

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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

**18 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,

In this Sunday's readings, we hear from two country-born prophets, from the same part of the world. Amos, from Tekoa, calls the people to wholeness of life and to solidarity as one people under God. His message is plain: you cannot enjoy the protection of God while living off the misery of the poor. Religion and greed cannot worship in the same pew.

The point is made by the other country prophet. Jesus from Bethlehem has the same frankness in speech, the same preference for the poor, and the same message: You cannot be the slave both of God and of money. Jesus teaches us that people who cannot be trusted to deal with money, cannot be trusted with the genuine riches of the Kingdom of God. The danger is that they will begin to twist their religious beliefs around their wallets.

Amos and Jesus both voice God's concern by reminding us of social justice and personal responsibility. Our worship of God has to influence the way we behave. Our worship of God has to influence our way of dealing with each other. And how we treat others indicates our readiness for the Kingdom. It's all tied together. If money talks, it should speak with the language of the Kingdom.

**Rev Anthony J Doran PP**

### MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

**!! Please note that it is for 25 September.**

MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	<b>T. Mitchell (Eng.)</b> <b>V. Pizzichetta (Ita.)</b>	<b>R. Gonsalves</b> <b>C. Munafa</b>
10.30 am	<b>F. Baker RSM</b> <b>D. Connors</b>	<b>C. Shiu</b> <b>D. Storage</b>
5.30 pm	<b>R. Young</b> <i>(please do all readings)</i>	<b>E. McMahon</b> <b>R. McMahon</b>

### CHURCH VACCUMING

**TEAM 2**

**Friday, 23 September, at 2 pm**

### 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
Serafina Lee	Antoinette Parrella
Peter Lee	

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

**Dianne Pinnuck**

*(Funeral: Tue 27 September at 1 pm, at St. Monica's)*

*Eternal rest grant onto Dianne, Lord.*

*May the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

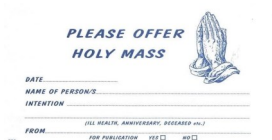
**ANNIVERSARY**

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

**Emmanuel Farrugia    George Taucer**  
**Kata Weber            Vincenzo Savino**  
**Gwendoline Besterwitch**

**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.



**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.***

**!! NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (22&23 SEP.)**

We wish to advise our parishioners of the Mass time and the Parish office hours for the public holidays on 22 and 23 September.

- **Thursday 22 September 2022**  
*(National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty The Queen)*  
- Mass: **9.15 am**  
- Parish office: **CLOSED**
- **Friday 23 September 2022**  
*(Friday before the AFL Grand Final)*  
- Mass: **NO MASS**  
- Parish office: **CLOSED**

*Please note that Saturday morning Mass and Sunday Masses will be celebrated at the usual time of Mass. The parish office will reopen on Tuesday 27 September as per usual office hours.*

**!! 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.



## FEASTS IN SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 16 Sep - Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
- ◆ 17 Sep - St. Robert Bellarmine & St. Hildegard of Bingen
- ◆ 19 Sep - St. Januarius
- ◆ 20 Sep - Sts. Andrew Teagon Kim and Paul Hasang Chung and the Companions
- ◆ 21 Sep - St. Matthew

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)

## SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Feeney

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



## 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.

## CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

### **Engaging Your Faith**

*(Series of short sessions: online via Zoom)*

- 12 sessions during October 2022
- Choose what interests you for just \$25 per session.

Booking, payment & more information:

[ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)



## SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH

### **65th Anniversary Reunion**

Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on Sunday, 16 October between 2 pm and 4.30 pm. To book your place, please go to:

[www.trybooking.com/CCLMD](http://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD)

## MUSIC FESTIVAL AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

### • **French Choral Classics by Christopher Watson**

**Friday 16 September, 2022, 8 pm – 9 pm**

An exploration of some of the most exquisite French choral classics from the 19th and 20th centuries, performed by a choir of many fine professional church musicians from Melbourne.

Program includes Duruflé's Requiem as well as works by Dupré, Messiaen, and Fauré.

Tickets \$50, concession \$35, children under 15 years admitted free.

### • **This Land Concert**

**Saturday 17 September, 2022, 8 pm – 9 pm**

A program that seeks to find 'the threads that bind us together', through music, culture, spirituality, Christianity and community.

Performers include David Leha, Troy Kuhl, ensemble Mia Sorella, and St Patrick's Cathedral Schola and Gregorian Schola.

Tickets \$25, children under 15 years admitted free.

### • **Grand Organ Recital by Oscar Herrick**

**Sunday 18 September, 2022, 3 pm – 4 pm**

We welcome one of Melbourne's rising stars of the organ, Oscar Herrick, in this recital of grand organ masterpieces: Bach's Fugue in G minor, BWV 578, Widor's 'Toccata' from Symphony for Organ No.5, 'Introduction - Choral' from Boëllmann's Suite Gothique, and others. Free admission.

For any queries, please email: [music@cam.org.au](mailto:music@cam.org.au)

This weekend's Readings at Mass  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Cf. Sir 36: 18**

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

**FIRST READING | Amos 8:4-7**

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,  
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over  
so that we can sell our corn,  
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?  
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,  
by swindling and tampering with the scales,  
we can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'  
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,  
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dung-heap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

**SECOND READING | 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL | Luke 16:1-13**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.*