



# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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**Green**

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**10th October 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.

**HOPING TO OPEN  
UP WHEN  
RESTRICTIONS  
EASE**

Our parish church is closed during this current lockdown. You are invited to participate in our online Mass, available from 10.00am Sunday on our website.  
[www.stmonicasparish.com.au](http://www.stmonicasparish.com.au)

**DUE TO CURRENT  
RESTRICTIONS  
CHURCH IS  
CURRENTLY  
CLOSED**

These words of Archbishop Fisher, preached at Mass on the 3rd day of the plenary council might be good words on 'prayer' to share with each other as we continue to pray for the success of the plenary council, and also for the church in France as it is being forced to face up to the horrific reality of the sexual abuse of the young by priests, deacons, monks, religious men and woman and some laity, over many years.

Celebrating Mass for the third full day of the Council, Archbishop Fisher's homily reflected on Luke's Gospel of the day, when the disciples ask Jesus how to pray.

"They knew Christ was the best of teachers," he said. "Of the 90 times people address Jesus in the Gospels, they call Him 'Teacher' in 60 of them, a title He also used for Himself. For our Plenary Council, also, Christ must be our wisdom and guide, and so: 'Lord, teach us how to pray'."

Archbishop Fisher's homily also reflected on the musings of the daughter of Karl Marx, the founder of atheistic communism, speaking to a friend after reading the Our Father. Jenny Marx spoke of how wonderful it would be if there were a God like the one spoken about in that prayer.

"Well, Ms Marx," Archbishop Fisher said, "we the People of God in Australia respond, 'there is!'"

She also spoke of how transformational it would be if God's children made his name holy, made his kingdom come, did his will, fed and forgave others, were fed and forgiven, and were freed from evil.

"For all that to be true, we must be Australia's powerhouse of prayer," Archbishop Fisher preached.

"Only through prayer can we hear, discern, converse, propose, decide. Only with such inspirations that we can make the decisions we must. But with true and deep prayer we can face the dreams and difficulties head on, in the grace of the Holy Spirit and the company of fellow believers, striking out with renewed conviction and humble confidence."

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Archbishop Fisher concluded: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done — in Australia, as it is in heaven!"

**Sunday 10 October is Life, Marriage and Family Sunday.**

**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;

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We remember in prayer,*  
**Marianna Trantino; Wanda Strangis;**  
**Norma Guest; Concetta Alberico;**  
**Fr. Noel Oliver**  
*May they rest in peace.*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of*  
**Nora Macken; James Marchant;**  
**Luigi Nido; Alice Feeney**  
*whose anniversary occurs at this time*

## Victoria's Roadmap out of Lockdown

A proposed Victorian Roadmap was announced by the Premier on 19th September outlining a slow and staggered re-opening. When 80% of people aged 16 years and over are fully vaccinated ( expected around 5th November) churches can have up to 150 **fully vaccinated** people indoors.

The current Victorian Roadmap is available at: <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-09/210919%20-%20Roadmap-Metro.pdf>

## From Archbishop Comensoli

There remains many unanswered questions regarding the proposed Victorian Roadmap.

The Archbishop will offer a more detailed message when there is a clearer understanding of the pathways forward, and following further negotiations with authorities.



*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God."*

(Mark 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.



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

## Safeguarding Committee

What does it mean to be a child safe parish? There are a range of practices that are required to be met. These include the following:

- All persons involved in situations where there has been an allegation that warrants investigation must respect the rights and dignity of all
- Appropriate confidentiality will be maintained, with information being provided to those who have a right or a need to be informed, either legally or consistent with the requirements of the Archdiocese.

## Parish Memorial Book for NOVEMBER the month for All Souls

St. Monica's 2021 Virtual Book of Remembrance is now open to take names throughout the month of October.

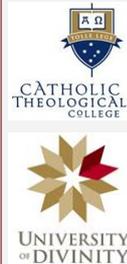
To put new names in the book, please follow [this link](https://forms.gle/42pwSrkdJHYHsnP58): <https://forms.gle/42pwSrkdJHYHsnP58>

To submit names by email please send them to [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto: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. Handwritten notes and emails should clearly show the first and last name. The book will be up on our Website from Tuesday 2nd November and also will be placed in our Church.

