

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

Presbytery (Correspondence): 22 Robinson Street, Moonee Ponds 3039

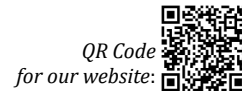
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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A

27 November 2022

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**

Tuesday - Friday: See the temporary Mass timetable on the 2nd page

Saturday: **8 am**

Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Moonee Ponds Parish Office:

Tue - Thu, 9 am - 3.30 pm

Strathmore Parish Office:

Fri, 9 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

This Sunday, we begin our new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent. While Advent is very similar to Lent – purple vestments and no Gloria – it is also different to Lent largely because there is a **two-fold** nature to Advent. Yes, Advent is a time of preparation for our celebration of the coming of Christ at Christmas. But it is also a time of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. A time during which **we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ**. A time for us to **stay awake**, because we do not know the day or the hour when the Master is coming?

And, how ready are we? This Sunday's Gospel calls us to **stay awake** and **stand ready**. But what does that actually mean? Especially if, as Paul also tells us in the Second Reading to be ready because our salvation is now at hand. It is a case of **already** and the **not yet**. Are we like those people in the Gospel, where one is taken and the one standing next to him is spared? Or have we taken heed of Paul's exhortation to the Church of Rome: are we ready because we know that our salvation is now at hand? Are we ready, now that **the night is almost over, it will be daylight soon?**

With every peace,

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for 4 December.

MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	K. Sherwood (<i>Eng.</i>) M. Galioto (<i>Ita.</i>)	B. Healey S. Letcher
10.30 am	A. Briggs F. Baker RSM	A. Lim M. Sequerah
5.30 pm	T. Wilson (<i>please do all readings</i>)	D. Fernando J. Fernando

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 4

Thursday, 1 December 2022, 9.45 am

CHURCH LINEN

in November

M. Giardina

***We are grateful for your volunteering works
for our parish community.***

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.


ANNIVERSARY & MASS OFFERINGS

Please note that if you ask one of our priests to offer Mass for your loved ones who have died, the priest will say Mass for them, but **we are only able to include in the Bulletin those whose actual anniversaries are actually occurring at the time.** If you wish to have an

anniversary mentioned in the Bulletin, please phone or email the Parish Office **by 1.00 pm on Thursday.**

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a specific intention, special Mass offering envelopes are available in the church and from the Parish Office.

PLEASE OFFER
HOLY MASS



DATE _____
NAME OF PERSON(S) _____
INTENTION _____
(ILL HEALTH, ANNIVERSARY, DECEASED etc.)
FROM _____
FOR PUBLICATION YES NO

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE CHANGED - TEMPORARY

From 8 November (Tue) to 3 December (Sat), the weekday Mass timetable will change. This temporary Mass timetable affects only Weekday Masses. Sunday Masses (*including Vigil Mass*) will be celebrated at the usual time.

Please see the timetable below **for the coming week :**

	Tue 29 th Nov	Wed 30 th Nov	Thu 1 st Dec	Fri 2 nd Dec	Sat 3 rd Dec	Sun 4 th Dec.
<i>St. Monica's</i>	9.15 am	NO MASS	9.15 am	NO MASS	8.00 am	8.30 am, 10.30 am, 5.30 pm
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	NO MASS	10.00 am	NO MASS	10.00 am	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)	9.30 am

RECENTLY DECEASED

Andrea Daniels

Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord.

Let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARY

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

Paola Magliolo

Diego Patti

Teresa Umbrella

Pasquale Patti

Leo & Margaret Hannan

Bryan A'Hearn

Jim Cahir

David Ditty

Maria Condemi

PRAY FOR: OUR ELDERLY AND THE SICK

Marius Fernando

Stella Mammone

Rosa Di Pietro

Leo Gillman

Jillian Eolzella

Caterina Timpano

Lena Savoia

Margaret Whelan

John Morello Snr

Andrew Pike

Paul Duffy

Antoinette Parrella

Dantina Frederico

Gino Salvo

Lucia Bordin

Stephanie Jouhari

Loretta Bastian

Charlie Tiang

Anne Ryan

Geraldine Macken

Anna Vogl

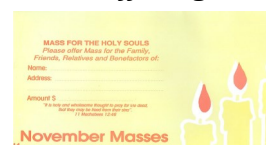
Anna Henneken

Giuseppina Mammone

Giovanni Galioto

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

What Happens to These Offerings?



Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available in the church. The Bishops of Victoria have legislated that the offering to be made for November Masses is \$20.00. When envelopes for November Masses are received, the offerings are added together and then divided by 20 therefore giving the total number of November Masses to be offered in the Parish. In actual practice, most Masses offered in the Parish during November would be Masses for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

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.

CLICK HERE

We thank you for supporting our parish.

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 NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- ◆ 30 Nov - St. Andrew, Apostle
- ◆ 3 Dec - St. Francis Xavier, Priest

ALTAR SERVERS

The ministry of altar servers in the Catholic Church is a great opportunity for young and youth catholic to grow their faith in Jesus.

- **Requirements to serve as an altar server:**
 - ◇ Be a registered member of St. Monica's Parish or another Catholic Church;
 - ◇ Regularly receive the sacraments;
 - ◇ Must be in Year 4 or above who have received the First Holy Communion;
 - ◇ Must attend the formation sessions regularly.
- **Enrollments close on 4 December 2022.**
- **Enquiries and Enrollment: Fr. Andrew by email on andrew.choi@cam.org.au**

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE

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 4 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 in 2023. Email: somml@bigpond.com

2023 Columban Art Calendar & Christmas Cards

are available in the piety store NOW.

**2023 Columban
Art Calendar
\$10 each**

**NEW Christmas card design
\$3 for a packet of 5.
\$5 for a packet of 8.**

VIGIL MASS FOR WORLD AIDS DAY will be celebrated at St Francis' Church (corner Lonsdale and Elizabeth St, Melbourne) on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 5.30pm. All Welcome.

Caritas Global Gifts—Perfect for Christmas
www.globalgifts.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

TRUE NORTH

Young Adults Gathering

Our monthly gathering commences with a light supper and social, then a short presentation and faith discussion.

Please encourage young people in your family to join us.

- **Every 2nd Sunday 6.30 pm, at Symons Centre**
- **Next Gathering: Sunday 11 December**
- **Enquiries: Michael, Adam or Fr. Andrew by email**



on truenorth56stable@gmail.com or scan the QR Code for Facebook page.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

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.

Thursdays at 7.30 pm at Symons Centre

For more information: acommade@bigpond.net.au

WELCOME HOME! PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI

Please click the button below to read a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Comensoli regarding the lifting of the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations as of the first **Sunday in Advent - 27 November 2022. Click the link below for the Letter:** [Welcome Home: a pastoral letter from Archbishop... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

GIVING TREE

Advent is the liturgical season that precedes and prepares for Christmas. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation. During our Advent preparation, we remember those for whom Christmas can be a time of sadness and a struggle. And so to bring some joy and love at Christmas to our brothers and sisters in need you are requested to take a tag from the Giving Tree, which is located in the Narthex, and purchase **the item marked on the tag**. Your contribution can then be left at the base of the tree. The Moonee Ponds Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society will then make up food hampers from your generous contributions and distribute them to those most in need.

At Christmas, we recall the great gift that God has given to us in sending His Son Jesus Christ bringing love and peace to all. Our imitation of this even in a small way helps us appreciate this ongoing gift from God in the lives of us all.

This weekend's Readings at Mass
1st Sunday of Advent

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

FIRST READING | Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

‘Let us go to God’s house.’

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

‘Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends

I say: ‘Peace upon you!’

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **R.**

SECOND READING | Romans 13:11-14

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL | Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.