

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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for our website:



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR C)

20 November 2022

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

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

Tuesday - Friday: *See the temporary Mass timetable on the 2nd page*

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,

Coming as it does on this final Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, this Sunday's ***Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*** proclaims the fact that Christ presides over the whole of history. The end of a year – even a liturgical year – is a time when we often pause to reflect on the past.

Since March this year, our Parish and the Parish of St Vincent de Pail in Strathmore began the journey of walking together and working together, under the care of myself and Fr Andrew. Our progress on this journey has perhaps been slower than some would have wanted. Of course, others have grieved the changes which have come with this journey.

Catholics have been a feature of the life of Moonee Valley for over 180 years. It's a long time, and there is a tendency when an institution, a church, a parish has been around for a long time to always look back: to never look forwards. We must do both. As well as looking back, we must also look to the future. As Vatican II called us to do 60 years ago, we must read the signs of the times. We must try to discern where and how God is calling us to be a community of disciples in the Twenty-First Century. We must be flexible; we must be open to change. If we are not flexible, we will break. We must try always to be open to the promptings of the Spirit as we work together for the good of our two Parish communities. The call to follow Christ our King, as his disciples, is always the call to find new ways of responding to the Gospel and proclaiming that same Gospel to all the world. Our Parishes, and the Gospel the Catholics of Moonee Valley have proclaimed for over 180 years, are not given to us to be kept locked up as our own private possession. Preserved in amber and never changing. No. Rather, it is given to us as gift. And the gifts we have, we are given to share.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for 27 November.

MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	A. Savino (<i>Eng.</i>) D. Caridi (<i>Ita.</i>)	S. Maurici C. Munafo
10.30 am	L. Besterwitch (<i>please do all readings</i>)	J. Trethowan J. Morello
5.30 pm	C. Taylor (<i>please do all readings</i>)	P. Duggan B. Mathews

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 3

Thursday, 24 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: _____
FROM: _____ (ALL HEALTH, ANNIVERSARY, DECEASED etc.)
FOR PUBLICATION YES NO

!!! WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE CHANGED - TEMPORARY

From 8 November (Tue) to 3 December (Sat), the weekday Mass timetable will change. This temporary Mass timetable affects only Weekday Masses. Sunday Masses (*including Vigil Mass*) will be celebrated at the usual time. Please see the timetable below **for the coming week** :

	Tue 22 nd	Wed 23 rd	Thu 24 th	Fri 25 th	Sat 26 th	Sun 27 th
<i>St. Monica's</i>	9.15 am	NO MASS	9.15 am	NO MASS	8.00 am	8.30 am, 10.30 am, 5.30 pm
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	NO MASS	10.00 am	NO MASS	10.00 am	6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)	9.30 am

RECENTLY DECEASED

George Lorenzon

*Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

ANNIVERSARY

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

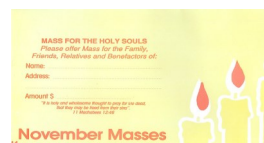
Catherine Caruana **Giuseppe Patti**
Cinzia De Vellis **Antonia Patti**
Domenico & Domenica Patti **Maria Patti**

PRAY FOR: OUR ELDERLY 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

- ◆ 21 Nov - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ◆ 22 Nov - St. Cecilia, *Virgin & Martyr*
- ◆ 23 Nov - St. Clement I, *Pope*
St. Columbanus, *Abbot & Missionary*
- ◆ 24 Nov - St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions, *Martyrs*
- ◆ 25 Nov - St. Catherine of Alexandria, *Virgin & Martyr*

ALTAR SERVERS

The ministry of altar servers in the Catholic Church is a great opportunity for young and youth catholic to grow their faith in Jesus.

- **Requirements to serve as an altar server:**
 - ◇ Be a registered member of St. Monica's Parish 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**

LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA ON THE STATE ELECTION

The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. You are invited to read the guide and to prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. The guide can be found at: [Voting for the common good: Victorian Bishops... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Saint Columban's Mission Society

Dear Parishioners of Saint Monica's parish in Moonee Ponds, I am Fr. George Hogarty, a Columban Missionary who has worked in South Korea in Asia and in both Chile and Peru in South America. On Sunday, the 27th of November 2022, I will be preaching to you about the work of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban, or the Columbans as we are generally known in all the masses of on the first week of Advent. The Columbans were founded by two Irish Diocesan priests, Frs. Edward Galvin and John Blowick in 1916 though they were originally known as the Maynooth Mission to China. Two years later Rome gave canonical approval for the founding of the Missionary Society of St. Columban on June 29th 1918 for the evangelization of China. St. Columban, the Irish missionary monk who evangelized pagan Europe in the sixth century, became the patron of the Society. Since then, priests, Sisters and Lay Missionaries inspired by the missionary spirit of St. Columban have been crossing boundaries of language and culture to bring Christ to the poor and marginalized and to protect creation. I want to invite you to consider becoming readers of our Columban Far East magazine that shares stories of the joys and challenges of the different Christian communities in the 16 countries in which Columbans work. By subscribing to our Far East Magazine, you will be able to inform yourselves of the work of the Columban Fathers, Sisters and Lay Missionaries and the peoples we live and work with and possibly become partners in helping the growth of the Churches in Asia, the Pacific and Latin-America where Columbans minister. I look forward to seeing you on the weekend of Sunday the 27th of November.

Until then, God bless

Fr. George G. Hogarty SSC.

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**

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 11 December**
- **Enquiries: Michael, Adam or Fr. Andrew by email**



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

WELCOME HOME! PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI

Please click the button below to read a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Comensoli regarding the lifting of the general dispensation from our Sunday and Holy Day obligations as of the first **Sunday in Advent - 27 November 2022. Click the link below for the Letter: [Welcome Home: a pastoral letter from Archbishop... | Melbourne Catholic](#)**

This weekend's Readings at Mass
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity,
and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.*

FIRST READING | 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

SECOND READING | Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.
Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL | Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace.