

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 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)

Please note that there is NO MASS on Thursday 25 August at St. Monica's Church.

10 am Mass at St Vincent de Paul Church is available on that day.

Dear friends,

How often do you come to Mass and ignore the Responsorial Psalm? I suspect the answer that many of us might give is that we would ignore the Responsorial Psalm most of the time. Today's Psalm, however, is worth spending some time on.

The first verse of the psalm is an invitation to praise God. All nations and peoples are invited to praise God. The God who is to be praised is not only the God of Israel or of Judah or of the Christians or of some other exclusive group. The God who is to be praised is indeed Lord of all nations and all peoples.

The second verse of this shortest psalm gives the reason for this universal call to praise. We praise God precisely because God abounds in steadfast love for sinful humanity and God is supremely faithful. This is who God is. Faithful and loving. God cannot but love all nations and peoples, sinful as they may be. All peoples and all nations are called to praise God precisely because God is faithfulness and love.

Psalm 117 also points us to the end of all time. The psalmist's invitation for all nations and peoples to praise God points to a time when the boundaries of race and nation shall fade away and a single people will, with one voice, join in praising God. God's purpose, in Jesus Christ, is for all peoples to be gathered into one, when Christ will be all in all. And when Christ is all in all, we will be caught up into the overflowing love of God. We will be enmeshed in it, enwrapped in it and enveloped by it and overcome by the love of God. Then with the psalmist, we will join in the eternal hymn of praise of our God who is steadfast and faithful love.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.*

FIRST READING | Isaiah 66:18-21

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.)**

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

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!*

GOSPEL | Luke 13:22-30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.*

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

!! Please note that it is for 28 August		
MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	K. Sherwood (Eng.) V. Pizzichetta (Ita.)	T. Mitchell B. Odachowski
10.30 am	J. Martin K. Martin	J. Trethowan T. Vu
5.30 pm	M. Passuello <i>(please do all readings)</i>	J. Dobson M. Christian

ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
<i>Friday, 26 August - 2 pm</i>	<i>August</i>
Team 2	J. Trethowan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Bartolo Barbuto (Funeral: Tue 23 Aug at 12.30 pm)
Maria Perez (Funeral: Wed 24 Aug at 11 am)
Valerie Nicholls (Funeral: Tue 30 Aug at 12.30 pm)
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Filomena Anania	Ted Dumaresq
Maria D'Agostino	Antonio Maiorino
Norman Schuler	Carl Schuler

PRAY FOR: our elders and the sick

Marius Fernando	Dantina Frederico
Stella Mammone	Gino Salvo
Rosa Di Pietro	Lucia Bordin
Leo Gillman	Stephanie Juhari
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	Antoinette Parrella
Leo & Serafina Lee	



FEASTS IN AUGUST

- ◆ 19 Aug - St. John Eudes, *Priest*
- ◆ 20 Aug - St. Bernard, *Abbot & Doctor*
- ◆ 22 Aug - Our Lady, Mother and Queen
- ◆ 23 Aug - St. Rose of Lima, *Virgin*
- ◆ 24 Aug - St. Bartholomew, *Apostle*

ST. MONICA'S FEAST DAY

Happy Feast Day of St. Monica, our Parish Patron Saint

For the last two years, we couldn't celebrate together the Feast Day of our Parish Patron Saint, St. Monica, due to the COVID-19 Lockdowns. This year, however, we are going to joyfully celebrate St. Monica's Feast Day on Sunday 28 August. Mass for the Feast Day will commence at 10.30 am. Coffee and Donuts will be available at Symons Centre after 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses.

If you would like to bring some cakes or biscuits to share with our parishioners, you are more than welcome to do so.

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

TRUE NORTH Young Adults Gathering

Last Sunday, 15 young catholic join to True North and had a fruitful time to talk together about Blessed Mary.

Thank you for your participation.

The gathering commence 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 18 September**

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

SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Feeney

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



AVE MARIA COLLEGE

In recent weeks, Archbishop Comensoli has appointed Fr Tony as Custodian of Mission for Ave Maria College in



Aberfeldie. As Custodian of Mission, Fr Tony will provide a pastoral, liturgical, and sacramental presence at the College. In addition to this, Fr Tony is also the Archbishop's nominee on the College Advisory Council.

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!



SIX30 HOLY HOUR

For more than 20 years, young people from all over Melbourne have gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday evenings for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. We invite all young adults to join us for this weekly evening of prayer.

- **Every Thursday at 6.30 - 7.30 pm**
- **at St. Patrick's Cathedral**

During the Holy Hour, confession is also available. If you have any enquiries, please contact Fr Andrew.

ASSERTIVENESS - TRUSTING YOUR OWN INNER VOICE

This reflection event will explore: assertiveness - what it is and what it is not; why being assertive is adult behaviour that builds up everyone's strength and capacity to love; finding within ourselves that voice of God that echoes who I am as good in the eyes of God; what is it that distorts this perspective and how that influences my judgement and behaviour; being assertive with God; being with an assertive God. Led by Chris Chaplin msc (MSCX, Dip Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy, BTheol, Cert Spir Dir (Siloam)).

via Zoom, Tuesday 30 Aug 2022, 7pm-9.30pm

Cost \$35. Book and pay by 26 Aug 2022

via www.heartoflife.melbourne

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101

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

READINGS FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for next Sunday the 28th of August for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING | Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom: **(R.)**
You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING | Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses:
not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or
a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speak-
ing which made everyone that heard it beg that no more
should be said to them. But what you have come to is
Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly
Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for
the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a

'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to
God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with
spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to
Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a
blood for purification which pleads more insistently than
Abel's.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL | Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house
of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him
closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had
noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said
this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do
not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distin-
guished person than you may have been invited, and the
person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up
your place to this man." And then, to your embarrass-
ment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No;
when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place
and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say,
"My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with
you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who
exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles
himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a din-
ner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich
neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting
you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor,
the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you
back means that you are fortunate, because repayment
will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'
