

**First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48**  
**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4.**

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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.)

**Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10**  
**A reading from the first letter of St John**

My dear people,  
 let us love one another  
 since love comes from God  
 and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.  
 Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
 because God is love.  
 God's love for us was revealed  
 when God sent into the world his only Son  
 so that we could have life through him;  
 this is the love I mean:  
 not our love for God,  
 but God's love for us when he sent his Son  
 to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The Word of the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

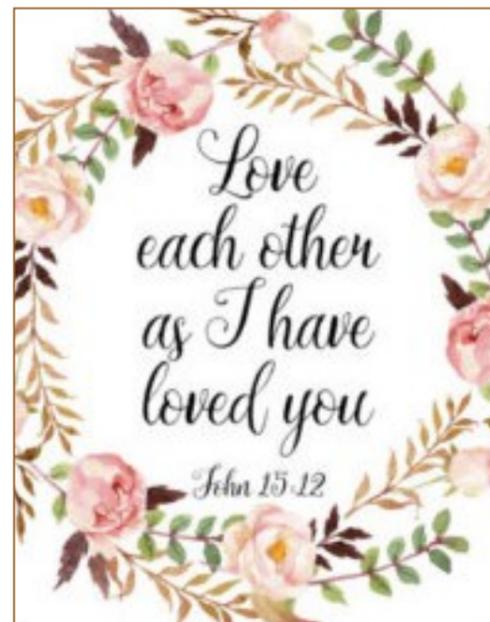
**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**John 15:9-17**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
 'As the Father has loved me,  
 so I have loved you.  
 Remain in my love.  
 If you keep my commandments  
 you will remain in my love,  
 just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
 and remain in his love.  
 I have told you this  
 so that my own joy may be in you  
 and your joy be complete.  
 This is my commandment:  
 love one another,  
 as I have loved you.  
 A man can have no greater love  
 than to lay down his life for his friends.  
 You are my friends,  
 if you do what I command you,  
 I shall not call you servants any more,  
 because a servant does not know  
 his master's business;  
 I call you friends,  
 because I have made known to you  
 everything I have learnt from my Father.  
 You did not choose me,  
 no, I chose you;  
 and I commissioned you  
 to go out and to bear fruit,  
 fruit that will last;  
 and then the Father will give you  
 anything you ask him in my name.  
 What I command you  
 is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord  
 Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5/6 MAY 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**

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

**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.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018**  
**WEEK 1 WELCOME WEEKEND**

Welcome to the first weekend of our Parish Stewardship Program.

The Program recognises that 'Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church' and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be a member of St Monica's community.

We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers and follow the Program on the parish website and our parish Facebook. Reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends and fellow parishioners. This weekend we will hear from various parishioners who will introduce the Program as well as a special message of welcome from the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Monsignor Greg Bennet.

Members of the Program Leadership Team will be distributing copies of the Program brochure and Groups & Ministry Form before and after all Masses – you may have already received your copies by email and copies can also be viewed and downloaded from the parish website.



**MINISTRIES & READINGS 12th /13th May 2018**

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST	OGGI	
				Fam Cananzi
6.30pm	Gerard Horton-Crundall Jennifer Trethowan	Anian De Silva Dayanthie De Silva	PROSSIMA SETTIMANA	Fam Pizzichetta
8.00am	Joe Cerritelli Carol Galt	Mila Sheehan Michael Baker	CHURCH LINEN May	Volunteer please
9.15am	M. Ripper M. Giardina	C. Munafo; S.Maurici; S.T. Maurici		
10.30am	Sylvia Letcher Jane Henderson	Eva Angsiting Gina Stolfo	CHURCH VACUMING	Thursday 10th May
5.30pm	Kevin Blake Trish Bremnar	Jacinta Beckley; Emily McMahan Rebecca McMahan		Team 3 7.30am

This week's Readings: 1st Reading Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 2nd Reading 1 John 4:7-10 Gospel John 15:9-17

Next week's Readings: 1st Reading Acts 1:1-11 2nd Reading Eph 4:1-13 Gospel Mark 16: 15-20

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of*  
Felicia Finestrone; Aniceta Esmaque; Pasquale Gagliardi;

Vincenzo "Vince" Grillo; Terese Mary Hopman



*May they rest in peace*

## ANNIVERSARIES

*We remember in prayer*

Sylvia Schuler; Charlotte Attard; Bishop Joe O'Connell;  
Ray Brady; Harold O'Brien; Sally Holmes; Catherine &  
Marlene Butler; Gertrude Leslie; Des Leahy; Vito &  
Giuseppina Catalano; Les Mogg; Felisa Nolasco;  
Paola & Nicolina Lo Presti; Giacomo & Saveria Andronaco;  
Laura Ragnanese; Phyllis Perry; Angela Santoli

## Funerals this week

- ✠ Tuesday 8th May 11.00am Rosary 11.30am  
Funeral Mass for Felicia Finestrone
- ✠ Wednesday 9th 11.00am Rosary/Mass for  
Terese Mary Hopman
- ✠ Thursday 10th May 11.00am  
Funeral Mass for Vincenzo "Vince" Grillo

Welcome to the month of May!

During the month not only do we celebrate Pentecost and our own Parish Confirmations, we also honour in a special way **Mary the Mother of God**, who is joined with an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In Mary the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

*Only in silence can the Word of God find a home in us, as it did in Mary, the woman of the Word and, inseparably, woman of silence. (Verbum Domini 66)*

## ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESE MASS COUNT

Over the next 4 weekends starting this weekend we will do our annual monthly mass count. Mass count— as a measure of Church Attendance is perhaps the most basic measure of religious practice.



## ST MONICA'S CHILD SAFETY POLICY – Guide to Responsibilities of Parish Leadership-Responsibilities include:

- Promoting models of behaviour between adults and children and young people based on mutual respect and consideration
  - ensuring thorough and rigorous practices are applied in the recruitment, screening and ongoing professional learning of staff
- Policies available in full at [www.stmonicasparish.com.au](http://www.stmonicasparish.com.au) under Parish Life.

## PARISH 'OUR FUTURE' FORUM

A reminder that all parishioners are warmly invited to a special event as part of the Program – the **Our Future Forum on Wednesday 23 May at both 10.00am or 7.30pm in the Symons Centre.** It will be a great opportunity to contribute to the discussion on our priorities for the future.

## POPE FRANCIS SAYS

*"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel"* Evangelii Gaudium 114



Together we pray for the success of the Program.

## STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.*

*In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.*

*By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.*

*By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.*

*Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service*

*and to give without counting the cost.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



## Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion During Mass\*

Thursday 17 May, 7pm - 9pm  
(light refreshments from 6.30pm)

Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre  
383 Albert St. East Melbourne

This workshop offers biblical, spiritual and liturgical guidance for extraordinary ministers of holy communion during Mass.

Ideal for parishioners new to the ministry or wanting a refresher course. Interested participants please contact the Parish Office on 9370 5035 or [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au) by 14th May 2018

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

In the Symons Centre May 13 & 20 and June 17 at 10.30pm

May 6th and June 3rd at 5.30pm

Under school age children to be accompanied by a parent.



## IN THE PARISH: MAY

- ◆ Monday 7th **Monthly Card Group** Meeting in the Symons Centre from 12noon to 3pm. Cost is \$5 for tea and coffee. All welcome
- ◆ Tuesday 8th **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
- ◆ Sunday 13th **Mother's Day**
- ◆ Friday 18th at 5.30pm and 7.30pm **The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** in the Church.
- ◆ Sunday 20th **Pentecost Sunday**
- ◆ Wednesday 23rd 10.00am & 7.30pm **Our Future Forum** at the Symons Centre

## THEOLOGY @ THE PUB: ANNIE LAWRENCE, ON AUSTRALIA'S BEAUTY CRISIS

Monday 7 May, dinner and drinks from 6.30pm, talk commences at 7.30pm

European Bier Cafe, Rooftop Bar,  
120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

Annie Lawrence is special guest speaker at the next Theology @ the Pub. Annie loves being a woman! She is a woman of faith, a wife and a mother. She joyfully presents on themes around beauty, femininity and relationships. Her message is as important for men as it is for women. Annie's topic this month is 'Australia's beauty crisis and why every woman should know she is beautiful'. Audience: 18 to 35-year-olds; priests and religious of all ages welcome.

## MASS FOR ST PEREGRINE, PATRON SAINT OF CANCER SUFFERERS

Sunday 13 May, 2.30pm

St Brigid's, corner Nicholson Street and Alexandra Parade, North Fitzroy

The Servite Friars invite you to celebrate the feast day of St Peregrine, patron saint of cancer sufferers. The 2018 Mass commences with the Servite Rosary, followed by Mass and the Anointing of the Sick, and includes a blessing from and veneration of a relic of St Peregrine. There is ample parking in the grounds of the church. All welcome.

Details: Shibu, St Peregrine Apostolate, on 9347 8191

## CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Friday 25 May, 7pm

Caroline Chisholm Library, Level 3,  
358 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Anyone interested in reading and discussing Christian books and poetry is welcome to join the monthly meetings of The Catholic Book Club, whose gatherings are regularly held in the evening of the last Friday of the month. This month, the book for discussion is *The tyranny of tolerance*, by Peter Kurti.

Details: Paul Nixon on 0405 486 531 or

[www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com](http://www.melbournecatholicbookclub.yolasite.com)

## REGULAR PARISH EVENTS:

- ◆ Gamblers Anonymous meets in the Parish Hall @8pm every Wednesday. All welcome.
- ◆ St Monica's Charismatic Prayer Group meet every Thursday evening at 7.45 -9.15 pm in Symons Centre. Enquiries to Adrian 9337 2051 or Russell 9382 0840.
- ◆ Every Tuesday – 10.00am The Italian Prayer Group meets in the Symons Centre
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Friday 25th May 7.30 pm next Parish Social Dance in the Symons Centre Enquiries to Renuis Burke on 0430 392 152
- ◆ First Wednesday of each month at 11.00am The Golden Oldies Mass in the Symons Centre. BYO plate of food for a shared lunch

## Notizie Italiane

Se qualcuno vorrebbe inserire qualche notizia sul bollettino, per favore manda una copia in italiano per email a

[mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto: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.

## PROGRAMMA PARROCCHIALE

Oggi la nostra Chiesa inizia il nuovo Programma di Ringraziamento. Il Programma riconosce che le parrocchie sono il cuore della Chiesa. E' un'opportunità per rifletteres sui il nostro cammino ed e' un'invito dalla parrocchia di essere coinvolti nei diversi gruppi e ministeri. Nelle prossime settimane chi saranno dei parrochiani che parleranno della loro vita nella comunità di St Monica's. Ascolteremo anche un messaggio di Monsignore Greg Bennett, il Vicario Generale che ci incoraggia ad essere coinvolti nella nostra parrocchia e di accogliere questo invite.

Oggi a Messa, i membri del gruppo direttivo del Programma distribuiranno copie dell'opuscolo del programma (Parish Brochure) ed il foglietto dei Gruppi e Ministeri (Parish Groups & Ministries Form). Siete pregati di completarli e di riportarli alla Santa Messa il weekend del 26 e 27 maggio.

## FORUM DELLA PARROCCHIA 'IL NOSTRO FUTURO'

Tutti i parrochiani sono gentilmente invitati ad un'incontro d'informazione (Our Future Forum). Ci saranno due orari – **Mercoledì 23 maggio alle ore 10.00am (dopo la Santa Messa) o alle 7,30pm nella Symons Centre.** Parleremo del future della parrocchia e potete fare delle domande e ci prenderemo un caffè insieme. Ci sarà la possibilità anche delle spiegazioni in italiano. Oggi dopo la Messa siete pregati di prendere un 'Parish Brochure e di partecipare in questo incontro.

## PAPA FRANCESCO DICE

*"La Chiesa deve essere un luogo di misericordia dato liberamente, dove ognuno può sentirsi accolto, amato, perdonato e incoraggiato a vivere la buona vita del Vangelo"* Evangelii Gaudium 114



## PREGHIERA DEL PROGRAMMA

Signore, ti ringraziamo per averci chiamati ad essere la tua Chiesa. Attraverso il Battesimo siamo chiamati al servizio e alla testimonianza. Nell'Eucaristia sosteniamo e rafforziamo questa chiamata. Servendo gli altri seguiamo il tuo esempio e proclamiamo la nostra fede. Con la nostra generosità Cristiana dimostriamo il nostro amore. Signore, aiutaci a lodarti e adorarti sempre e di crescere nella fede e nel servizio. Lo chiediamo per mezzo di Cristo nostro Signore, Amen

Our Parish Newsletter is now

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