

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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for our website:



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

30 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,

Are we there yet? If you have ever been on a long journey with a child, you will have heard this question, no doubt. Throughout the course of this Liturgical Year, we have been journeying with Jesus towards Jerusalem as we have read Luke's Gospel. It has been a long journey, too. And we might well ask ourselves the question **Are we there yet?**

Well, we are almost there. We are very close indeed.

This journey to Jerusalem has been more than just a physical journey. For, if we read Luke's Gospel carefully, we find no sign-posts, no markers. The longer journey, and probably the more difficult one, is the **spiritual journey** we are invited to undertake when we follow Jesus.

But, as difficult as it is, this is the journey we are called to make. It is a journey to Jerusalem, yes. And to follow Jesus to Jerusalem is to follow him to the Cross. There is no way around this. Look at Zacchaeus in this Sunday's Gospel. He still had to face up to his past: those who he had cheated as a tax-collector. We have to face the Cross. We have to suffer the Cross. This is frightening. It does make us scared.

But we are never asked to do this alone. Like the journey to Jerusalem, we make it with Jesus. And together with Jesus, we rise to glory.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for 6 November.

MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	S. Letcher (<i>Eng.</i>) M. Galioto (<i>Ita.</i>)	K. Sherwood M. Ballato
10.30 am	T. Vu F. Baker RSM	C. Shiu D. Storace
5.30 pm	J. Fernando (<i>please do all readings</i>)	E. McMahon R. McMahon

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 4

Friday, 4 November 2022, 9.45 am

CHURCH LINEN

in November

M. Giardina

***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 HEATH, ANNIVERSARY, DECEASED ONLY)
FROM _____
FOR PUBLICATION YES NO

◆ **Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 1 November (Melbourne Cup public holiday).**

◆ **ALL SOULS DAY MASS TIME (Wednesday 2 November)**

9. 15 am (Moonee Ponds) / 10 am (Strathmore) / 7.30 pm (Both Parishes)

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CHILDREN WHO MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION!!

This Sunday, we celebrate the final First Holy Communion Masses for this year. We rejoice with these young members of our Parish Community who have come to share with us in the gift of Christ's Body and Blood for the first time. The celebrations of First Holy Communion are an opportunity for the rest of us to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist in our lives of faith and to give thanks for God's goodness to us. We continue to support these children and their families with our prayers. We also say thank you to their parents and teachers who have helped to prepare them for these celebrations.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto those who recently deceased, Lord, especially:

Rosey Krope

ANNIVERSARY

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

Vittorio Rocky Salsone Kenneth Perry

Stefano Scapuzzi Eileen Forster

Germaine Mariolle

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

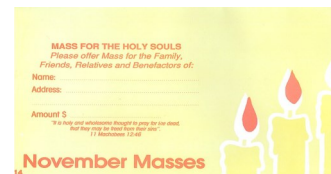
Andrew Pike Anna Henneken

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.

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 NOVEMBER

- 1 Nov - All Saints
- 2 Nov - All Souls
- 3 Nov - St. Martin de Porres, *Religious*
- 4 Nov - St. Charles Borromeo, *Bishop*

RECRUIT ALTAR SERVERS

The ministry of altar servers in the Catholic Church is a great opportunity for youth Catholics to grow their faith in Jesus and to serve the liturgical assembly by assisting in the liturgy.

- **Requirements to serve as an altar server:**
 - ◇ Be a registered member of St. Monica or another Catholic Church;
 - ◇ Regularly receive the sacraments;
 - ◇ Must be in Year 4 or above who have received the First Holy Communion;
 - ◇ Must attend the formation sessions regularly.
- **Enrollments close on 4 December 2022.**
- **Enquiries and Enrollment: Fr. Andrew by email on andrew.choi@cam.org.au**

TRUE NORTH

Young Adults Gathering

Our monthly gathering commences with a light supper and social, then a short presentation and faith discussion. Please encourage young people in your family to join us.

- **Every 2nd Sunday 6.30 pm, at Symons Centre**
- **Next Gathering: Sunday 13 November**
- **Enquiries: Michael, Adam or Fr. Andrew by email**



on truenorth56stable@gmail.com or scan the QR Code for Facebook page.

YOUNG COUPLES AND FAMILY (YCF) NETWORK

Join us for the final meet up this year!

Light lunch and coffee at Symons Centre/Queen's park/local cafe (pending weather) followed by focused faith discussion.

- **Next meeting: Sunday 20 November at 11.30am (after 10.30am mass) in front of St Monica's church**
- **Topic: Christmas!**
- **Enquires/RSVP: Jerome and Kylie by email on youngcouple.network@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

FLOOD APPEAL

St. Vincent De Paul Society

The Society of St Vincent de Paul's is having a Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit website: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Let us pray for all who are impacted by the floods.

CENTENARY MASS AND DISPLAY

St. Therese's Parish, Essendon

St Therese's Parish, Essendon was formed on 8 August 1922 with the opening of our parish school following soon afterward on 9 April 1923. At St Therese's we are celebrating our centenary from the 1st of July 2022 until the 30th of June 2023. **Centenary Mass will be celebrated at 1 pm on Sunday 6 November 2022, 100 years after the blessing of the foundation stone.**

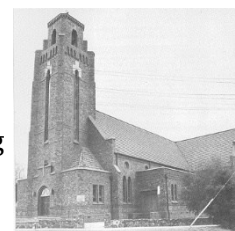
We look forward to welcoming many familiar faces back to our parish. Following the Mass there will be an afternoon tea and an exhibition of Parish memorabilia will be on display in our school Performing Arts Centre (PAC).

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. Especially, in November, St Monica's Charismatic Prayer Group will conduct **Special Sessions on our relationship with God the Father, Jesus our Saviour and the Holy Spirit** - our Guide. A great opportunity to come closer to God who meets our every need.

- **Thursdays 3, 10, and 17 November**
- **at 7.30 pm at Symons Centre**
- **Enquiries: Adrian Commadeur**

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This weekend's Readings at Mass
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!*

FIRST READING | Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

SECOND READING | 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL | Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**