

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

11 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,

The parable of the Prodigal Son, or the Forgiving Father, or of the Lost Son – which we hear in this Sunday's Gospel – would have to be one of the most famous of all the Gospel stories, and perhaps one of the most famous stories in the whole Bible. But because this story is so famous and familiar to us, again and again we are challenged to find some new meaning in this story for our lives as disciples.

The author of Luke's Gospel places it in the Fifteenth Chapter. Together with stories of a lost sheep and a lost coin. So, we can rightly call this story **the story of the Lost Son**. And it's easy to work out which son was lost, isn't it? It must be the younger son, the prodigal son. Or is it? Indeed the father proclaims **he was lost and is found**.

I just wonder whether it is the older son who is, in fact, the lost son. The older brother resents the return on his younger brother and refuses to celebrate his return. I suspect all of us, if we are honest with ourselves, will sometimes also find ourselves like the older son: Sulking outside and refusing to come in and share the joy of our younger brother's return.

When we do find ourselves like the older brother, I think we are then **the lost son**. But the invitation is always to **rise and return to our Father**. To leave the place of our sinfulness, and to return and find our rest in the forgiveness and love of God. There is no need for us ever to remain lost.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for <u>18 September</u>.		
MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	S. Letcher (Eng.) L. Mathews (Ita.)	M. Ballato R. Farfalla
10.30 am	A. Briggs T. Vu	A. Lim M. Sequerah
5.30 pm	A. Mathews <i>(please do all readings)</i>	R. Legudi J. Beckley

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 1

Friday, 16 September, at 9.45 am

CHURCH LINEN

in September

Sr. Loretta

***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.

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.

PRAY FOR: OUR ELDERS AND THE SICK

Marius Fernando	Dantina Frederico
Stella Mammone	Gino Salvo
Rosa Di Pietro	Lucia Bordin
Leo Gillman	Stephanie Jouhari
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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lucia Di Matteo (Funeral: Tue, 13 Sep, 1 pm, St. Monica's)
Jennifer Johnson (Funeral: Wed, 14 Sep, 11 am, St. Monica's)
Marie Shone (Fr. Tony Feeney's sister)
Leo Kyu-Chang Lee
HM Queen Elizabeth II

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 all whose anniversaries occurs at this time, especially:

Shirley Doran **Domenico Catanzariti**
Veronica Paladin

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II 1926 - 2022

Thank you, Ma'am, for your life of fidelity and service.



O God, almighty Father, who have strengthened us by the mystery of the Cross and promise us a share in the mystery of your Son's resurrection, mercifully grant, we pray, that you departed servant **Elizabeth** may be gathered into the company of your chosen ones.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. **Amen.**

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

!! 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

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.

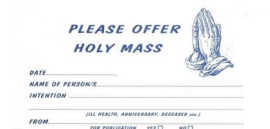
!! PARISH CONTACT LIST

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 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.



READINGS AT MASS

Please note that, from this Sunday on, we will provide the readings at Mass of each Sunday, instead of the next Sunday's readings, on the last page of a bulletin.

Thank you for your understanding.

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 SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 12 Sep - The Most Holy Name of Mary
- ◆ 13 Sep - St John Chrysostom, *Bishop & Doctor*
- ◆ 14 Sep - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- ◆ 15 Sep - Our Lady of Sorrows

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

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

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

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION

The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with disadvantaged young people.

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia.

Applications close October 31st, 2022.

Further information and enquiries are available via

Website: www.cagliari.org.au

Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au (Lauren Hichaaba)

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.

GIFTS DIFFERING

Understanding Your Personality

Our popular Myers Briggs reflection day, led by Peter Malone msc (*BA(Hons), STL, DTheol (Honoris Causa)*).

Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. This event is only available in-person.

- **Held at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC.**
- **Cost \$60.**

Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne,

email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

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.



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.

SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Feeney

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



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

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS AT MASS - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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 compa-

ny 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."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men
seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*