

First Reading Dt 18:15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: ‘Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. “Do not let me hear again” you said “the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die”; and the Lord said to me, “All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2,6-9.

(R.) If today, you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord’s affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world’s affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord’s affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world’s affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia

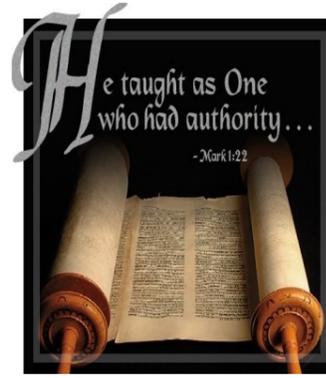
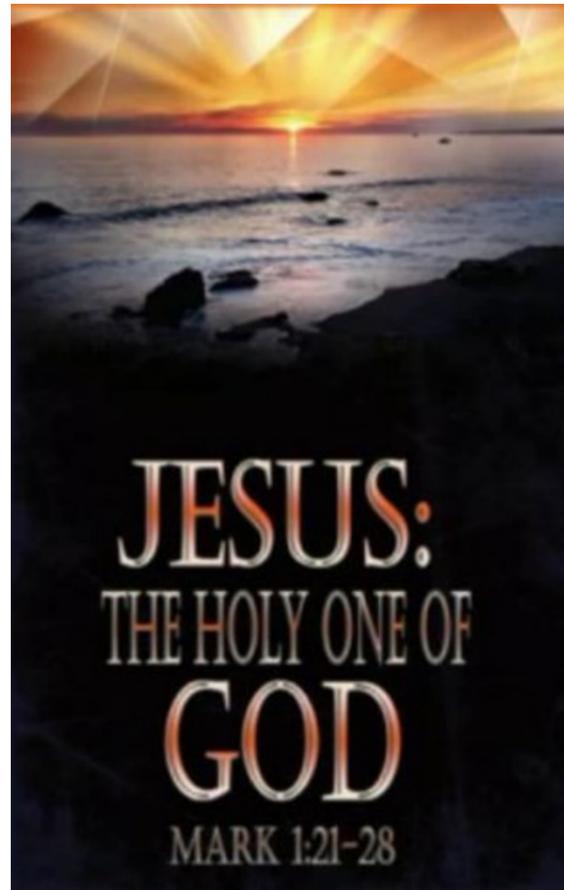
Mk 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus said sharply, ‘Be quiet! Come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. ‘Here is a teaching that is new’ they said ‘and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.’ And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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GREEN 4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 27/28 JANUARY 2018

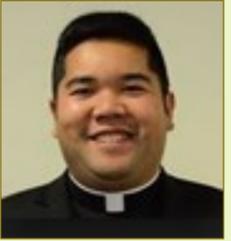
Weekend Masses
Saturday: (*Vigil for Sunday*): 6:30pm — Sunday: 8:00am, 9:15am (*Italian*)10:30 am, 5:30 pm
Monday 29th January: Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 8.00am
from Tuesday 29th January to Friday: 7:00am & 9:15am Mass
Saturday & Holidays: 8:00am Mass
Reconciliation on Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am, 6:00pm – 6:20pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 8am Saturday Mass
1st Collection : For the upkeep of the Parish Church and all the works of the Church.
2nd Collection : For the running of the Presbytery and support of the priests

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
Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

Peace be with you!
My name is Fr Daryl Montecillo. I was born in the Philippines and grew up in Melbourne as the eldest of three children, having a brother and a sister. After high school I studied nursing with the plan of continuing on to become a paramedic but the sense of vocation to priesthood which began –somewhat surprisingly – in year 12, was becoming more and more attractive. I began seminary studies in 2009, and, thanks be to God, was ordained at the end of 2015. I’ve spent the last couple years at Laverton Parish and am very excited to be joining you here at St Monica’s.
With regard to the ‘other religion,’ I love all things Cricket, and especially love getting to the ‘G for the Boxing Day Test. I also try to get down to see the Mighty Bombers through the year! Away from sport, I also enjoy getting to the movies and the MSO, or simply reading a good book, particularly about the faith. Fr Tony has already made me feel very welcome and I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you. Please pray for me... Let’s pray for each other.



