

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

FIRST READING (2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16)

A reading from the second book of Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

(R.)

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

(R.)

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

(R.)

SECOND READING (Rom 6:3-4, 8-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mt 10:37-42)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.



ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th June 2020

Dear friends,

As I read today's First Reading and Gospel, I found myself recalling a story that the late Mother Theresa recounted in her book 'A call to Mercy.'

I had the most extraordinary experience of love of neighbour in a Hindu family. A gentleman came to our house and said 'Mother there is a family who has not eaten for so long. Do something.' So I took some rice and went there immediately. When I saw the children, their eyes were shining with hunger. I don't know if you have ever seen hunger, but I have seen it often. The mother of the family took the rice I gave her and went out. When she came back, I asked her, 'Where did you go; what did you do?' She gave me a very simple answer. 'They (a neighbour family) are hungry also.' What struck me most was that they were a Muslim family. And she knew. I did not bring anymore rice that evening, because I wanted them – Hindus and Muslims – to enjoy the joy of sharing. Those children were radiating joy – sharing their joy and peace with their mother because she had the love to give until it hurts. You see this is where love begins – at home in the family. (*A call to Mercy* by Mother Theresa)

The story of unselfish generous gift of the poor woman above and the story of the unselfish generous gift of the woman in our first reading, illustrate something of the unselfish generous example that Jesus talks of in the Gospel: If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones.....he will most certainly NOT lose their reward.'

Let us remember, 'Not all of us are called to do great things, but we can all do small things with great love.' (Mother Theresa).

Fr. Tony



* SUNDAY ONLINE MASS *

will be available via our Parish Webpage
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 13th 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

Mary Connors; Francesca Simone; Giovanna Sieminski

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,
Sr. Kate Keady rsm; Moya Root; Giuseppe Italiano;
Peter John Lynch
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.

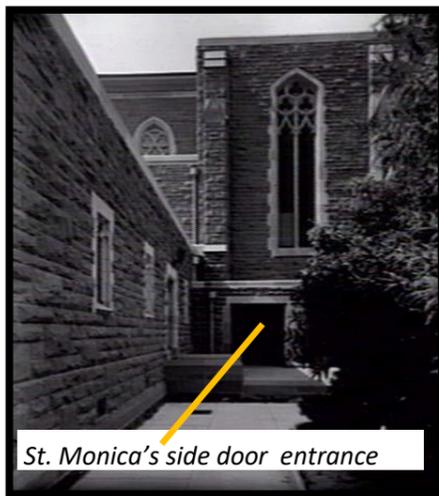
Slowly Opening Up Our Church - Weekday Masses

This week's Masses: Tuesday 30th June -7am and 9.15am to Friday 3rd July- 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

Considering Sunday Morning Mass Times for Re commencement

With a sudden rise in COVID cases throughout Victoria, the Premier has announced changes to the proposed easing of restrictions that was to come in to place from Monday 22 June.

As of 11:59pm Sunday 21 June 2020, numbers in places of worship will **remain at 20 until 12 July 2020** (dependent on trending health concerns and advice). There are further limits to be put in place for gathering in homes and other spaces.

Thus the 'new' weekend Mass times of 6.00pm Saturday and 8.30am,10.30am and 5.30pm Sunday will now not commence in early July as announced last week but we will have to wait until restrictions are further lifted with the number that can attend before making an announcement about commencement of weekend Masses.



Fr. Tony

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.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 5th July 2020

NAIDOC Week 5th-12th July



"We are inviting everyone around Australia - and the World - to join us on 5 July 2020, as we come 'Together in the Spirit' to celebrate the gifts of spirituality and culture."



Join us at 11.30am EST on 5 July for the livestream of our national celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide. www.natsicc.org.au



Please follow these guidelines during your church visit:



Thanksgiving offerings can be made online or upon entry/exit



Do not congregate in any area of the church



Ensure you register attendance in advance



Sanitise hands before entering



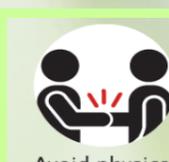
Non-family members maintain 1.5m distance at all times



Always sit/stand in designated areas



Holy Communion will be distributed on the hands only



Avoid physical contact at the Rite of Peace

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.

If you have not done so already please complete our short COVID-19 Survey form by clicking here [St. Monica's COVID-19 Survey](#). Thanks to those who have completed a survey.

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) We appreciate your continued support in this difficult time.

Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:38



Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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 we continue to catch up with our backlog of Baptisms from April and May we welcome into our Parish Community.

11 am - Olympia Callanan



June, St. Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal.



Help us support those IMPACTED BY COVID-19

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, the COVID-19 lockdown may have encouraged you to spend time together. You may have realized that your marriage could do with some polish! Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Our next weekend is on 24-26 July 2020 in Melbourne
Starts 7.30 pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. COVID-19 Safe. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

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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