

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.  
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,  
and govern them for ever.

## FIRST READING (Jer 20:10-13)

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me,  
“Terror from every side!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
“Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!”  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.’

**The word of the Lord.** — *Thanks be to God.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### (R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother’s sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

## SECOND READING (Rom 5:12-15)

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through  
sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole  
human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in  
the world long before the Law was given. There was no  
law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-  
breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to  
Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was  
not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself  
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that  
through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more  
certain that divine grace, coming through the one man,  
Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

**The word of the Lord.** — *Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me,  
says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL (Mt 10:26-33)

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be  
afraid. For everything that is now covered will be  
uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made  
clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight;  
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-  
tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot  
kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body  
and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a  
penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your  
Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been  
counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth  
more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of  
men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my  
Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the  
presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my  
Father in heaven.’

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.



# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st June 2020

Dear friends,

Now as the restrictions of COVID-19 are slowly being eased (step by step), and our parish doors are open once again, we celebrate weekdays Masses together in communion with great joy.

In the past 4-5 months, many things that we have taken for granted have been changed. Our life of faith was no exception. I was asked many times how I was going in this challenging time as a priest, especially a newly ordained priest. As we all have experienced, I undoubtedly found it tough— An emptied church, not being allowed to visit sick people in their home or in a nursing home, celebrating Mass without people even during the Holy Week and Easter Sunday. I also felt especially disconnected from others. However, through this time, I have come to realise and appreciate how important and great it is to be together with others.

No doubt, during our lives, we have faced many unexpected situations like in this year 2020. However, what Jesus said in the Gospel today encourages us: “Do not be afraid.” Even when we are faced with lots of moments of trouble, we continue to be a witness to the steadfast love of God through our lives as Jeremiah did. It is because we are the children of God and “He is with us to deliver us. (cf. Jer 1:19)”

Friends, God entrusts His love to us who are weak. He protects us with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us not be frightened of our weakness, instead let us stand confidently in the presence of people to profess our faith unceasingly. When we witness the love of God and live in God’s will, the grace of salvation that God presents us will be revealed.

Hope you have a blessed Sunday in Christ.

*Fr. Andrew Choi*

### \* SUNDAY ONLINE MASS \*

will be available via our Parish Webpage  
[www.stmonicasparish.com.au](http://www.stmonicasparish.com.au)

Every Sunday by 10.30am for parishioners to participate  
in their homes.

### SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home;

Please click on each link below to find  
guided reflection for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

[For Adults:](#) [For Families with Young Children:](#)

## ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of*

**Marnie Rossiter; Margaret Rossiter; Pasquale Stivala; James J. Butler; Herbert Leslie; Denis Fay; James Coyle;  
Frank Tallon; Tim Kiernan; Jack Dillon; Joseph Arnold; Felecity Murray; John Bastian; Graham & Beverly Besterwitch**

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,*  
**Caterina Larobina ; Alan Castles; Francesca Narzisi;  
Joseph Murray**  
*May they rest in peace.*

## WE PRAY FOR

*The elderly and the sick*  
**Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Barbara Burby;  
Stella Mammone; Gino Salva; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin;  
Ursula McWhinney**

*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.*

## Slowly Opening Up Our Church - Weekday Masses

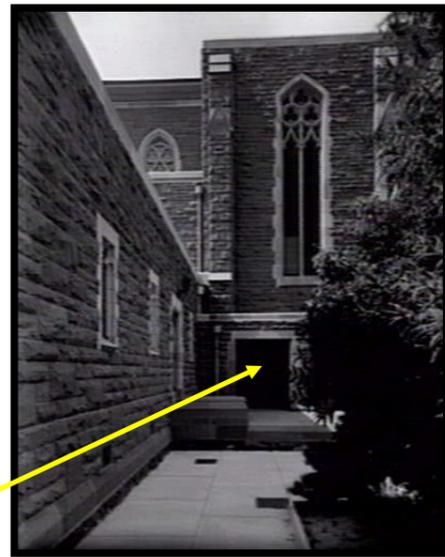
**This week's Masses: Tuesday 22nd June -7am and 9.15am to Friday 26th June- 7am and 9.15am**

As only 20 people (including children) can attend each Mass- it is necessary to register with the Parish Office on 9370 5035 (cut off 4pm the day prior)

Doors will be open half- hour before each Mass. Once you have registered you will be met at the Church door where your name will be confirmed. We are required to keep records of names and contact details of those in attendance.

Doors will be closed immediately before commencement.

