

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds



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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd August 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.

We are jumping on the "ZOOM-Mobile"

To all our parishioners,

It's been too long since we last saw you. We hope you are all safe and well during this challenging time. Our Parish Pastoral Team is planning to put together a number of Zoom sessions to catch up and stay in touch over the next few weeks and months. To start off with, we would like to provide the following:

- **Scripture Reflection** – This session will reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel and also a discussion around the Gospel of Matthew. If you have any burning questions, now is the time to ask. This will be a midweek session and we need to determine the best time. Would a morning or night session work? Maybe both?
- **Praying the Rosary** – According to the Catholic tradition, the Rosary was instituted by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself. How nice would it be to pass on to the younger generation the principal events or mysteries in history? Feel free to make this a family activity. Bring your children and/or grandchildren. We would like to start this at 7pm on Saturday 15th August, the Solemn Feast Day of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary.
- **A virtual cuppa** (or wine! We are from St Monica's after all) – Companionship is what we are offering. Let us spend a half hour, maybe an hour to keep each other company. Let us share our stories and woes. Are Fridays @ 5 pm, once a month a good time? Let us know.

The success of these sessions, depend on your participation. Please give one or all of them a go! If you are interested even so slightly drop us an email. We will then send you the link. And also, if you have any enquiry or problem to access Zoom, please email us without hesitation.

- **Email address:** stmonicapastoralteam@gmail.com

We are very excited to make a start and are looking forward to seeing you. Will you jump on the ZOOM-Mobile with us?

Yours in Christ,

Your Parish Pastoral Team (Fr. Tony, Fr. Andrew and Abygaile)



* 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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

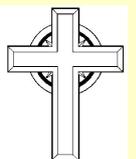
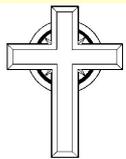
[For Adults:](#)

[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; Nicholas Gillman



RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,
Antonio Molinaro
May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
John Bastian; Cordellia D'Cruze; Bunny Murray; Ted Dumaresq; Tom Rossiter

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 Crisis 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.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care of the most vulnerable families in our community.



Please donate to CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help break barriers to social inclusion and strengthen families and communities to live life to the full.

You can donate online at www.ccam.org/SundayAppeal or call (03) 9287 5513

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible

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

SHE WHO BELONGS

Applications for Year 7 in 2022 close on Friday, 9 October 2020.
To book an online tour visit our website at www.avemaria.vic.edu.au

National Vocations Awareness Week – This is a week for the entire Church to consider, support and pray for those searching for their vocations in life. We might think about and pray for the young people in our community and in our families this week especially. In prayer, ask the Lord to enlighten them and give them the grace and courage to respond to His call. The Lord calls each of us to a particular vocation (marriage, consecrated life, priesthood or a single life of service).



“Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves'.” (Matthew 14:16)

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

We pray especially for those who have succumbed to coronavirus and for those on the frontlines- our doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including our clergy and chaplains as they risk their own well being in service to others.

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers during this time of the Coronavirus COVID-19
from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin

Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude
for all they are doing
to heal and help those affected by
the coronavirus.

God of all consolation
may they know your protection and peace.
Bless them in these
challenging days
and bless their
families.
Amen.



Dates to Remember : August

- 8th **St. Mary of the Cross** (MacKillop) **Feast Day**
- 11th Parish Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting
- 2-9th National Vocations Awareness Week 2020
- 8-9th Catholic Care Sunday Appeal
- 15th **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 17th Child Safety Committee Zoom Meeting
- 19th Finance Committee Zoom Meeting
- 27th **St. Monica's Feast Day**

HOPE CAFÉ- *(St. Monica's*

Parish's best kept secret)

A few sharing of their little to help feed those most in need

- * In need of a good meal
- * In need of a listening ear
- * In need of companionship

Presently the COVID-19 lockdown has shut down the 'Hope Café'.

Are there enough people (are you?) willing to help Resurrect the Hope Café when the threat of COVID-19 is finally contained?

Would you like to know more?
Contact Fr. Tony

Introducing your Safeguarding Committee

St. Monica's Safeguarding committee comprises: Fr. Tony Feeney; Fr. Andrew Choi: Pastoral Assistant Abygaile Cukavac as well as volunteer parishioners' Joe Cerriteilli; Emma La Mari; Linda Connors, Amy Coghlan and Jacinta Beckley.

The Committee have a number of responsibilities including but not limited to:

- Promoting child safety within the community and fostering an understanding of the importance of child safety
- Working collaboratively with the leadership of each parish, agency or entity to promote the safety of children and young people
- Implementing, maintaining and /or reviewing child safety processes and procedures to support the wellbeing and safety of children and young people with input from relevant stakeholders e.g. priest, parish administration' parents, children and young people, program leaders and pastoral associates.
- Engaging in and/or reviewing risk management processes to promote the safe participation of children and young people in programs, activities and events.
- Involving children and young people in (and their families) in decision-making and planning to promote child safety.
- Ensuring that reporting processes for concerns and /or allegations are well communicated across the parish, agency or entity and act as a first point of contact in relation to child safety concerns, reports or allegations and comply with reporting protocols for child abuse reports and allegations
- Participating in and/or delivering child safety information and training
- Monitor ongoing compliance with the CAM Safeguarding and Young People Framework.



Jacinta Beckley
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Next week: The Professional Standards Unit at CAM

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

FIRST READING (Kgs 19:9, 11-13)

A reading from the first book of Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (Rom 9:1-5)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL (Mt 14:22-33)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Did you know ?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- For the Hebrew people, the waters of the sea are a symbol of the chaos from which creation sprang. Never having been a seafaring people, they were fearful of the watery deep.
- Even today, storms can blow up on the Sea of Galilee very quickly and make it dangerous for boats out on the lake.
- In art, the church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The church can bear us through the storms of life, but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.