

Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:
Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6.

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. (R.)

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Mk 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.
That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.
In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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



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GREEN 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 3/4 FEBRUARY 2018

Weekend Masses
Saturday: (*Vigil for Sunday*): 6:30pm — Sunday: 8:00am, 9:15am (*Italian*) 10:30 am, 5:30 pm
Monday : Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 7.00am
Tuesday 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
O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!
“Welcome !” to our school families and all others back from holidays. It is good to have you home and celebrating with us. As I write these few words and look at the calendar I see not only are we celebrating the 5th Sunday in ordinary time, but we are also already into February. Our lives these days are governed by many calendars— the school or university calendar, the sporting calendar and the calendar of the seasons to name a few. The liturgical calendar— the Church's annual cycle of seasons and celebrations— has plenty of competition. This part of ordinary time may struggle to stay on our radar. Not only is it sandwiched between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, but it is prone to being overshadowed by the end of summer holidays and the resumption of the school and working year.
To add to the challenge, today's combination of readings is rather awkward. Before we get to the appealing text of the gospel we listen to a lament from Job, pray a cheerful psalm, and hear self-justifying bluster from Paul. In the circumstances what may strike us most is the commanding figure of Jesus, preaching and healing with impressive authority. Mark, the writer of our Gospel wants us to see in Jesus the power of God's healing love at work now in our lives.
Fr. Tony

MINISTRIES & READINGS 10th/11th February 2018				
MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST	OGGI	Fam Giuseppina Giansiracusa
6.30pm	Gerard Horton-Crundall Jennifer Trethowan	Dineshie Fernando Jayalath Fernando	PROSSIMA SETTIMANA	Fam Chiera
8.00am	Joe Cerritelli Carol Galt	Margaret Mogg Russell Mogg	CHURCH LINEN February	Maria Giardina
9.15am	C.Priscoglio; V. Pizzichetta	M Ballato; A. Stivala; S. Mammone		
10.30am	Michael Fewster Ann Staberhofer	E-N Connors; T Connors; M O'Donnell	CHURCH VACUMING	Wednesday 7th Team 2 9.45am
5.30pm	Clare Wilson Lesley-ann Wilson	Kerrie Gustincich, Ross Legudi Asela Savino		
This 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				
Next week's Readings 1st Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46 2nd Reading 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1 Gospel Mk 1:40-45				

RECENTLY DECEASED

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Giovanni Renda; Eddie Holland

May they rest in peace

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in prayer

Alfred Joseph Bastian; Kathy Jergens; Kath Nicol

Weddings next weekend 10th February

Daniel De Salvo will marry Nicole Soccio
Saad Astepho will marry Dijana Trajeska



We pray for them as they begin their married life together.

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.



Parish Visitor from Israel

As I journey back to Jerusalem (Israel) today, I would like to thank Fr. Tony, Fr. Minh, Fr. Daryl and all the beautiful people in the Parish of St. Monica's that I have had the honour to spend time with and to chat to. It has been a very meaningful and spiritual time for me. I do so hope I will see many of you in my country when Fr. Tony leads a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019. A visit that will make the scriptures we all love so dearly come alive. You will all be in my prayers,

Shalom *Jane Ben Ari*



ST MONICA'S CHILD SAFETY POLICY –

Policy Commitments:

All children at St. Monica's Moonee Ponds Parish have the right to feel safe and be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority and we do not and will not tolerate child abuse. We aim to create a child-safe and child-friendly environment where children are free to enjoy life to the full without any concern for their safety. There is particular attention paid to the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with a disability.

Policies available in full at www.stmonicasparish.com.au under Parish Life.

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



LENT 2018
7.30PM Tuesday
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.

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.

The current roster runs out on April 2. Just Call 9370 5035 (and speak to Sonya or Abygaile)

We especially need, welcome and encourage new readers and special (Eucharist) Ministers to join our next roster. Training provided! Please contact the Parish Office on 9370 5035 or email us at mooneeponds@cam.org.au if you are interested.

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 school age children are accompanied by a parent.

IN THE PARISH :FEBRUARY

- ◆ **St Monica's Charismatic Prayer Group** recommences Thursday 1st evening at 7.45 –9.15 pm in Symons Centre. Enquiries to Adrian 9337 2051 or Russell 9382 0840.
- ◆ Tuesday 6th – 10.00am **The Italian Prayer Group** recommences in the Symons Centre
- ◆ Wednesday 7th **The Golden Oldies Mass in the Symons Centre** at 11.00am. BYO plate of food for a shared lunch
- ◆ Wednesday 8th– **World Day of Prayer against Human Trafficking & 9.15am Whole School Welcome Mass**– followed by refreshments in the Symons Centre
- ◆ Tuesday 13th February **7pm Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee combined Meeting**
- ◆ Wednesday 14th February **Ash Wednesday**
- ◆ Friday 16th February 7.30pm The first **Social Dance** of the year in the Symons Centre. Enquiries to Renus Burke on 0430 392 152



14 February 2018

(A Day of Fasting and Abstinence)
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



New Initiative – Toiletry Bags Peter Mac Cancer Patients

During Lent we would like to initiate a program to assist Peter Mac Cancer hospital to provide toiletry bags to patients. Each week, the Peter Mac Volunteer Service gives away approx. 30 toiletry bags, filled with shampoo, conditioner, soap, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, moisturiser and razors to patients in need. These are often for patients who have come in for an appointment or treatment but have been too unwell to go home and are admitted to the hospital without so much as an overnight bag with them. To support this service, we hope the St Monica's community will come together to donate such items to this worthy cause. Contact Kelly Maltman if interested in playing a part in managing / helping with this project on 0439 949 244 or Kelly.Maltman@hotmail.com.

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS :

- ◆ Gamblers Anonymous will meet in the Parish Hall @8pm every Wednesday. All welcome.
- ◆ Parish Playgroup– runs during school terms on Wednesdays in the Hall from 9-10.30 am
- ◆ Family Healing Prayer – in the Mary Chapel after 10.30 Mass the 1st Sunday of each month.

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.

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. Parishes, schools and individuals are being urged to take action to eliminate slavery in all its forms.

A 2016 United Nations report uncovered more than 500 different human trafficking routes across many parts of the world. It is estimated that millions of women, girls, men and boys are trafficked annually into domestic servitude, sexual exploitation, pornography, forced marriage and forced labour. Almost 80 percent of detected victims of trafficking are women and girls.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) and Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans (ACRATH) are calling for a fourfold commitment to: slavery prevention, victim protection, legal prosecution of perpetrators and partnerships for change. This commitment, they say, begins with awareness-raising and action at all levels of society.

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

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Stewardship Reflections



“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38
In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.