

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds



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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th September

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.

106th
WORLD DAY OF
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2020

*LIKE JESUS CHRIST,
FORCED TO FLEE*

WELCOMING, PROTECTING,
PROMOTING AND INTEGRATING
INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS.



On this 106th Migrant, Asylum Seekers, Refugee Sunday we are invited to reflect upon our Parish, how much do we know and about Migrants Asylum Seekers and Refugees living within our Parish. The following assessment invites us to 'See, Judge and Act' on what we see.

Every parish is called to reach out to its local community in response to local needs. Pope Francis constantly exhorts us as Christians and parishes to reach out to those in need in our communities.

Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees are among the most disadvantaged people in our community, and deserve our help. The following considerations may help to determine your parish's approach to providing support.

- Are there asylum seekers living within your parish or within easy travelling distance?
- Are there people within the parish who could assist with teaching, providing hospitality, or in other ways?
- Could your parish assist asylum seekers financially, or partner with another parish to assist asylum seekers?
- Do you have housing available within the parish that could be made available for asylum seekers?
- What financial resources does the parish have that might be available to support people seeking asylum? Will you need to raise funds? Does fundraising need to commence before a final decision can be made?
- Is there a committed, reliable group of people in the parish who could carry this project forward and sustain it over time? If not, can such a group be built up?

If there is anything on the above assessment you would like to discuss or respond to, contact Fr. Tony, (0408 385 823) or email him (tonyfeeney46@gmail.com)

SUNDAY ONLINE MASS

will be available via our Parish Webpage
www.stmonicasparrish.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 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
[For Adults:](#) [For Families with Young Children:](#)

WE 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; Peter Moore

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,
Dianne Irvin; Sr. Dawn Bang RSC;
Lorna Crough; Francesco Visalli;
Luigi Ciaverella; Giuseppina Caval
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Anne Elizabeth Bernardi; Thomas Frederick & Marie Therese Rossiter;
David & Jack Dobson; William & Honerine Rodrigues;
Angelina, Andrew, Noel & Marie Murray

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

due to coronavirus, and for the health and well-being of our Parish Staff (not including the priests), the Office is now officially closed. Sonya will continue to work remotely and will respond to emails.

UPCOMING PARISH ZOOM MOBILE

VIRTUAL CUPPA – hosted by Abygaile

Monthly - 9 October (Friday) at 5 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/5115717088>

(Meeting ID: 511 571 7088)

GOSPEL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION - with Fr. Tony

Weekly - 25 September (Friday) at 7 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/97634439330>

(Meeting ID: 976 3443 9330)

PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER - with Fr. Andrew

Weekly - 26 September (Saturday) at 7 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93596613045>

(Meeting ID: 935 9661 3045)

VIRTUAL CHOIR – hosted by Abygaile

We will announce the next date soon.

Please keep watching this space.

Each Zoom meeting room will open 10 minutes before it commences.

If you have any enquiry or problem to access Zoom, please email us: stmonicaspastoralteam@gmail.com

We are looking forward to seeing you.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Support my Parish

During this time, when visits to our Church are suspended, we are striving to ensure that our parishioners remain connected through new and creative pastoral programs. While we continue to help those in our community, the Parish continues to incur ongoing overhead costs and we need your help.

The good news is that 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 via this link

<https://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/CDFpay>

(Click on Find my Parish down the bottom and enter Moonee Ponds in search box)

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish community.



COVID has changed the world forever

There will be no return to a pre-COVID world; it has changed forever. Rather than lament this loss, might we be facing a great opportunity, asks Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli.

Victorians have been in exile from the homeland of our humanity for six months now. Now, a way out of captivity has been set before us. Every Victorian has an interest in the government's road map towards a "COVID-normal destination. But what do we actually want that destination to look like, and how might it shape the road ahead?

What is the world we want to build? Is our objective a society that is fair, truthful and merciful; prosperous and generous; democratic and transparent? Or one that is anxious and argumentative; uncivil and individualistic; competitive and selfish? Will every life matter? What are our priorities as we take the next steps?

People of faith have deep resources to share here. While the voice of religious communities has gone largely unheeded in recent years, at this time of great fear it turns out religious people are motivated by something positive and inspirational. In the middle of lockdown, and cut off from all kinds of human sources of inspiration, people of faith draw on something that does not depend entirely on other people. It might be unfashionable to say, but God has been helpful to lots of Victorians in 2020.

Right now, we can't physically gather in our churches, synagogues, mosques or temples. I want our doors to be open; they should be open for the life-giving nourishment and healing offered there. We will do so safely and carefully, but we need to be open so as to gather as friends with the God who loves us.

