

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31st July 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday

9 am - 3 pm

Dear friends,

This very night the demand will be made for your soul... rarely, are the words of Sacred Scripture this confronting, but they are in this Sunday's Gospel Reading. This very night...

Like the rich man in the Gospel parable, I think we tend to build ever bigger barns to house all that we have. Not necessarily physical barns. But certainly, we make ourselves comfortable. And we get to the point, where, like the man in the parable, we say Let's take things easy, eat, drink and have a good time. The rich man in the parable could not have been more wrong...This very night the demand will be made for your soul...

When the demand is made for our souls, our barns will not save us. Life, and certainly the life of discipleship of Jesus Christ which our baptism calls us to, is not made secure by what we own. Our life is made secure when we follow Christ untrammelled by the cares of the world, and with complete freedom. As St Paul says to the Colossians, we must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is. Our life as Christians, our life as those who bear the name of Christ, calls us not to rely on riches and wealth, but rather calls us not to rely on the things of this world.

St Mary MacKillop knew something of this. If you have visited her tomb at North Sydney, you will have noticed the words on the side of the tomb: ***We are but travellers here...*** Mary MacKillop knew that the riches and wealth of this world meant little in the Kingdom of God. She knew that true freedom lay in living a life with Christ. Like St Paul writing to the Church at Colossae, she knew that there is only Christ. He is everything.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

!!! WEEKDAYS MASS TIME CHANGED - TEMPORARY

From 5th July (Tue) to 5th August (Fri), Weekdays Mass time will be changed. This temporary Mass timetable affects only Tuesday to Friday morning Masses. Saturday morning Mass and Sunday Masses (including Vigil Mass) will be celebrated at the usual time. Please see the below Mass timetable:

| | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| St. Monica's | 9.15 am | NO MASS | 9.15 am | NO MASS | 8 am | 8.30 am, 10.30 am, 5.30 pm |
| St. Vincent de Paul | NO MASS | 10 am | NO MASS | 10 am | 6 pm (Vigil Mass) | 9.30 am |

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.*

FIRST READING | Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING | Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL | Luke 12:13-21

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

Sunday Liturgy @ Home;

[For adults](#) / [For families with young children](#)

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Love and Hope, we pray for those whose anniversaries occurs at this time:

Cordellia D'Cruze
Marie & Noel Murray
Andrew & John Bastian

RESPECT FOR ALL

Please treat our Clergy & Staff with respect.

The priests of this Parish and our Parish Staff are here to help you. They have the right to work in a safe environment.

They will not tolerate acts of verbal violence, aggression, intimidation, or physical abuse.

Anyone engaging in such behaviour will be asked to leave immediately, and we will call the police if necessary.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

| !! Please note that it is for 7 th of August | | |
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| MASS | READER | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER |
| 8.30 am | T. Mitchell (Eng.) D. Caridi (Ita.) | S. Maurici C. Munafo |
| 10.30 am | J. Trethowan T. Vu | J. Morello C. Shiu |
| 5.30 pm | R. Young <i>(please do all readings)</i> | B. Mathews E. McMahan |

ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN

| CHURCH VACUUMING | CHURCH LINEN |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Thursday, 4 Aug 9.45 am</i> | July - M. Ricco |
| Team 3 | August - J. Trethowan |

PRAY FOR: *our elders and the sick*

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| Marius Fernando | Dantina Frederico |
| Stella Mammone | Gino Salvo |
| Rosa Di Pietro | Lucia Bordin |
| Leo Gillman | Stephanie Jouhari |
| Jillian Eolzella | Loretta Bastian |
| Caterina Timpano | Charlie Tiang |
| Lena Savoia | Anne Ryan |
| Margaret Whelan | Geraldine MacKen |
| John Morello Snr | Anna Vogl |
| Andrew Pike | Anna Henneken |
| Paul Duffy | Giuseppina Mammone |
| Dianne Pinnuck | William Llapitan |
| Antoinette Parrella | Leo & Serafina Lee |

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.



FEASTS IN AUGUST

- ◆ 1 August - St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, *Bishop*
- ◆ 2 August - St. Peter Julian Eymard, *Priest*
- ◆ 3 August - St. Dominic, *Priest*
- ◆ 4 August - St. John Mary Vianney, *Priest*

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. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Please spare a thought for people who are experiencing a tough winter. Go a step further and help Vinnies provide direct assistance.

We need non perishable food, warm clothing and cash! Tax deduction envelopes are available.

Please contact our members at the Piety store. St Monica's Parish School is also conducting our Winter Appeal.

If you would like to assist with these "GOOD WORKS", please speak to a Vinnies member in the Piety store or visit the website: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>.

Thank you for your help and support!



ST. MONICA'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

**Thursdays at 7.30 pm from 21 July 2022
at Symons Centre of St. Monica's Parish**

All are invited to attend and join in songs of praise and worship and a talk on the Life in the Spirit. Experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit, such as prayers for healing and group sharing.

If you have any enquiries, please email Adrian:

acommade@bigpond.net.au

ALPHA CONNECT

The first Alpha Connect reunion

**Thursday 11 August 2022, from 7 pm to 9 pm
at Symons Centre of St. Monica's Parish**

All Alpha participants are most welcome to attend and are invited to bring a guest. There will be a meal, followed by a dramatic presentation by Simon Camilleri of the last few chapters of John Gospel.

The presentation is called: *That you may Believe.*

Those interested in attending please contact Adrian on 0403 512 936.

TRUE NORTH

Young Adults Gathering

The gathering will start with a light supper and social, then a short presentation and faith discussion.

- **Every 2nd Sunday 6.30 pm**
- **at Symons Centre**
- **Next Gathering: Sunday 14th of August**

At the next month gathering, we will talk about the Blessed Virgin Mary as the next day of the gathering is the Solemn Feast of the Assumption of BVM.

If you have any enquiries, please see Fr. Andrew or email truenorth90stable@gmail.com.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

NVAW 2022 is coming: **7th - 14th of August.**

Thank you for your prayers and support for priests and religious Sisters and Brothers.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS EVERYDAY!

ANNUAL RAFFLE – TICKETS FOR SALE

Tickets for the Corpus Christ College Parents and Friends Association annual fundraising raffle will be on sale after every mass next Sunday the 6th of August.

Tickets are \$10.00 each.

It's an opportunity to show your practical support for our seminarians and to be in the draw to win a prize.

SIX30 HOLY HOUR

Winter Fiesta and WYD Launch

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023.

- **Thursday, 4th of August**
- **at 6.30 - 8.30 pm**
- **at St. Patrick's Cathedral**

During the Holy Hour, confession is also available.

More information:

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>

SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Feeny

- **Fridays at 7 pm via Zoom**
- [Click here for Link](#)
- **Meeting ID: 750 3236 9165**
- **Passcode: 282664**



Please take a bulletin home and read though.
Have a blessed week in Christ.

READINGS FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 7th of August for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING | Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING | Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

**You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL | Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'