MINISTRIES & READINGS 3rd/4th February 2018				
MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST	OGGI	
6.30pm	Craig Lynch, Peter O’Farrell	Antonio Basil Daphne Besterwitch	PROSSIMA SETTIMANA	Fam Giovanna Distefano Fam Giuseppina Giansiracusa
8.00am	Peter Bunworth	Bernard Healey Katherine Sherwood	CHURCH LINEN February	Connie Munafo
9.15am	S.Maurici; M. Cananzi	F. Priscoglio; T Pagliarello; M. Galioto		
10.30am	Abygaile Cukavac Joe Ragnanese	Les Butler, Annemaree Carmichael, Kimberly Morgan	CHURCH VACUMING	Wednesday 7th Team 2 9.45am
5.30pm	Jacinta Beckley Maurice Passuello	Luke Anticevic, Barbara Clancy		
This week’s Readings 1st Reading Dt 18:15-20 2nd Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35 Gospel Mk 1:21-28				
Next week’s Readings 1st Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7 2nd Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Gospel Mk 1:29-39				

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in prayer

Alan Forster; Vincent Coughlan;

BAPTISMS NEXT SUNDAY

4th February

Isabella Teresa Kerr
Chloe Rose Maebus
Tom Davor Maguire
Courtney Jade Moffat
Charlie John Moschoyiannis
Elijah Joseph Rocca



LENT PLANNING MEETING

7.30PM Tuesday 30th January
Parish House
22 Robinson Street

We are planning our Lenten programs. If you think you might be interested in joining one of our programs or would like to access a book for your own home prayer for Lent, please sign the form at the back of the church. St. Monica's will possibly be running programs on a Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning after 9:15 am Mass

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 (for children who live in the Parish and are not enrolled at St. Monica's Primary School)

If you wish your child to receive a sacrament in 2018, Expression of Interest Forms for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are on the table in the foyer of the Church.



14 February 2018

(A Day of Fasting and Abstinence)
This weekend and next please bring last years Palms into the Church or Presbytery for burning to make ashes for Ash Wednesday

Mass Times: 7.00am, 9.15am,
7.00pm

All Welcome



ST MONICA'S CHILD SAFETY POLICY –

Definitions-Child neglect: The failure by a parent or caregiver to provide a child (where they are in a position to do so) with the conditions that are culturally accepted as being essential for their physical and emotional development and wellbeing.

Please visit and read St. Monica's Child Safety Policies available in full at www.stmonicasparish.com.au under Parish Life.

CHANGE TO MORNING MASS TIMES AFTER CHRISTMAS

From Wednesday 27th December to Monday 29th January the 7am and 9:15am Mass will be replaced by one 8am Mass.
Normal Mass times will resume on Tuesday 30th January 2018.

PROJECT COMPASSION: 2018 LAUNCH

Tuesday 13 February, 10.30am–12pm
Lecture Theatre and Cathedral room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

This is your invitation to join Archbishop Denis Hart as he launches Caritas Australia's Project Compassion for 2018. Enjoy lunch and hear from special guest Janak Sharma, Regional Manager of Caritas Nepal. For over 50 years Project Compassion has been an important means by which the Australian Church has shown its solidarity with those in need around the world, providing funds for development and emergency aid and increasing our awareness of the work of Caritas Australia. This year's campaign is titled 'For a just future'.

Cost: \$10 suggested donation for lunch
RSVP: By Wednesday 7 February to alicia.ocampo@cam.org.au

SPARKS OF BEAUTY: NATIONAL GALLERY

Saturday 10 February 11am–1pm
National Gallery of Victoria Education Lecture Theatre, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

A conversation at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) with educator and artist David Menzies, on the place of art in expressing themes of hope, suffering and the blessed ordinariness of life. David Menzies has worked as an educator at the NGV since 2008. He believes in the power of art to positively transform and enrich individuals and communities. David has provided a range of professional learning programs for a number of learning communities including Catholic schools. He was drawn to the Mercy charism within Catholic education because of its vision for a better world and real-time action in bringing it about. David is also a practising artist. Following the talk, participants will be guided through the gallery's permanent collection and the Triennial exhibit by NGV educators. Please note, given the nature of this event, tickets are limited.

