

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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Purple

1st Sunday of Advent

28th November 2021

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.

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

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

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

Tue-Fri : 7am; 9.15am (Friday for unvaccinated)

Reconciliation on Saturday: 10am & 5.30pm or by Appointment

**SLOWLY
OPENING UP AS
RESTRICTIONS
EASE**

**WELCOME
BACK TO
CHURCH**

Sunday Mass for Unknown Vaccination Status

- ◆ Starting 1st Sunday of Advent (28th November) at 4pm
- ◆ Restricted to 50 and no booking required
- ◆ *This Mass is for those who have no Vaccination Certificate, if you are fully vaccinated, please attend other Masses so that more people can take an opportunity to attend Mass.*

Invitation to the Welcome Back Cuppa

As we come together again as a community, it is a time to celebrate and give thanks. With that in mind Fathers Tony and Andrew would like you to join them for a cuppa following Sunday morning Masses on the weekend of 12 December 2021. Volunteers, parishioners and visitors are all welcome in the Symons Centre. It will be a chance to catch up with people you may not have seen for some time, ask questions and generally reconnect after a year that has been largely disconnected.

We would also like to take the opportunity to invite those parishioners who intend to continue to volunteer in 2022, to endorse the Code of Conduct that has been approved by St Monica's Safeguarding Committee. All parishioners who would like to continue to volunteer are expected to sign the declaration in support of the commitment of the Parish to the Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, consistent with our obligation to promote child safety within our community and inviting volunteers to sign the declaration, enables the Parish to be confident that the rights of children and young people are being met. If anyone has any questions about the Code of Conduct declaration, please feel free to contact the office in the first instance and a member of the Safeguarding Committee will respond to any questions anyone may have. We hope to have a representative from the Safeguarding Committee to share some very brief comments about its role and the Code of Conduct declaration at the conclusion of each Mass on the weekend of 12 December 2021.

We hope to see many of you on Sunday 12 December at Mass and at cuppa.

*In Christ,
Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Child Safety Committee
(with Frs Tony and Andrew)*

SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home;

For Adults:

For Families with Young Children:

PLEASE PRAY FOR: *our elders and the sick*

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,
Peter Djokovic, Mia Criceti, Peter Curry,
Giuseppe Bertino, Sr Elizabeth Costigan RSC
May they rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Michael Molinaro-Rendina, Anna Molinaro,
Mary Pike
whose anniversary occurs at this time*



New to the Parish and want us to send you a Welcome Pack?

Please fill in the [online form](#) or ring the Parish Office on 9370 5035 and leave your details and we will send you one.

BAPTISMS

We continue Baptisms under strict COVID-19 guidelines.



This weekend we welcome into our Parish Community

Helen Natalie Jayalath

Isabella Charlie McMahon

Klara Pola & Victor Aleksander Price

Weddings this week

Ciro Di Girolamo & Diana Blanco Carrero

Paul Isabella & Chantelle Martin

Joshua Trabert & Emma Dallas



We pray for them as they begin their married life together.

CHURCH VACUUMING

Team 4 – Wednesday

1 December, 10 am

CHURCH LINEN

December

Asela Savino

Parish Memorial Book for NOVEMBER the month for All Souls

St. Monica's 2021 Virtual Book of Remembrance is now published online on our website. [Click here](#)

- To put new names in the book from November to go in next years book, please follow [this link](#): <https://forms.gle/42pwSrkdJHYHsnP58>
- To submit names by email please send them to mooneeponds@cam.org.au

You could also phone the Parish Office during business hours and leave a message on the Office voicemail or drop a written note into the Parish Letterbox. As entries will be sorted alphabetically by last name. The 2021 book has also been placed in the Church.

Please note: if you submitted names previously there is no need to do it again as we are continually adding to the names.



Giving Tree

Advent is the liturgical season that precedes and prepares for Christmas. It is a season of hope and of longing, of joyful expectation and of peaceful preparation.

During our Advent preparation, we remember those for whom Christmas can be a time of sadness and a struggle. So to bring some joy and love at Christmas to our brothers and sisters in need, you are requested to **take a tag from the GIVING TREE**, which is located beside the baptismal font, and **purchase the item marked on the tag**. Your contribution can then be left at the base of the tree. The Moonee Ponds Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will then make up food hampers from your generous contributions and distribute them to those most in need.

