

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

22<sup>nd</sup> May 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 and Reconciliation*)

**Reconciliation** : Saturday 8.30 am or by appointment

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday to Friday

**9 am - 3 pm**

Dear friends,

As I have discovered this past week, COVID-19 is still with us. Last weekend, when I first tested positive, I felt very ordinary, but as the week has progressed, I have felt better every day. While my symptoms have been relatively mild, I know it has been much worse for many others. As we move into the colder months, we need to look after ourselves and in so doing, look after each other in our community. In the past, most of us – me included – have tended to ‘soldier on’ when we have felt a bit under the weather. When we feel the tell-tale symptoms of cold and flu coning on, we really need to give serious thought to having a few quiet days away from work, from others, from church to allow ourselves the rest our bodies are telling us they need.

I am really grateful for the many messages which you have sent me in this last week. It has made the isolation so much easier. I am especially grateful for Fr Andrew’s care of me and of our two parishes while I have been out of action.

This week, we have been saddened by yet another school shooting in the United States where primary school aged children have been the victims. There are no words to say in response to such a tragedy. So, we pray:

God of resurrection, we remember before you

Those who have died at Robb Elementary School in Ulvade.

We commend them to your eternal love.

Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatised,  
and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence.

That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray:

***Make us instruments of your peace.***

**Rev Anthony J Doran PP**

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.

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Acts 1: 11**

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

## **FIRST READING | Acts 1:1-11**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

## **SECOND READING | Ephesians 1:17-23**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | Matthew 28:19. 20**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL | Luke 24:46-53**

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Behold, I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

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**Sunday Liturgy @ Home;**

**For adults**

**For families with young children**

### **PRAY FOR: our elders and the sick**

Marius Fernando;	Dantina Frederico;
Rosa Di Pietro;	Lucia Bordin;
Jillian Eolzella;	Loretta Bastian;
Lena Savoia;	Anne Ryan;
John Morello Snr;	Anna Vogl;
Giuseppina Mammone;	Anna & Garry Henneken

## **MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

*(for **PENTECOST** Sunday 5th of June)*

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
8.30am	<b>S. Letcher (Eng)</b> <b>V. Pizzichetta (Ita)</b>	<b>M. Ballato</b> <b>T. Pagliarello</b>
10.30am	<b>Sr. Frances</b> <i>(please do all readings)</i>	<b>J. Allison</b> <b>L. Butler</b>
5.30pm	<b>R. Young</b> <i>(please do all readings)</i>	<b>M. Christians</b> <b>J. Dobson</b>

## **ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN**

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
<i>Friday 3 June, 2 pm</i>	<b>May - Rosa Farfalla</b>
<b>Team 2</b>	<b>June - Asela Savino</b>

## **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: CHURCH VACUUMING**

Our rostered vacuuming groups are in need of additional members. The commitment is once a month for maybe 60 to 90 mins. at a time. There are groups on Thursdays and Fridays. *If you would like to know more, please email your details to [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au) and someone will get in touched with you.*

## **RECENTLY DECEASED**

We pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Barbara Potocki**  
**Rev. Eric Hodgens PE**

*May they rest in peace.*

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

We remember in our pray those whose anniversaries occurs at this time:

**Marija Vivoda;**  
**Ivan Vivoda**



## FEASTS AND SAINTS IN MAY & JUNE

- ◆ 31/May - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ◆ 1/June - St. Justin, *Martyr*
- ◆ 2/June - Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, *Martyrs*
- ◆ 3/June - Sts. Charles Lwanga and his Companion, *Martyrs*

## !! STAFF NEWS – A MESSAGE FROM FR TONY

The departures of two members of our Administration staff at Moonee Ponds gave us the opportunity to consider the needs of both Moonee Ponds and Strathmore walking together and working together in terms of the office staff and support needed. After working with the Human Resources team at the Archdiocese, the roles have been restructured, and there will now be a **Parish Office Manager** working across both parishes.

I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Sonia Cavallaro** has accepted the new position of Parish Office Manager. Sonia currently works part-time in the Strathmore Office and part-time in another local parish. She will commence in the new role in the coming weeks.

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

*“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

On Friday 27th May, a number of our young parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation, celebrated by Bishop Terry Curtin. Our Parish Community congratulates all candidates and prays for them to remain steadfast in their faith. We also congratulate their families and thank all who helped them to prepare well for this journey.

## TRUE NORTH

### **Young Adults Gathering**

- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 6.30 pm
- at Symons Centre
- Next Gathering: **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of June**

The gathering will start with a light supper and social, then a short presentation and faith discussion.

If you have any enquiries, please see Fr. Andrew or email via [truenorth90stable@gmail.com](mailto:truenorth90stable@gmail.com).

## 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.

The Moonee Ponds site is live and found at <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=96>

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE / Mercy Works Ltd.** is currently recruiting



volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to.

Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. The training day is in July.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)

Tel: (03) 9326 1895

Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

## CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE ONLINE OPEN DAY INFORMATION SESSION

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June at 7 pm (AEST)**

Register via our website:

[ctc.edu.au/open-days](http://ctc.edu.au/open-days)

For more information contact:

[jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

**Interested in volunteering? Moonee Ponds Conference is looking for new members.**



The St. Vincent de Paul Society's members and volunteers provide practical support, advocacy and friendship to the most vulnerable in our community by providing hope, comfort and dignity to disadvantaged people, trapped by their circumstances due to sickness, job loss, mental illness and family breakdown.

For more information, contact the Parish office on 9370 5035 or [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au).

## ALPHA IS HERE!

**What is Alpha all about?**

**Why do 20 million people recommend it?**

**How is it relevant to me?**

- St. Monica's Symons Centre, Moonee Ponds
- Thursdays, from 5<sup>th</sup> of May to 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2022
- 7 pm – 9.15 pm
- Enquiries and/or to register:

Adrian Commadeur on 0403 512 936



## SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

**with Fr. Tony Feeny**

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



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

## READINGS FOR PENTECOST

*This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.*

### FIRST READING | Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. *(R.)*

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. *(R.)*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. *(R.)*

### SECOND READING | Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of

God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL | John 14:15-16,23-26

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.