

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

**4 September 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*)

**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 is the only Sunday in the whole three-year Lectionary cycle that we read from this Letter of St Paul to Philemon. And it deals with a topic that is quite foreign to our modern ears: and this is slavery.

In this Letter, Paul seems to accept slavery. Why? For Paul, the baptism of Onesimus did not change his social condition. But it did change his relationship in the community of believers. In his Letter to the Galatians, Paul writes that in Christ there is neither slave nor free, neither woman nor man, neither Gentile nor Jew. But this equality amongst the sons and daughters of God belongs to the Kingdom, not to the social order.

It is perhaps good that we are shocked by Paul's acceptance of slavery. We live in an age that no longer accepts slavery. We live in an age and a society which is eager to establish human rights for all peoples. How is it, then, that Christians, individually and as a community, are not always and unequivocally the defenders of those who have no rights. How is it possible that, twenty centuries after Philemon and Onesimus, some people seem to remain so bound by the laws of class warfare?

We know that fidelity to the gospel sometimes entails certain things which seem unreasonable to modern society. For the Christian, conformity to standards such as these doesn't arise from a sense of morality. It arises, rather, from adherence to a person. It arises from communion with this person. It comes from life with this person. There is, of course, only ever one explanation, only ever one justification. It is always, and only ever, because of **Jesus the Christ**.

With every blessing,

**Rev Anthony J Doran PP**

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.***

**FIRST READING** | Wisdom 9:13-18

### **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** | Philemon 9-10,12-17

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**GOSPEL** | Luke 14:25-33

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

**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.

**MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

<b>!! Please note that it is for 11 September</b>		
MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	<b>B. Healey (Eng.) M. Galioto (Ita.)</b>	<b>K. Sherwood V. Pizzichetta</b>
10.30 am	<b>J. Trethowan M. Baker</b>	<b>T. De Fazio J. Morello</b>
5.30 pm	<b>J. Henderson</b> <i>(please do all readings)</i>	<b>D. Fernando J. Fernando</b>

**ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN**

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
<i>Friday 9 Sep, 9.45 am</i>	<i>September</i>
<b>Team 4</b>	<b>Sr Loretta</b>

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Rev Michael Bogusz PE  
Natalina Tralongo  
Gordon Windsor  
Halie Adams**

*Eternal rest grant onto them, Lord. May the perpetual light  
shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**ANNIVERSARY**

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

**Rhonda Dale  
Cordellia D’Cruze**

*Also, as we celebrate Father’s Day, we remember  
All fathers who have passed away  
in our prayers.*

**!! COUNTERS**

As our Parish continues to move cautiously through COVID, we are seeking to restart our Counters Roster. Due to changes in banking procedures, it is likely that counting will take place on a weekday in the Parish Office. If you were a counter or would like to become one, please let us know by email: [MooneePonds@cam.org.au](mailto:MooneePonds@cam.org.au)

The normal requirements for all parish volunteers apply to counters i.e. you need to have a Working with Children Check. In addition, you also need to have a Police Record Check – the Parish will be able to help you with this if you do not have a current check. For further information, please speak to one of the priests.

**!! PARISH CONTACT LIST**

The Parish is in the process on transitioning to a new administration and communication package provided by the Archdiocese. As a result, the old system will be phased out over time. Which means that the current system which we use to send the Parish Bulletin will become obsolete. Until the old system is finally ‘turned off’, we are seeking to create a new Parish Contact List.

If you would like to subscribe to the new Parish Contact List, please send an email to [MooneePonds@cam.org.au](mailto:MooneePonds@cam.org.au) with **Parish Contact List** in the subject line and we will add you to the new list.

**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.

**PLEASE OFFER  
HOLY MASS**



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

**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**



## FEASTS IN SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 3 Sep - St. Gregory the Great, *Pope & Doctor*
- ◆ 8 Sep - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ◆ 9 Sep - St. Peter Claver

## MANY THANKS

We sincerely thank to all volunteers who made our Parish Feast Day of St. Monica a joyful celebration last Sunday.

## YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES NETWORK

Young couples and families at Parishes of St. Monica and St. Vincent de Paul are invited to join the inaugural Young Couples and Families Network lunch and faith discussion on **Sunday 18 September at 12 pm Queens Park, Moonee Ponds.**

*We will meet outside St Monica's after the 10.30 am Mass. If you are interested in joining, email Kylie and Jerome via [youngcouple.network@gmail.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:acommade@bigpond.net.au)*

## 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.***

## SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

**with Fr. Tony Feeney**

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



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

We sincerely honour and pay tribute to all our fathers, living and dead, and are very grateful to them for their love, guidance, and devoted sacrifices.

***God our heavenly Father,  
in your wisdom and love you made all things.***

***Bless all fathers, that they may be  
strengthened as Christian fathers.***

***Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.***

***Grant that we, their sons and daughters,  
may honor them always with a  
spirit of profound respect. Amen.***

Happy and blessed Father's Day to all our fathers.

## PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

### FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION

#### ***Caring for those who cared***

Every year on Father's Day, we take up the collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation. Currently, the Foundation looks after **94 retired priests**. It currently costs about **\$4.76 million** per year to care for these retired priests: to provide accommodation, to cover living costs, to provide health and aged care. Amongst those cared for by the Foundation are our two retired Parish Priests, **Mgr Peter Kenny** and **Fr Tony Feeney**. *Envelopes are available in the church, a special collection will also be taken up or you can donate electronically:*

**CLICK HERE** 

***Thank you for your generosity.***



## EMBRACE THE CALL TO GLOBAL MISSION

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.



Palms Australia

*Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday September 24th at 11.30 am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from 16 - 28 October.*

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



## READINGS FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

### 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings for next Sunday 11 September for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

#### FIRST READING | Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.  
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**

#### SECOND READING | 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus.

Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted  
to us. Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL | Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the

company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. "When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."