At Christmas we recall the great gift that God has given to us in sending His Beloved Son Jesus Christ bringing love and peace to all. Our imitation of this even in a small way helps us appreciate this ongoing gift from God in the lives of us all. *Thank you for your participation and generosity.*



2022 Columban calendar & Christmas cards are available in the Piety stall



2022 Columban calendar \$ 9 each

Christmas Card \$3 for a packet of 5, \$5 for packet of 8.

Bereavement Mass—Thank You

Once again we witnessed the power of prayer and community when on Wednesday the 17th of November, our Bereavement Support Team hosted a beautiful Mass and Cuppa. Around 50 or so attendees (smaller compared to years gone due to restrictions) gathered to remember their loved ones. What a beautiful moving service and truly appreciated by all. As I sat there, I felt so proud that the St. Monica's Bereavement support group was able to provide the time and space for each and every attendee to grieve and honour their loved ones. What a privilege to be part of. To Kate for organising and Tobin Brothers for providing the technology to live telecast the mass, I thank you for contributing to the heartbeat of our Parish. *Abygaile on behalf of the Presbytery*

St. Monica's is a Child Safe Parish. We hold the care, safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our community.



COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

From 18 November 2021 at 11.59 pm

Religious Gatherings, Funerals and Weddings



Fully Vaccinated 12 years + 2 months and over:

Places of Worship may open for all celebrations, including weddings and funerals, for fully vaccinated attendees with no capacity limits or density limits.

Unknown Vaccination Status:

If vaccination status isn't being checked, or status of attendees is unknown, these events are restricted to one person per 4sqm up to a maximum of 50 people per facility.

Electronic record keeping and proof of vaccination

must be used through the Victoria Services App or for those with hard copy certificates, record should be taken of Name, Contact and Acknowledgement of vaccination proof. A Covid Marshal must be present at worship, prayer services and parish meetings to monitor and check registrations/vaccinations.

ST. MONICA'S

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.

All participants must check in with our QR Code and be double vaccinated and show proof of vaccination on arrival.

2 December	Tales of a Pastoral Associate	Abygaile Cukavac
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Golden Oldies Mass (with the Anointing of the sick)

- Wednesday 8th December at 11 am
- in the Symons Centre
- followed by a catered Christmas Lunch

As most of the restrictions are lifted, we are going to celebrate St. Monica's Golden Oldies Mass. We take this opportunity to honour and thank all older parishioners who bring such a rich tradition of caring and community to our Moonee Ponds Parish. Please RSVP for catering purposes by Friday 3rd December by ringing the parish office 9370 5035.

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>
We thank you in advance for supporting our parish.

November

28th 1st Sunday of Advent
30th St. Andrew, Apostle



December

4th Archdiocese of Melbourne Priestly Ordination
5th 2nd Sunday of Advent
8th Immaculate Conception / Golden Oldies Mass
12th Welcome back Cuppa (after Sunday morning Masses)
Children's Liturgy (at 10.30 am Mass)

PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony

Friday at 7pm

[Click here for Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888)



PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY TOGETHER with Fr. Andrew

Saturday at 7.30pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85454357023>

(Meeting ID: 854 5435 7023)



Please note that this Saturday gathering will be the last gathering for the Rosary on Zoom.

Archdiocese Ordination to the Priesthood

This year, we will have five newly ordained priests on Saturday 4th of December at 10 am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please pray for these five deacons and for vocations as well.

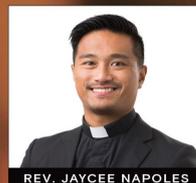
Watching the Ordination via channel 31 (digital tv 44) or via Archdiocese You tube channel.



REV. ALEXANDER CHOW



REV. HOANG DINH



REV. JAYCEE NAPOLES



REV. JOSEPH NGUYEN



REV. SAMUEL PEARSON

Ordinations to the Priesthood

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 2021, 10AM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL



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

FIRST READING (Bar 5:1-9)

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING (Phil 1:4-6,8-11)

A reading from letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Lk 3:1-6)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

— *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME**