[Read full story](#) from *The Age*



Archbishop Peter A Comensoli wearing a face mask as required by Victoria's COVID 19 restrictions (Melbourne Archdiocese)

Pray this little prayer often this week:

When our words say 'yes' but our actions say 'no', forgive us Lord.

When our words say 'no' but our actions say 'yes', encourage us Lord,

so that our response to you might be perfect in word and deed.





St. Vincent de Paul

A young St Vincent de Paul was attracted to the priesthood because of his desire for a comfortable life. But his true home was found on a different path.

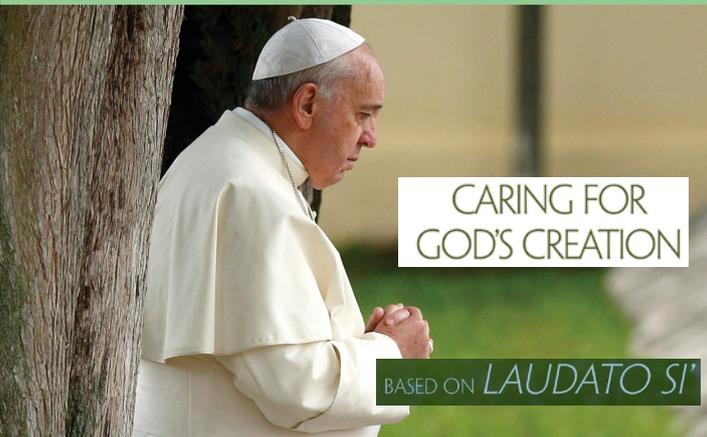
To many people, St Vincent de Paul is nothing more than a name on the outside of op-shops. A few might even ask misguidedly, 'Since when does a saint name a franchise after himself?'

Of course, the Society of St Vincent de Paul – whose Christian charitable work reaches far

beyond the shops alone – was never set up by Vincent himself. True, he established missions of service to the poor and marginalised, and was an innovator in ways of sharing Christ's love – but his name is prominent to us because his example moved a much later Christian, Blessed Frederick Ozanam (1813-1853) to establish a society in his image.

Vincent himself preferred to be called what the poor people of Clichy began calling him when he was made their local pastor in 1612 – 'Monsieur Vincent'. He was embarrassed that the 'de Paul' part of his name – derived from the Paul River which flowed nearby his peasant home in Gascony – suggested he was nobly born. [read full article here](#)

SEASON OF CREATION Pope Francis is encouraging participation in a Season of Creation (Sep1-Oct4). We are called to prayer, reflection and action towards care of our common home, the planet Earth.



For resources for Liturgy and taking action [Read More](#)

Hearing the call of Pope Francis to be attentive to the world/creation around us, the Parish Finance Committee with the support of the Parish Pastoral Council has accepted a tender from Aszure Landscapes to begin working on improving the gardens in the front of our beloved St. Monica's Church, beginning with garden area where the two big Norfolk Pine trees are located.

Hopefully the work will commence as soon as the Covid19 pandemic restrictions allow.



Dates to Remember : September

- 27th Feast of St. Vincent de Paul & Migrant and Refugee Sunday



October

- 6th (Tues) School students resume
- 18th Mission Sunday



The Funeral Mass for Sr. Dawn Lesley Bang RSC Will be Webcast live on Tuesday September 29th, 10.00 a.m. [Click here](#) to view

2020 Live Streamed March for the Babies October 10 @1 p.m.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the Annual March for the Babies 2020 will be a Live Streamed event @ 1p.m. Saturday October 10. Join in online www.mftb.online for Victoria's largest pro-life event in defence of the victims of Victoria's inhumane abortion laws, unborn children and their



mothers. Featured speakers, powerful testimonies, music and opportunities to promote the "culture of life".

Safeguarding Committee Update

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons, and participating in a creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur.

St Monica's Parish supports the work of the Archdiocese which strives to create an inclusive and welcoming Church which enables its people to grow and develop in their faith free from abuse, harm and neglect.

Over the past months there have been regular updates on the work the Safeguarding Committee have been doing which primarily revolves around putting structures in place that comply with the goals introduced by the Archdiocese. The Committee continues to work on introducing initiatives consistent with the required actions contained within the self assessment tool which will inform both our compliance and the future work of the Committee.

Pleasingly we have now completed the first draft of the Self Assessment Checklist which will be discussed at the next meeting of the Safeguarding Committee prior to being submitted to the Professional Standards Unit by 30 November 2020.

If anyone would like to know more about the work of the Safeguarding Committee please contact the Parish office in the first instance, and your contact details will be provided to a member of the Safeguarding Committee to follow up.



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.

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 4th October for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING (Is 5:1-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (Phil 4:6-9)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mt 21:33-43)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him,
to the soul that seeks him.

