

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 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,

This is a great and holy day for us because it is the day when the Church celebrates the feast of our parish patroness, St Monica. Why does the Church celebrate as a saint, a woman who lived over sixteen hundred years ago? The Church still remembers St Monica because even now, sixteen hundred years after her death, her life teaches us two very important things.

Firstly, St Monica teaches us the virtue of patience as a Christian. Monica was indeed a holy woman. But, her husband, and his family were not Christians. And her son, Augustine, didn't lead a very Christian life, either. But this did not discourage Monica. She was constant in her prayer for her husband and for her son, Augustine to become Christians. In the case of her son Augustine, this took over thirty years! Today, we tend to want things to happen instantly. St Monica teaches us what it means to be patient, especially in our prayer.

St Monica also teaches us to have faith in God and to grow close to God. On the journey back from Italy, to her home in Africa after Augustine had become a Christian, Monica, Augustine and one of his brothers had stopped to rest along the way. As they stopped, Monica became unwell. She was in fact dying. Her other son said that he wished Monica would survive until they got home to Africa. Monica thought differently. She said, "Lay this body wherever it may be. Let no care of it disturb you: this only I ask of you that you should remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

Monica had faith that when she died, not much else mattered. Monica believed that when she died, she would be with God forever. So whether she died in Italy or at home in Africa didn't really matter. What mattered was her life with God. All she wanted was for people to pray for her. And this is what should matter with us. Our life with God.

This is what makes this a holy and great day for us. Because St Monica, even sixteen hundred years after her death, can still teach us that what is important is patience and our life with God.

St Monica, Pray for us!

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

A Message from Fr. Tony

Last Saturday, I tripped and fell in the backyard at Strathmore. Visits to doctors and x-rays have revealed a fractured left elbow. After an appointment with a specialist clinic, I am now in a splint from my wrist to above the elbow to immobilize the arm and assist with the healing process. This could be for a month – further specialist appointments will make this clear. During this time, I am not able drive. Together with Fr Andrew and Sonia, I am working to see how this will play out for us in the coming weeks. A number of people have already been very supportive and helpful – for this, I am most grateful. Please pray for me.

Fr. Tony

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME

For adults

For families with young children

PRAY FOR: OUR ELDERS AND THE SICK

Marius Fernando
Rosa Di Pietro
Jillian Eolzella
Lena Savoia
John Morello Snr
Paul Duffy
Leo & Serafina Lee

Dantina Frederico
Lucia Bordin
Loretta Bastian
Anne Ryan
Anna Vogl
Giuseppina Mammone

Stella Mammone
Leo Gillman
Caterina Timpano
Margaret Whelan
Andrew Pike
Dianne Pinnuck

Gino Salvo
Stephanie Jouhari
Charlie Tiang
Geraldine MacKen
Anna Henneken
Antoinette Parrella

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for 4 September

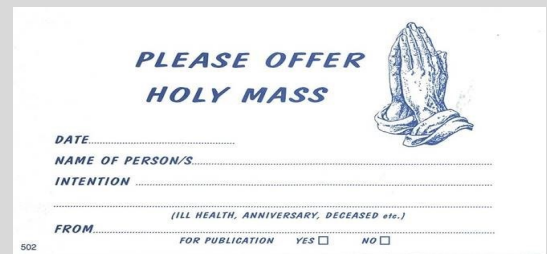
MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	Sr Loretta (Eng.) D. Caridi (Ita.)	M. Galioto A. Savino
10.30 am	J. Ragnanese L. Ragnanese	J. Allison L. Butler
5.30 pm	J. Fernando <i>(please do all readings)</i>	B. Mathews P. Duggan

ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Thursday 1 Sep, 9.45 am	August - J. Trethowan
Team 3	September - Sr Loretta

MASS OFFERINGS

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.



ANNIVERSARIES

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

Anna Ng
Tom Rossiter
John Clancy



FEASTS IN AUGUST

- ◆ 27 Aug - St. Monica
- ◆ 28 Aug - St. Augustine
- ◆ 29 Aug - The Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- ◆ 31 Aug - St. Aidan

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

Young couples and families at St. Monica's and St. Vincent de Paul are invited to join the inaugural Young Couples and Families Network lunch and faith discussion on Sunday 19th September at 12pm Queens Park, Moonee Ponds. We will meet outside St Monica's after the 10.30am mass.

If you are interested in joining, email Kylie and Jerome via youngcouple.network@gmail.com

TRUE NORTH Young Adults Gathering

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

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

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



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.

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!



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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Please consider leaving an eternal legacy by remembering Aid to the Church in Need in your will. This gift will ensure that the light of faith continues to shine brightly throughout the world and that persecuted, and suffering Christians will be cared for and given a voice. *When you leave a gift in your will to ACN you can also rest assured that ACN will arrange Masses for the eternal repose of your soul. Further information is available on the website. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/legacies*



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

READINGS FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for next Sunday 4 September for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING | WISDOM 9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

You turn men back in 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 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 | Philemon 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a
child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these
chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you,

and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I
should have liked to keep him with me; he could have
been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the
chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I
did not want to do anything without your consent; it
would have been forcing your act of kindness, which
should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of
Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could
have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a dear brother; espe-
cially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-
brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we
have in common means anything to you, welcome him as
you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL | Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me with-
out hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sis-
ters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple.
Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tow-
er, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if
he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the
foundation and then found himself unable to finish the
work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him
and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was
unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war
against another king would not first sit down and consid-
er whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to
the other who advanced against him with twenty thou-
sand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way
off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same
way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all
his possessions.' '