

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds



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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**25th July**

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.

**HOPING TO  
OPEN UP WHEN  
RESTRICTIONS  
EASE**

### ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 8am & 6pm (Vigil for Sunday)

Sunday : 8.30am (Italian & English); 10.30am; 5.30pm

Tue-Fri : 7am; 9.15am

**DUE TO CURRENT  
RESTRICTIONS  
CHURCH IS  
CURRENTLY**

Accordingly, our parish church will be closed during this current lockdown.  
Online Mass will be available from 10.30am Sunday on our website [www.stmonicasparish.com.au](http://www.stmonicasparish.com.au)

#IAMWITHYOUALWAYS



"On Sunday we acknowledge Grandparents and older people with the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "I am with you always" (cf. Mt 28:20) which is a way of expressing the closeness of the Lord to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times.

"I am with you always" is also a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelisation, proclamation and prayer, and encouraging young people in their faith. So, let us all pray together in spirit to recognise and celebrate grandparents and the elderly.

For all older people to live in a manner worthy of the call we have received with humility, gentleness and generosity. May our frailty never prevent us from being strong in love, nor from being consolation for the poor and support for the young. Let us pray.

This week we pray for all those in lockdown, especially that the lockdown remains as short as possible to protect the community, that those who are ill recover quickly, that workers and businesses be able to weather the economic pain, and that the vaccine roll-out continue apace.

**SUNDAY LITURGY @ *Home*;**

*For Adults:*

*For Families with Young Children:*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR: *The elderly and the sick***

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Ursula McWhinney; Justin Diviny; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken; Nicholas Gillman; Jillian Eolzella; Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Peter Ferrigno; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Anne Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken; Bill Llapitan

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We remember in prayer,*  
**Jack Infantino; Rosemary Strong;**  
**Rose Alafaci**  
*May they rest in peace.*

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of*  
**Dorothy Coughlan; Ossie Hair ; Frank Edwards ;**  
**Bernadette Bronkhurst; Leslie & Olive Bronkhurst;**  
**Honora D'Souza; Ursel Tornese**  
*whose anniversary occurs at this time*

*We pray for the repose of the souls of those having funerals at St. Monica's this week*

✠ Thursday Rosemary Strong

**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I thank You, Lord,  
for the comfort of Your presence:  
even in times of loneliness,  
You are my hope and my confidence,  
You have been my rock and my fortress  
since my youth!



I thank You for having given me a family  
and for having blessed me with a long life.  
I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty,  
for the dreams that have already come true in my life  
and for those that are still ahead of me.  
I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to  
which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith,  
make me a channel of your peace,  
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,  
to never stop dreaming  
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,  
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of  
the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the  
world,  
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed,  
the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness  
and help me to live life to the full  
in each moment that You give me,  
in the certainty that you are with me every day,  
even until the end of the age.  
Amen.

**SUNDAY AUGUST 29th we will celebrate ST. MONICA'S FEAST DAY**

This year the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) would like to make our Parish Feast Day a special celebration by combining the two morning Sunday Masses into ONE MASS celebrated at 10.00am, with afterwards coffee, cannoli and doughnuts in the Symons Centre where we could mix and meet with one another, the worst of the COVID-19 Pandemic behind us (please God).

The Parish Pastoral Council want to know what you think of this idea—let us know YES or NO Ring the Parish Office on 9370 5035 or leave a message on the Parish email:

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



**As of 11.59pm, Thursday 15 July 2021, the following lockdown' measures will apply across Victoria and will be in place until 11.59pm, Tuesday 27 July, 2021**

- **Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors:** everywhere except your own home.
- There will be 5 Reasons to leave home:
  - shopping for necessary goods and services
  - caregiving or compassionate reasons;
  - authorised work or permitted education,
  - exercise
  - receive a vaccination.
- **Private and public gatherings will not be permitted:** Single person bubbles will be allowed.
- **PRAYER and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:** No in-person gatherings permitted.
- **FUNERALS:** Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral).
- **WEDDINGS:** Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons.

*You are invited to a Virtual Cuppa ( or Wine!)*

*With Abygaile*

*Friday 23rd July*

*5-6pm*

*on Zoom*

<https://zoom.us/j/98973683304>

Meeting ID: 989 7368 3304

*Drop in for a chat anytime within this hour*



**ROSTERS CONDITIONAL ON EASING OF RESTRICTIONS**

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Team 2 Friday	July
30 July 2.00 pm	Maria Ricci

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31 July/1 August**

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 31 July	Lynn Besterwitch Craig Lynch	Flavia Pinto
8.30am Sun 1 August	Anna Maria Catalfamo Tim Mitchell	Maria Ballato
10.30am Sun 1 August	Joe Raganese Volunteer please	Tony De Fazio
5.30 pm Sun 1 August	Jacinta Beckley	Volunteer please

**" For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen & heard" Acts 4:20**

Your generous support of Church-run mission programs like the Mother and Babies Home in Thailand through Catholic Mission Appeal helps to continue the work of Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters as they support vulnerable mothers and their babies, as well as many other mission programs around the world. To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://catholicmission.org.au/thailand) or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church



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## Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursday 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start  
Symons Centre

Many people have felt the need to return to God with faith and hope. The meeting will consist of songs of praise, scripture reading, a spiritual talk on the Nature of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and prayers for the needs of the people. We invite the next generation to step up to foster their life in the Holy Spirit. Enquiries: Adrian 0403 512 936.

Date	Topic	Speakers
29 July	Prayer & Healing	Neil
5 August	Healing Mass	Fr. Colin

## The National Catholic Men's Gathering

for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July.

Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

**Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.**

Cost: FREE

Registration: [www.catholicmensgathering.com.au](http://www.catholicmensgathering.com.au)

Program: Available from Saturday 31st July



## July

- **25th** World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly
- **26th** Sts Joachim & Anne

## August

- **6th** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- **8th** Saint Mary of the Cross (Mackillop)

## Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021



**'Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready'**

John 6:1-15

Grace moves God's people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness? (*Prayerful and Eucharistic – Discernment Paper p. 6*)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/)

## PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony

Friday at 7pm

[Click here for Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888 )



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## Current Job Vacancies

- Parish Organist, St Gerard's Parish, Dandenong North
- Parish Secretary, St Macartan's, Mornington
- Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington
- Parish Secretary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren
- Marketing Coordinator, St Benedict's, Burwood
- Graphic Designer, St Benedict's, Burwood

Further details on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

## Support My Parish

In these challenging times the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Archdiocese of Melbourne have partnered to build an online parish payment portal, *CDFpay for Parishes*. This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments – you can set-up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The Moonee Ponds site is live and found at

<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=96>

## Next week's reading **The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This week we have the readings for next Sunday eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

### **FIRST READING (Ex 16:2-4. 12-15)**

#### **A reading from the book of Exodus**

A The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

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

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#### **(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won.

### **SECOND READING ( Eph 4:17, 20-24)**

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (R.)**

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put

on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### **GOSPEL (Jn 6:24-35)**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
you are not looking for me  
because you have seen the signs  
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.  
Do not work for food that cannot last,  
but work for food that endures to eternal life,  
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,  
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,  
it is my Father who gives you the bread from  
heaven,  
the true bread;  
for the bread of God  
is that which comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.  
He who comes to me will never be hungry;  
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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

