

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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### NATIVITY OF THE LORD

25 December 2022

#### MASS TIMETABLE FOR CHRISTMASS 2022

##### **Saturday, 24 December**

- 6 pm Mass at Moonee Ponds / Strathmore
- 9 pm Mass at Moonee Ponds / Strathmore

##### **Sunday, 25 December**

- Midnight Mass at Moonee Ponds
- 8.30 am Mass at Moonee Ponds
- 9.30 am Mass at Strathmore
- 10.30am Mass at Moonee Ponds

Christmas Carols will commence 30 minutes before each Mass - only 6 pm, 9 pm on 24 December and Midnight Mass.

*Please note that there is NO MASS on Saturday 24 Dec at 8 am and on Sunday 25 Dec at 5.30 pm.*

#### MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

**!! Please note that it is for 1 January 2023.**

MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	S. Letcher (Eng.) M. Galioto (Ita.)	V. Pizzichetta K. Sherwood
10.30 am	A. Briggs L. Besterwitch	D. Storace C. Shiu
5.30 pm	M. Passuello (please do all readings)	B. Mathews P. Duggan

Dear friends,

As we celebrate our Saviour's birth, our prayer is that you and those close to you, may know the peace and joy which the new-born Baby of Bethlehem brings to our world.

May these days be for you days of faith, friendship and family; days of celebration, compassion and community; days of rest, renewal and relaxation.

With every blessing,

Fr Tony and Fr Andrew



#### **!! OFFICE CLOSED**

Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 23 Dec 2022 until Monday, 9 January 2023.

#### **!! TEMPORARY MASS TIMETABLE AFTER CHRISTMAS**

The temporary Mass timetable affects only Weekday Masses from 27 December 2022 (Tue) to 13 January 2023 (Fri). Saturday and Sunday Masses (including Vigil Mass) will be celebrated at the usual time. Please see below:

	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
<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

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.

## Readings for the Christmas Midnight Mass - 6 pm and 9 pm 24 Dec / Midnight 25 Dec

### FIRST READING | Isaiah 9:1-7

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

### SECOND READING | Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that

what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Good News and great joy to all the world:  
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord!  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL | Luke 2:1-14

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

### APPOINTMENT OF NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

During the week, the Archbishop appointed **Fr Brian Muling** as our new Assistant Priest for Moonee Ponds and Strathmore.

Fr Brian comes to us from Box Hill Parish and will commence his appointment with us on 18 January 2023.

**Welcome Fr Brian!**

### CHURCH VACCUMING

**TEAM 4**

Friday, 30 December 2022, 9.45am

### CHURCH LINEN

in January

**M. Giardina**



## Readings for the Christmas Mass at Dawn - 8.30 am 25 Dec

### **FIRST READING | Isaiah 62:11-12**

This the Lord proclaims  
to the ends of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look,  
your saviour comes,  
the prize of his victory with him,  
his trophies before him.'

They shall be called 'The Holy People',  
'The Lord's Redeemed.'

And you shall be called 'The-sought-after',  
'City-not-forsaken.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**R.** *A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.*

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. **R.**

Light shines forth for the just  
and joy for the upright of heart.  
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;  
give glory to his holy name. **R.**

### **SECOND READING | Titus 3:4-7**

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for  
mankind were revealed, it was not because he was  
concerned with any righteous actions we might have done

ourselves; it was for no reason except his own  
compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing  
water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit  
which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus  
Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be  
justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to  
inheriting eternal life.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
peace to his people on earth!**

**Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL | Luke 2:15-20**

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven,  
the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to  
Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the  
Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and  
found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.  
When they saw the child they repeated what they had  
been told about him, and everyone who heard it was  
astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary,  
she treasured all these things and pondered them in her  
heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and  
praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was  
exactly as they had been told.

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Eternal rest grant unto those who have gone before us  
recently, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the perpetual light shine upon those who have died  
recently, O Lord. May they rest in peace.

### **ANNIVERSARY**

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

**Giuseppina and Francesco Di Pasquale**

**Jack Frewen**

**Alfred J. Bastian**

**Rev Fred Chamberlin**

**Sr Kath Grant RSM**

**Frances Sheehan**

**Maurice Ryan**

**Elias Nolasco**

### **PRAY FOR: OUR ELDERS AND THE SICK**

**Marius Fernando**

**Stella Mammone**

**Rosa Di Pietro**

**Leo Gillman**

**Jillian Eolzella**

**Caterina Timpano**

**Lena Savoia**

**Margaret Whelan**

**Anna Vogl**

**Paul Duffy**

**Antoinette Parrella**

**Andrew Pike**

**Dantina Frederico**

**Gino Salvo**

**Lucia Bordin**

**Stephanie Jouhari**

**Loretta Bastian**

**Charlie Tiang**

**Anne Ryan**

**Geraldine Macken**

**Anna Henneken**

**Giuseppina Mammone**

**Antonio Galioto**

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

## Readings for the Christmas Mass during the Day - 10.30 am 25 Dec

### FIRST READING | Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful on the mountains,  
are the feet of one who brings good news,  
who heralds peace, brings happiness,  
proclaims salvation,  
and tells Zion,  
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,  
they shout for joy together,  
for they see the Lord face to face,  
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord is consoling his people,  
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** *All the ends of the earth have seen the  
saving power of God.*

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.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

### SECOND READING | Hebrews 1:1-6

At various times in the past and in various different ways,  
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in  
our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through  
his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit  
everything and through whom he made everything there  
is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect

copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful  
command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement  
of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right  
hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the  
angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than  
their own name.

God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son, today I  
have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he  
a son to me.* Again, when he brings the First-Born into the  
world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

***A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore  
the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.  
Alleluia!***

### GOSPEL | John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with  
God and the Word was God. He was with God in the  
beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one  
thing had its being but through him. All that came to be  
had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light  
that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not  
overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as  
a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that  
everyone might believe through him. He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and  
he was coming into the world. He was in the world that  
had its being through him, and the world did not know  
him. He came to his own domain and his own people did  
not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave  
power to become children of God, to all who believe in the  
name of him who was born not out of human stock or  
urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw  
his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one  
of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me  
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –  
yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was  
given through Moses, grace and truth have come through  
Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son,  
who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him  
known.