

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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for our website:



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

9 October 2022

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**

Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**

Saturday: **8 am**

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,

At the time of Jesus, there was no cure for leprosy. Once a person contracted it, life became something of a living death. How then could it happen that nine of the ten lepers in this Sunday's Gospel reading didn't thank Jesus for their cure? We don't have to stretch our imaginations too much to picture how it could happen; what the excuses the other nine lepers would have made for not going back to thank Jesus.

All of us make excuses from time to time: some plausible, some petty, some downright shabby. But in nine cases out of ten – as today's Gospel shows us – they were effective. These excuses prevented those nine people from doing the one thing that cried out to be done. Nine of the lepers weren't able to express gratitude. And what does this tell us? It seems to suggest that their cure was only skin-deep. Their leprosy was gone, but nothing else about them had changed. After their bad experience, they returned to their old attitudes, habits, goals, and general shallowness of life. They had learned nothing from their pain. And that was the real tragedy.

In good times we tend to forget God, even though we continue to pay lip-service to him. Even though God is faithful, supremely faithful. But then something in our life – an illness perhaps – brings us to our knees and suddenly we are faced with our own poverty, our own weakness and our own mortality. And this sort of low-point is a moment of decision. It is at this time, that we that we have the opportunity to grow closer to God. Of the ten lepers, it seems that only one – the Samaritan – chose to grow closer to God. What would we do?

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for 16 October.

MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	K. Sherwood (<i>Eng.</i>) L. Mathews (<i>Ita.</i>)	S. Letcher T. Mitchell
10.30 am	L. Connors D. Connors	M. Sequerah A. Lim
5.30 pm	J. Beckley (<i>please do all readings</i>)	P. Duggan B. Mathews

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 1

Friday, 14 October 2022, 9.45 am

CHURCH LINEN

in October

A. Savino

*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.

ANNIVERSARY & MASS OFFERINGS

Please note that 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 an anniversary mentioned in the Bulletin, please phone or email the Parish Office **by 1.00 pm on Thursday.**

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 _____
(ILL HEALTH, ANNIVERSARY, DECEASED etc.)
FROM _____
FOR PUBLICATION YES NO

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	Giovanni Galioto

ANNIVERSARY

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

Pauline Portelli	Don Taylor
Luigina Nola	Reginal D'Cruz
Hyacinth D'Cruz	Percival D'Cruz
Jeanette D'Cruz	Andrew Bastian
Gordon Windsor	Sarah Hennessy
Kyu-Hyoung Hwang	

RECENTLY DECEASED

*Eternal rest grant unto those who recently deceased, Lord.
May the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

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.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Sale Diocese

On Saturday 15 Oct, a Deacon will be ordained to the Priesthood for Sale Diocese at St. Mary's Cathedral in Sale:

Rev. Mark Hughes

Please keep him in your prayers for his priestly ministry.

Pray for vocations everyday!

Please note that there will be NO MASS on Saturday 15 Oct at 8 am as well as Confession will not be available.

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.

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.



FEASTS IN OCTOBER

- ◆ 10 Oct - St. Paulinus
- ◆ 11 Oct - St. John XXIII, *Pope*
- ◆ 13 Oct - St. Edward the Confessor
- ◆ 14 Oct - St. Callistus, *Pope & Martyr*

YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILIES NETWORK

You are invited to the monthly Young Couples and Family Network for faith fellowship every 4th Sunday of the month. The next meet up will be on **23 October 2022 at 11.30 am (after the 10.30 am Mass) in front of St Monica's Church**. We will have a light lunch and a short focused faith discussion at Queen's Park or at Symons Centre (pending weather).

For more information, please contact Kylie and Jerome on 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

Our monthly gathering commences 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 9 October**
- **Topic for this month: SANCTITY**

Please encourage young people in your family to join us.

If you have any enquiries, please see

Fr. Andrew or scan the Facebook page

QR code on the right-bottom corner or

email truenorth90stable@gmail.com



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

This experience gives married couples the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.



- **22- 23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie**
- **Information/Bookings** (Mercy & James)
- 0409 183 676 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Please check our website for more details: wwme.org.au

ASSIST A STUDENT

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The Annual Appeal to assist students in third world countries is here again. \$100 assists a student to cover educational costs for one year. This is a wonderful way to give a Christmas gift to somebody you do not know. Your donation can be left in the piety store or place it on a collection plate in an envelope marked "Assist a Student". If you have any enquiries, please see one of the member of SVDP Moonee Ponds Conference.



PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing emergency aid to over 5000 families, in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic – but essential – items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan.

Visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan



KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE 2022

50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?



As Catholic Theological College marks its 50th anniversary as a College and a member of the ecumenical University of Divinity, we have invited a panel of speakers to reflect on CTC's achievements and challenges, and to consider future directions in theological education and ministry formation. You are warmly invited to join us for the conversation.

- **Wednesday 12 October, 7.30 pm**
- **Catholic Leadership Centre (East Melbourne)**
- **Bookings and Info:** ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture
- **Enq:** sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3333

Light refreshments will be provided after the lecture.

SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Feeny

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

TUTORING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Qualified and experienced teacher available for tutoring: Yrs 7-10 Maths, Yrs 7- 10 Science & Yr 11 Chemistry.

Contact: therese.mount1@gmail.com (Therese Mount)

This weekend's Readings at Mass
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.*

FIRST READING | 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.'

But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.

Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

SECOND READING | 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even

to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
*For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL | Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.*