weddings this week

*Aven Johnson & Melissa Rodrigoe
We pray for them as they begin their
married life together.*



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

*Be merciful,
just as your Father
is merciful.*

Luke 6:36



Fr Tony's Thanksgiving Mass and Farewell

You are warmly invited to Fr Tony's thanksgiving Mass and farewell celebration. Join us to celebrate and honour our Parish Priest Fr Tony. It will be a great opportunity to wish him the very best and to thank him for his priestly life and for all he has done for our parish.

The thanksgiving Mass will commence at 10:30 am, Sunday, 27th of February followed by a farewell celebration in the Symons Centre from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm. Formalities will begin at 12 pm. Stay longer or drop in between these times to chat and enjoy the hospitality.

If you wish to contribute in any way including financially to a wider Parish organised present, please contact us via email: forfrfeeney@gmail.com

You may also send him a message via our Parish e-card. Please click the link below and then click "Add to board":

<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/XL1pbtUn>

We look forward to seeing you next Sunday.

Parish Council discussions - Mass times

At the last 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. The workload of the 2 parishes that will now be shared between 2 priests, having previously been shared between 3 was discussed. Council members agreed that adjustments to Mass times would be necessary to ensure our priests are not overwhelmed, working across both parishes.

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 :

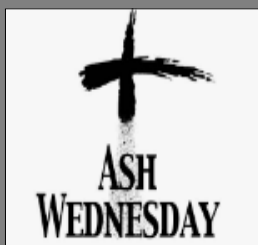
- **Sunday Mass times at St Monica's to remain at 8:30am; 10:30am; 5:30pm and St Vincent de Paul at 9:30am.**
- **Saturday vigil masses to be combined and held at St Vincent de Paul at 6pm**
- **No change to Saturday morning Mass time at St Monica's at 8am**
- **Weekday masses at St Monica's to be combined 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 this weekend . Any concerns can be expressed to them for consideration if future adjustments are required after the period of review has passed.

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.





2nd March 2022

(Day of Fast and Abstinence)
Please bring last years Palms
to the Church or Presbytery
for burning to make ashes
for Ash Wednesday

MASS TIMES: 9.15AM & 7PM
All Welcome

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. You are more than welcome to join!

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month after 5.30pm 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

But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 26/2	Paul Duffy Janath Fernando	Jayalath Fernando
8.30am Sun 27/2	Asela Savino Sr. Loretta Bani	Maria Ballato
10.30am Sun 27/2	Theresa Vu Maurice Passuello	Stella Maurici
5.30 pm Sun 27/2	Michelle Christian Clare Darmanin	Jacinta Beckley

CHURCH VACUUMING

Team 4 — 9.45am
Wednesday 23rd February

CHURCH LINEN

February
Maria Giardina

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.

February 22nd
March 1st
2nd
4th

The Chair of St. Peter Apostle
Shrove Tuesday
Ash Wednesday
Ember Day



Stations of the Cross: Fridays during Lent
3.00pm (in Italian) 7.00pm (in English)

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



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:

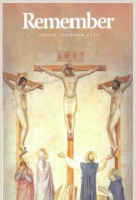
17 Feb – Making the Most of the Bible and

24 Feb – The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Enquiries 0403 512 936.

Remember—Lenten Program 2022

Remember 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

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Current Job Vacancies

- Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington
Phone (03) 9926 5615 for more information
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>
hadmin@cam.org.au

To have our newsletter delivered direct to your inbox, subscribe on our website [by clicking here](#)

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

**A reading from the first book of Ecclesiasticus
Sir 27:4-7**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians
1 Cor 15:54-58**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability,
and when this mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come true: Death is
swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is
sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank
God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

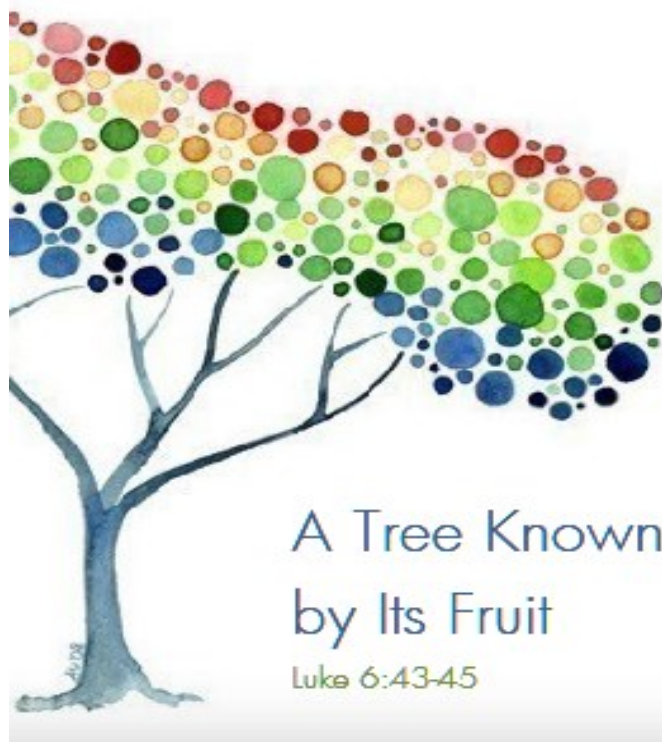
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 6:39-45**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man
guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never
notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your
brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in
your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own?
Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and
then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor
again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every
tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs
from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good
man draws what is good from the store of goodness in
his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store
of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his
heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



**PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME**