St. Monica's side door entrance



You should not feel obliged to attend Mass at the moment. It is recommended that if you are in a risk category or are feeling unwell, please stay at home.

### Parishioners of St. Monica's have your Say

We would like to know how things have been going for you over the last few months as well as your suggestions for our Parish going forward.

Please complete our short COVID-19 Survey form by clicking here [St. Monica's COVID-19 Survey](#)

(Paper copies available for those without internet)

### A Big Thank You !

A big thank you for all those who support the Parish Financially at this time , especially through our giving program.

We particularly thank those who hand delivered envelopes to our elderly and house bond Parishioners.



For many of you this may be a time of financial constraint. For those able to continue financially supporting our Parish, you can do so via Direct Debit by filling in the form from our website under 'Donate'.

You can also pay by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to St Monica's Church Account

BSB: 083347 Account: 672193773 (Please put your name and envelope number in the reference)

For any enquiries contact the Parish Office by email at [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au) or by ringing 9370 5035

We appreciate your continued support in this difficult time.

### June, St. Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal.



Leave a donation at the presbytery (money or non-perishable foods) which will then be passed on to our St. Vincent de Paul members for distribution.

### BAPTISMS

Following guidelines from the Catholic Bishops of Victoria, in pre-arranged circumstances and in compliance with distancing rules and hygiene measures to protect the community from the spread of COVID-19 we are now able to celebrate Parish Baptisms- individually, an hour apart. This weekend as we begin to catch up with our backlog of Baptisms from April and May we welcome into our Parish Community.

12 noon - Dante Maiorana  
1.00pm- Xavier Nicholas Camenzuli



## Considering Sunday Morning Mass Times for Re commencement

My friends,

As we slowly emerge from the complete shutdown of schools, work places and churches we look forward to things returning to "normal". However, we must realise that things will not be "normal" for a long time, if ever at all, because the coronavirus is still around us!

As the coronavirus is still with us , and now the numbers that can attend Mass on the increase , there are strict regulations that now have to be adhered to by all churches. Name and contact details of all attendees have to be registered and held for 28 days. All who attend must observe the 1.5metres safe distancing. There has to be an hour between the end of one service and the beginning of the next during which time the church has to be "cleaned" (sanitized).

Due to the required hour gap, I am suggesting we at St. Monica's combine our 8.00am (English) and 9.15am (Italian) Masses and celebrate a new 8.30am Sunday Mass in which at least one of the scripture readings will be in Italian and, once a month, the Eucharistic Prayer be prayed in Italian.

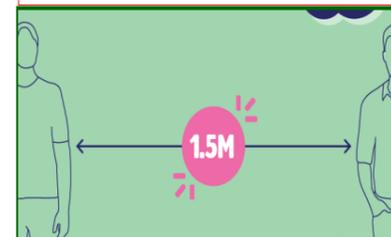
The bringing together of these two Masses will ask each of the Mass-going communities to give a little and give a lot for the health and well-being of one another. A 'combined Mass' will also result in a larger community gathering to share communion together with the Lord who, through the coronavirus Pandemic, might be drawing us closer together.

**Thus the 'new' weekend Mass times of 6.00pm Saturday and 8.30am,10.30am and 5.30pm Sunday will commence the first weekend 4/5th July.**

The number that currently we are allowed to 'welcome' to Weekend Masses beginning July 4th/5th is 50. All people coming to Mass will need to be registered and book in through our Parish Website preferably or through the Parish Office for those without internet access. More details to follow next week.

Thank You,

*Fr. Tony*



### KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE

Remember, don't shake hands or exchange physical greetings. Wherever possible stay 1.5m apart and practice good hand hygiene.

### RITE OF PEACE

When exchanging the Sign of Peace, please avoid shaking hands but instead say "Peace be with you" and offer a smile, wave , nod or bow.

**QUEUES** Please be mindful of not congregating or waiting in queues at this time

### Julie Limbach, OAM

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is proud to announce that associate member Julie Limbach was awarded an "Order of Australia Medal" in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours. Julie has been involved with the Footscray Soup Van for 30 years on Sunday nights. The Soup Van operates every night of the year and on Sunday nights it feeds up to 250 people.

Congratulations Julie !!!



### Online Masses

St Patrick's Cathedral—Live Streaming at <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>  
Monday-Friday: 1pm, Saturday: 8am, Sunday: 11am

### TV Masses

**Channel44 (31):** Live telecast from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday at 11am  
**Channel 10:** Mass for you at home, Sunday at 6am  
**RAI:** Italian Mass from the Vatican, Sunday at 8.30am

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