

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

16 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,

Jesus tells his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart... And so, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples what we know today as the Parable of the Persistent Widow. In telling this parable, Jesus is not comparing God to the unjust judge and Jesus is not suggesting that God only answers our prayers to avoid being bothered further. Rather, Jesus **contrasts** God with the judge arguing that if an unjust man can come to justice eventually, how much more will God answer his chosen ones **even when he delays to help them**. Strange expression that: usually we would say **rush to help**. But God has his own time and his **delay** in judgement can give people more time to repent.

Jesus encourages us to be persistent in our prayer and never lose heart. In an age where we have become accustomed to instant results, we are impatient with what appears to be endless delays. But the values we cherish are not instantly available: values like peace and justice take time to establish. The danger is that we give up too soon. We have to be persistent. We have to invest our time in our beliefs. Like the widow in today's Gospel Reading, we must still search for justice until the unjust of this world are worried to death.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for <u>23 October</u>.		
MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	Sr. Loretta (<i>Eng.</i>) V. Pizzichetta (<i>Ita.</i>)	B. Odachowski M. Galioto
10.30 am	A. Briggs L. Besterwitch	L. Butler C. Shiu
5.30 pm	M. Christian (<i>please do all readings</i>)	D. Fernando J. Fernando

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 2

Friday, 21 October 2022, 2 pm

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

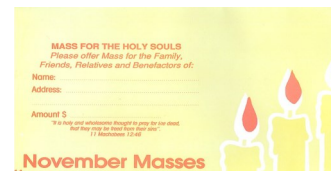
**Please note that there will be *NO MASS on Saturday 15 Oct at 8 am*
as well as *Confession will not be available.***

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
Antoinette Parrella	Giovanni Galioto

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

What Happens to These Offerings?



Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available in the church. The Bishops of Victoria have legislated that the offering to be made for November Masses is \$20.00. When envelopes for November Masses are received, the offerings are added together and then divided by 20 therefore giving the total number of November Masses to be offered in the Parish. In actual practice, most Masses offered in the parish during November would be Masses for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.

ANNIVERSARY

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

Ramses Kelada	Rosa Tabbah
Concetta Aloe	Natalina Tralongo
Virginia Casamento	Mervyn Gonsalves
James Marchant	Charlie Caruana

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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.



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.*

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 OCTOBER

- ◆ 15 Oct - St. Teresa of Avila, *Virgin & Doctor*
- ◆ 17 Oct - St. Ignatius of Antioch, *Bishop & Martyr*
- ◆ 18 Oct - St. Luke, *Evangelist*
- ◆ 19 Oct - Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and their Companions, *Martyrs*
- St. Paul of the Cross, *Priest*

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. We will have a light lunch and a short focused faith discussion at Queen's Park or at Symons Centre (pending weather).

- **Next gathering: 23 October 2022 at 11.30 am in front of St Monica's Church.**
(after the 10.30 am Mass)

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 13 November**

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.



SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony Feeney

- 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)

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 - LISBON, PORTUGAL

Information Sessions

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli is inviting young people, ages 16-35, across the Archdiocese to journey with him to Lisbon, Portugal for World Youth Day in 2023. This is a life-changing opportunity for our youth to experience their Catholic faith with more than a million young people from around the world.

There are six information sessions at Regional Youth Gatherings around Melbourne this month to help parish leaders, priests, parents and of course young people learn more about this opportunity.

- 18 Oct, 7 pm at St. Patrick's Parish (Mentone)
- 19 Oct, 7 pm at St. Mary MacKillop Parish (Keilor Downs)
- 20 Oct, 7 pm at St. Francis Xavier Parish (Corio)
- 25 Oct, 7 pm at St. Benedict's Parish (Burwood)
- 26 Oct, 7 pm at Good Shepherd Parish (Gladstone Park)
- 27 Oct, 7.30 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral

You may find the flyer on our church notice board.

Find out more at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Dedication of St Patrick's – **Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm.**

This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord – built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all. Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**, an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum .

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 .

This weekend's Readings at Mass
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.*

FIRST READING | Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING | 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL | Luke 18:-1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls
from death, to keep them alive in famine.*