

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 August 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

**St. Monica's Parish Office**

**Tue - Thu, 9 am - 3.30 pm**

(St. Vincent de Paul: Fri, 9 am - 3.30 pm)

Dear friends,

In this Sunday's readings, both Jeremiah and Jesus call us to faithfulness to the Covenant. Jesus' words to us are strong: ***I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already. Do you suppose I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.*** The Covenant to which we are called is serious. It is not for the fainthearted.

So, if the Covenant is serious, then so too, is discipleship. When we decide to be faithful to the Covenant. It's not about everybody just being happy. It is not moving to the urgings of secular society. At times, faithfulness – and especially faithfulness to God – is about making tough decisions, unpopular decisions. Fidelity demands hard work and commitment from us. Often enough, it demands that walk a different path from others, from the world, even when it is unpopular to do so.

Neither Jeremiah nor Jesus settled for such a cop-out. Like Jeremiah, Jesus, too, was accused of misleading the people. Both Jeremiah and Jesus were brought before the authorities. Authorities who themselves were unable to stand up to the bullies who opposed Jesus and Jeremiah. And ultimately these authorities gave in. They hand both Jesus and Jeremiah over to their accusers. Jeremiah's innocence was recognised by a pagan, the Ethiopian palace servant; Jesus' innocence, too, was recognised by a pagan, a Roman centurion, as he hung upon the Cross. Jeremiah was eventually saved from death by the same Ethiopian. Jesus did die, we know, but was raised from the dead by the Father's love. Fidelity to the Covenant might result in death, but never dishonour.

As the story of Jesus teaches us, fidelity ends in Resurrection.

**Rev Anthony J Doran PP**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.***

**FIRST READING** | Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***R. Lord, come to my aid!***

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. **(R.)**

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**

He put a new song into my mouth,

praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** | Hebrews 12:1-4

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!***

**GOSPEL** | Luke 12:49-53

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.***

Sunday Liturgy @ Home; ***For adults*** / ***For families with young children***

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.

***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.

**ANNIVERSARIES & MASS OFFERINGS**

One of the customs of our Church is the practice of making an offering to a priest when you request that a Mass be offered for your intentions. When the intention is for a deceased loved one on an anniversary, this is often accompanied by praying for the deceased in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass and a mention in the Anniversaries section of the Parish weekly bulletin.

Therefore, 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 Mass offered for other deceased relatives, that is certainly possible, but their names are not able to be mentioned in the bulletin and Prayers of the Faithful.

People often ask, "How much does a Mass cost?" The Church does not charge for the celebration of sacraments. For your information, I publish for you that on 8 March 2001, the Bishops of Victoria legislated that *the offering to be made for the celebration of Mass normally is \$10.00.*

Sometimes, people also request Masses to be offered on specific days. Please make sure you speak to the priests personally regarding the offering of Mass on specific days – a priest can only offer one Mass on one day, and so it is not always possible to offer Mass on a specific day. We will always seek to find a solution in the best interest of all concerned.

*If you wish to have an anniversary mentioned in the Bulletin, please phone or email the Parish Office by 1.00pm on Thursday.*

*If you have any questions regarding these matters, please do not hesitate to speak to Fr Tony or Fr Andrew.*

**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.***

**MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

| <b>!! Please note that it is for 21 August</b> |  |                                 |
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| MASS   | READER   | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER          |
| 8.30 am  | <b>A. Savino (Eng.)<br/>L. Mathews (Ita.)</b>            | <b>B. Healey<br/>S. Letcher</b> |
| 10.30 am                                       | <b>L. Besterwitch</b><br><i>(please do all readings)</i> | <b>A. Briggs<br/>A. Cukavac</b> |
| 5.30 pm  | <b>M. Christian</b><br><i>(please do all readings)</i>   | <b>J. Beckley<br/>B. Clancy</b> |

**ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN**

| CHURCH VACUUMING                   | CHURCH LINEN        |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Friday, 19 August - 9.45 am</i> | <i>August</i>       |
| <b>Team 1</b>                      | <b>J. Trethowan</b> |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

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| <b>Pauline Morello</b>            | <b>Pasquale Cristiano</b>         |
| <b>Ian Bethune</b>                | <b>Giuseppe Antonio Cristiano</b> |
| <b>Victor Bartolo</b>             | <b>Victoria Cristiano</b>         |
| <b>Elisabetta Brancattela</b>     | <b>Margaret Penno</b>             |
| <b>Bill &amp; Millie O'Connor</b> |                                   |

**PRAY FOR: our elders and the sick**

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

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

- ◆ 12 Aug - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, *Religious*
- ◆ 13 Aug - St. Pontian, *Pope*, and St. Hippolytus, *Priest & Martyr*
- ◆ 14 Aug - St. Maximilian Kolbe, *Priest & Martyr*
- ◆ 15 Aug - The Assumption of the BVM

## TRUE NORTH

### ***Young Adults Gathering***

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

- **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6.30 pm at Symons Centre**
- **Next Gathering: Sunday 14 August**

If you have any enquiries, please see Fr. Andrew or email [truenorth90stable@gmail.com](mailto:truenorth90stable@gmail.com).

## YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES NETWORK

Kylie, Jerome and Adeline - a young family at St. Monica's - would love to invite young couples and families at St. Monica's and St. Vincent de Paul to journey together through married, family and career life. It will be a faithful and supportive network for friendship, faith fellowship and communion around a regular meal every 4-6 weeks.

If you are interested in connecting, email Kylie and Jerome via [youngcouple.network@gmail.com](mailto:youngcouple.network@gmail.com)

## 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.

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

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](mailto:acommade@bigpond.net.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



## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

### ***7 - 14 August***

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

***PRAY FOR VOCATIONS EVERYDAY!***

## QUO VADIS?

### ***Discerning to become a priest***

Are you discerning to become a priest? If then, you are more than welcome to join to the vocations events provided by the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, such as **Quo Vadis?** reflection evenings and retreats.

If you have any enquiries, questions and/or if you want to talk about your vocation with a priest, please see or email Fr Tony or Fr Andrew.

***"God always calls you,  
it is your turn to respond to him."***

## PERMANENT DIACONATE

### ***Do you feel like being called to serve?***

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 September 2022, 10.00 am - 11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate: (Phone) 03 9412 3357 or (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

## CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

### ***Urgent and practical care for Victorians in crisis***

Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community - those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma.

If you wish to make a donation, envelopes are available in the church. Link or QR code are also available below:



**Click to donate**



**Thank you for your generous support!**

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

## READINGS FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

### 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for next Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of August for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

#### FIRST READING | Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.**

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**

Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

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#### SECOND READING | Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.***

**Alleluia!**

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#### GOSPEL | Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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