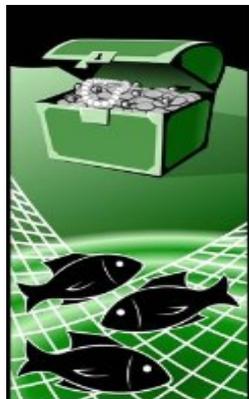


ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th July 2020

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.

Try a little compassion to slow the virus spread,

Since the start of the pandemic, there's been a lot of public tension surrounding the community effort in fighting the spread of COVID-19- both in the real world and online. When the virus first made itself known on our shores, people responded by giving each other side glances in supermarkets and slyly monitoring each other's behaviour.

Now as we ride the second wave and are all aboard the emotional COVID rollercoaster, the blaming and judgment has intensified and is thick in the air. Social media in particular is especially rife with snarky comments, as platforms are permeated with threads full of accusations and aggressive criticism.

You cannot change a person's behavior through confrontation. This will only turn out a fruitless endeavor and create further unrest. It's more than OK to ask someone to step back 1.5metres and be cautious of other people's closeness to you. But it's not OK to yell or be aggressive at anyone because they stepped too close.

There's already a huge amount of anxiety in public spaces and we don't need to add to that. Instead, you may have to just move slower than normal to make sure social distancing is occurring and be patient with those around you.

It's a tense and hard time for everyone; a lot of people are struggling for a lot of different reasons. We need to act together, offer kindness and understanding, and be ready to offer help over blame.

Turning on each other will only further add to the hardship we're all going through. As the mantra from the start of the pandemic goes, we're all in this together. That means working collectively and not in oppression. And don't be afraid to offer people a smize (a smile with your eyes) from above your masks when you pass them on the street either.

(Extract from article in *The Age* 22nd July by Marnie Vinall)



*** 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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

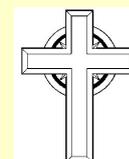
[For Adults:](#)

[For Families with Young Children:](#)

WE PRAY FOR

The elderly and the sick

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Barbara Burby; Stella Mammone; Gino Slavo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Ursula McWhinney; Justin Diviny; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken



RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,

Marlene Grech; Dorothy Coughlan; Lancy Windsor

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Marie, Noel, Joe & Clement Murray; Ossie Hehir; Frank Edwards; Laura Cerritelli

Latest directives announced by the government (22nd July 2020)

FACE COVERINGS– All people in Melbourne must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless an exception applies (ie children and those with specific medical conditions).

This means that for any permissible activity within a Parish location, face coverings must be worn.

A face covering needs to cover both your nose and mouth and can be a face mask or shield

As Announced by the Premier due to the current COVID-19 Crises the Melbourne Metropolitan Area continues to be under stage 3 Restrictions for six weeks from 8th July. For us at St. Monica's

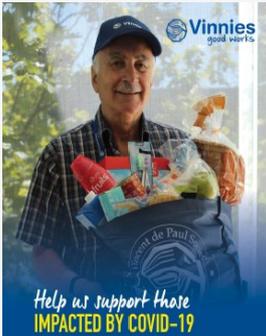
- Church will be closed but Sunday mass will continue to be recorded and available online by 10.30am Sundays on our Parish Webpage.
- Numbers for Funerals (10 mourners plus people to conduct the service) and Weddings (5—the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant) will be severely limited. (Face covering will now need to be worn)
- Our Church is closed for private worship or religious ceremonies (except for video recording, Weddings and Funerals as directed and under strict guidelines)

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

PARISH SUPPORT

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.

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.

26th July is the Feast Day of St. Joachim & Saint Anne—the Grandparents of Jesus.

We rejoice and thank God for having given us Grandparents for providing their indispensable love, support, affection, wisdom and life experience. We pray especially for those who are separated from their families due to COVID-19.

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

For Coronavirus Information in your language click on



[SBS Multilingual Coronavirus Portal-](#)



And we know that in ALL things
*God works for the good
of those who love him,*

who have been called
according to his purpose.

-Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

VALE DOROTHY COUGHLAN

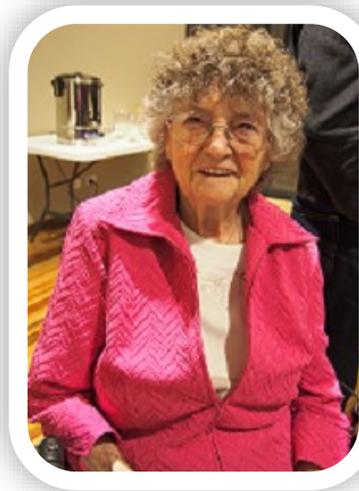
21 September 2021- 21 July 2020

Dorothy has been described by people that knew her as "Our inspirational and true Disciple of Jesus: and an absolute stalwart of our Parish".

She was born in the Parish, baptized here, went to St. Monica's school and lived her entire life as a Parishioner of St. Monica's.

Dorothy was involved in the life and growth of St. Monica's Parish, not only in and through her children, who went to school here, but also through her involvement of so many aspects of Parish Life- Catholic Women's League, the Monday Card's group, the Annual Anzac Day Mass, the Golden Oldies monthly Mass and Luncheon. St. Monica's Parish owes a great debt of thanks to Dorothy for the way she lived her faith and worked tirelessly for our Parish of St. Monica's. Our community wishes to convey our sincere condolences to the Coughlan family. We are appreciative for Dorothy's many years of service and great works for our Parish. May she rest in peace.

View Dorothy's Funeral by webcast on Wednesday 29th July at 11.30am [by clicking here](#)



VALE MARLENE GRECH 26 August 1934- -18 July 2020

"Marlene lived her values everyday....was kind, compassionate, caring, supportive and someone who always looked for the good in people.

She had a profound understanding of the importance of keeping your family close with all the joy and comfort that brings.

Her children admired and respected her strong faith in God and commitment." excerpts from *Eulogy*

CAN YOU HELP?

An overseas engineering student living in our Parish and on a Working Visa is looking for part-time work (house cleaning) If you could please leave your name and number at the parish office on 9370 50350 if you could help.



Parish Safeguarding Committee News

As you may be aware Parishes within the Archdiocese of Melbourne are required to adhere to a set of principles which have as their aim to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. These principles ensure compliance with

- Child Safe Standards (Victoria)
- National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
- National Principles of Child Safe Organisations

Within that framework each Parish is required to establish its own Safeguarding Committee.

St. Monica's invited expressions of interest and our Safeguarding Committee commenced meetings earlier this year.

Next week.. Introducing your Safeguarding Committee

'Like us', comment or share at

<https://www.facebook.com/stmonicasmp/>



Tell us what you would like to see more of on our Parish Page !



This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 2nd August for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

Suggestions include:

Make some time to be quiet in a quiet place

- Become aware of God's presence
- "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening".

Read the texts

- Read them in the following order: Gospel, First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading.
- Read them aloud.
- Read slowly, stopping from time to time to let the Word make its impact on you.
- Jot down any words, phrases, images that jump out at you, or any emotions or memories that occur to you

Enter into dialogue with the Word.

- What is the Good News here?
- What is the doubt, sin, pain in my life that this passage touches?
- To what change or conversion does it call me?
- What difference could this passage make in my life or in our world if I took it seriously?

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

FIRST READING (Is 55:1-3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (Rom 8:35. 37-39)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mt 14:13-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves." But they answered, "All we have with us is five loaves and two fish." "Bring them here to me," he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.