

**"A PARISH IS A COMMUNITY OF COMMUNITIES, A SANCTUARY WHERE THE THIRSTY COMES TO DRINK IN THE MIDST OF THEIR JOURNEY, AND A CENTRE OF CONSTANT MISSIONARY OUTREACH"**

**POPE FRANCIS,  
EVANGELII GAUDIUM 28**



### Key Dates

19th & 20th May	Our Community Weekend
26th & 27th May	Our Future Weekend
26th June	Program Social Night

### Our Future Forum - 23rd May

*Forum to discuss parish achievements, plans & values*

<b>10.00am</b> Symons Centre	<b>7:30pm</b> Symons Centre
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### St Monica's—Moonee Ponds

Welcome to week three of our Parish Stewardship Program.

This week celebrates the role of our parish as a community of faith – as an authentic community where people are welcomed, known and loved.

It is a place of care, support and outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel.

This means that we all have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others – making our time available to be involved in one of our many groups and ministries. We all have a contribution to make – so have a look at the "Groups & Ministries" list to see what best suits you.

At Masses this weekend we will hear from members of the Parish Leadership team who will talk about the impact our faith and our parish has made in their lives and how important it is for us all to make our contributions to parish life.

### Ministry Focus

#### Bereavement Support

When a death occurs, life for those who live on changes forever. The Church recognizes this change and offers hope and comfort to those who grieve the loss of a loved one.

#### The Monica magazine

(helping with production)

### Thoughts from our Leadership Team

#### Why is it important to be involved in Parish Groups and Ministries?

"Allows you to grow as a person"

"Active involvement in Parish Groups and Ministries really helps to build the sense of community, sense of belonging and sense of active contribution within our community"

"In order to have a vibrant Parish community we need people to become involved. We are a gift to each other"

"To model that involvement to my own children so hopefully they will continue to be involved as adults"

"What you put into anything is what you get back, so ensuring your contribution is meaningful means much more"