

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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6th Sunday of Easter

22nd 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,

I suspect that most of us view the early Church – the Church of the Apostles who had known Jesus face to face – in an almost ideal sort of way. I am sure most of us believe that the early Church was characterised by harmony and peace. That the first Christians loved one another and got along with one another in friendship.

The true picture was actually a little different. While there was much that was good, as we read in this Sunday's **First Reading**, there was disagreement about the right and proper way to follow Jesus Christ. While we do not read about the discussion by which the early Christian community came to a resolution to the issue, we do hear that the apostles gather and discern what is the best way ahead for the Church: the **how** of the way the apostles and elders came to this resolution...***It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves...***In their meeting, the apostles and elders let themselves be guided by the **Holy Spirit**.

As we prepare for the solemn feast of Pentecost, let us continue to open ourselves to the gift of this same Holy Spirit who continues to guide our Church today.

Rev Anthony J Doran PP

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON | Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

FIRST READING | Acts 15:1-2,22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

SECOND READING | Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL | John 17:20-26

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Sunday Liturgy @ Home;

For adults

For families with young children

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.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

(for Sunday 29th of May)

MASS	READER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
8.30am	Kate Sherwood (E) Maria Galioto (I)	Tim Mitchell Rosa Farfalla
10.30am	Jerome Martin Kylie Martin	Carmen Shiu David Storage
5.30pm	Janath Fernando Maurice Passuello	Barbara Clancy Ross Legudi

ROSTER FOR VACUUMING AND LINEN

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Friday 27 May, 9.45 am	May
Team 1	Rosa Farfalla

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 and someone will get in touched with you.*

ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Ray Brady;	Harold O'Brien;
Ross Wolfe;	James Flynn;
Peppina Timpano;	Antonio Magliolo;
Susan Viscovch;	Peter McMahon;
Domenica Patti;	Sam Startari

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 & Garry Henneken;
Paul Duffy;	Giuseppina Mammone

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Our parish has a number of people who are no longer able to come to Mass and are ministered to by fellow parishioners, but we need more! Would you like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Communion to the Sick? *We are seeking expressions of interest to become part of this ministry. Please see Fr. Tony or Fr. Andrew.*

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers will be asked to provide their WWCC and Covid Vaccination Certificate. In some Ministry, we will also need a valid National Police Check.

Further information will follow after you initial expression of interest to volunteer.

TRUE NORTH - Young Adults Gathering

- Every 2nd Sunday 6.30 pm, at Symons Centre
- Next Gathering: **Sunday 12th 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.

NORTHERN REGION MASS AND DINNER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults of the North!

Get together with other young people from the local area for Mass, dinner, and a conversation with Bishop Terry Curtin, Auxiliary Bishop of the Northern Region.

This will be an awesome opportunity to meet other young Catholics from across the North and share with Bishop Terry Curtin your hopes, dreams, and expectations for the future of the Church.

- **Good Shepherd Catholic Parish, Gladstone Park**
- **5pm, Sunday 29th of May**

If you have any enquiries, please see Fr. Andrew or contact Raoul D'Souza via email: Raoul.DSouza@cam.org.au.



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 AND SAINTS IN MAY

- ◆ 24/May - Our Lady, Help of Christians
- ◆ 25/May - St. Gregory VII, *Pope*
- ◆ 26/May - St. Phillip Neri, *Priest*
- ◆ 27/May - St. Augustine of Canterbury, *Bishop*

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.

!!URGENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

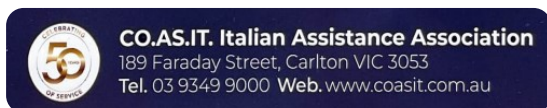
Co.As.It. is an organization funded by the Department of Human Service & the Commonwealth Government. They are currently looking for Italian speaking people



who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit elderly people of Italian origin, who are socially isolated or lonely and in need of company. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life, and your own.

If you are interested or require further information, please contact Mary on 9359 9210 or 0481 603 768.

Continuing support provided.



Co.As.It. organizzazione al servizio della comunità Italiana D'Australia, cerca persone di lingua italiana che spendono un'ora a settimana con persone anziane di origine italiana, che sono socialmente isolate e hanno bisogno di amicizia.

Portare un po' di amicizia a una persona sola puo' significare tanto per loro e anche per te!

Se sei interessato e ne vuoi sapere di piu' chiama Mary al 9359 9210 o al 0481 603 768.

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on Saturday 28 May.



It is an opportunity for men, who are over 18 years old and discern the priestly vocation, to visit the seminary, hear from the seminarians and staff, and to celebrate Evening Prayer with Archbishop Peter and join him for a BBQ dinner.

Please see Fr. Tony or Fr. Andrew for further information.

"Our vocation isn't about our profession or career path. Rather it refers to the very specific way God is calling us to love others. Although your specific calling will be unique to you, there are four 'categories' of vocation that the Church uses to help us discern God's plan: marriage, single life, priesthood and religious life. In each of these four ways of life, God calls us to freely and generously respond to his call. By living out our vocation, we experience deep fulfilment and joy."

LET US PRAY FOR VOCATIONS EVERY DAY!

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am / St Patrick's Cathedral

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name(s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF> The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.

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 5th of May to 7th 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 Feeney

- 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 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 29th of May for Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING | Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.