Cost: \$30 including light refreshments and gallery tour
Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/TMHU>
Details: Suzanne Hermon on 9926 5761 or Suzanne.hermon@cam.org.au

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Will be held in the Symons Centre
February 4 & March 4 at 5.30pm
February 11 & 18 at 10.30am



Please ensure under age school children are accompanied by a parent.

IN THE PARISH: JANUARY

- ◆ 30th January– **Children return to school**
- ◆ **St Monica's Charismatic Prayer Group** recommences Thursday 1st February evening at 7.45 –9.15 pm in Symons Centre. Enquiries to Adrian 9337 2051 or Russell 9382 0840.
- ◆ Tuesday 6th February– 10.00am **The Italian Prayer Group** recommences in the Symons Centre
- ◆ Wednesday 7th February **The Golden Oldies Mass in the Symons Centre** at 11.00am. BYO plate of food for a shared lunch
- ◆ Wednesday 14th February **Ash Wednesday**
- ◆ Friday 16th February 7.30pm The first **Social Dance** of the year in the Symons Centre. Enquiries to Renu Burke on 0430 392 152



World Day of Prayer and awareness against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has declared 8 February to be the world day of prayer and action against human trafficking. He chose this day because it is the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of Sudan and of victims of slavery. Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister. You are invited to join ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to mark this day in your school and parish communities. Find out more about the campaign at <http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer/>



You are invited to attend
St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Thursday 8 February 2018
6.30pm Holy hour
7.30pm Mass
ALL WELCOME

ROSTER BUILDING

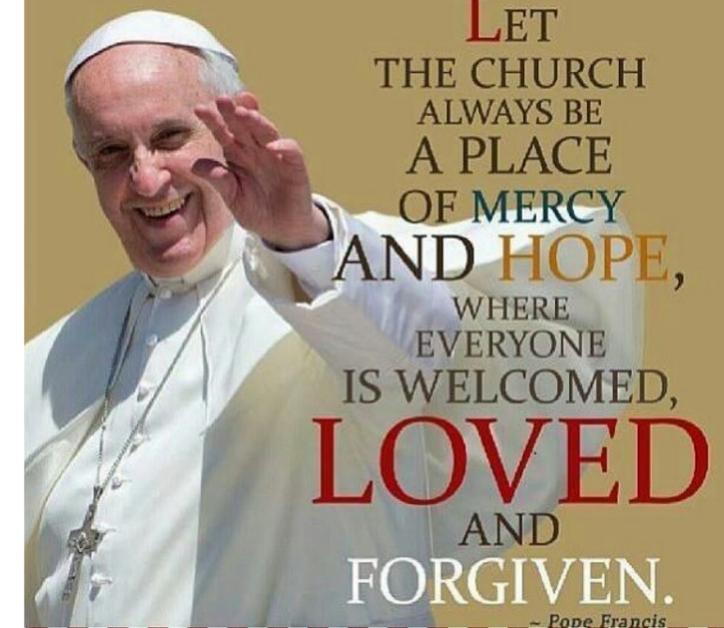
Lector Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for the next
APRIL 7 2017 TO 14 OCTOBER 2018

Please contact the Parish Office via email mooneeponds@cam.org.au or phone and advise of 'known absences' or changes for the next ROSTER BUILD.

We welcome new people to join one of these ministries.
The current roster runs out on April 15. Just Call 9370 5035 (and speak to Sonya or Abygaile)

Notizie Italiane

Se qualcuno vorrebbe inserire qualche notizia sul bollettino, per favore manda una copia in italiano per email a mooneeponds@cam.org.au
Per essere inclusa sul bollettino della settimana corrente è importante che sia inviata prima di mezzogiorno il mercoledì. Per ulteriori informazioni per il gruppo di preghiera italiana che si riunisce ogni martedì dalle ore 10 alle ore 12 nel centro Symons (la sala accanto alla chiesa) contattate Maria Giardina sul 93702047 o Connie Munafò sul 93751980.



St. Monica's Parish Statistics for 2017

Infant Baptisms– 121
First Holy Communion– 75
Confirmation– 78
Weddings–42
Funerals–75

These Statistics have been forwarded to the Archbishop, and then to Rome.

Stewardship Reflections



"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."
- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.