**Please note: if you submitted names last year there is no need to do it again as we are adding to the names from last year.**



**Catholic Theological College**  
free online Open Day Information Session "Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research"  
**Wednesday 13 October at 7pm**

This session will outline how to get started.

Book via our website:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>



**Bishop Terry Curtin, celebrating a life of service.**

Bishop Terry Curtin (Auxiliary Bishop for the Northern Region of Melbourne) celebrated the golden jubilee of his priesthood on 28 August 2021, the Feast Day of St Augustine.

We give thanks for the life and service of Bishop Terry and pray that he can

continue to enjoy good health and be a vessel of God's love and mercy to all he encounters. [Read more here.](#)

## POETRY CORNER

Send us a short poem to shine a light over your fellow parishioners. It's a creative outlet for you whilst providing inspiration, comfort and hope; just like St Monica.

Please send to [stmonicaspastoralteam@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicaspastoralteam@gmail.com).

Poems will be published in the Poetry Corner of our weekly newsletter, Facebook and The Monica (once we get this going again). Happy writing everyone. Here is one



A poem or prayer written by Thomas Merton

My Lord God,  
I have no idea where I am going.  
I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end  
or when it will end.  
Hearing your reassuring words:  
'Do not be afraid I AM with you'  
I walk on!



*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.*





# Lockdown Light

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

## Making the most of lockdown—week six

### Podcasts for Christian living: The irreplaceable role of parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a)

### Getting to know your Bible: Understanding Mary in the Bible

*Getting Started:* Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6)

*Going Deeper:* How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant—the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6)

**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.



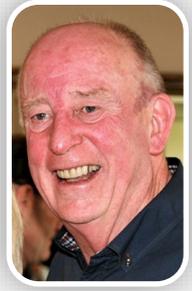
Australia's fifth Plenary Council continued this week.

Religious and lay people are discussing the Church's future role. What happens at the Plenary is the direction of the Spirit for the whole Church. Pope Francis calls us to trust even more deeply this impulse of the Spirit calling us again and again to mission. Perhaps this is one of the most important events for the Church in Australia's history, especially in this time of intense change and increased secularity. You can follow the proceedings of the council online at this link: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>  
Let us all offer our prayers for the assembly that all walk as one body in Christ in the life of the Spirit.

- October**
- \* **10th** Life, Marriage & Family Sunday
  - \* **12th** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting via Zoom
  - \* **15th** St. Teresa of Avila
  - \* **18th** Staged return of onsite learning for Grades Prep, One & Two Students
  - \* Saint Luke Evangelist
  - \* **28th** Staged partial return of onsite learning for other school students



**PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**  
with Fr. Tony  
Friday at 7pm  
[Click here for Link](#)  
(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888 )  
Passcode: 93705035



**PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY TOGETHER**  
with Fr. Andrew  
Saturday at 7.30pm  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85454357023>  
(Meeting ID: 854 5435 7023)



**FANCY A CHAT?**  
*Stop for morning tea for half an hour with Abygaile*  
Wednesday at 10.30am  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83511736649>  
(Meeting ID: 835 1173 6649)



 **Connected**

**New self-help mental health service for parents, families and individuals**  
As a response to the increased need for mental health support, we've recently commenced a new state-wide mental health service with minimal wait times, called the Psychological Wellbeing Service (PWS). Using evidence-based therapies, our PWS clinicians provide parenting support and mental health support focused on self-help skill learning to aid in recovery, such as problem-solving skills, progressive muscle relaxation, and traditional cognitive behavioural therapy as a more intensive support. We've also launched a free Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide created by our PWS team. Read more about our new service and download the guide below!  
[Read more here](#)

[Download our Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide](#)

For Coronavirus Information in your language click on **SBS Multilingual Coronavirus Portal-**



This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 29th Sunday in Ordinary time for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

**FIRST READING (Is 53:10-11)**  
**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.  
If he offers his life in atonement,  
he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life  
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.  
His soul's anguish over  
he shall see the light and be content.  
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,  
taking their faults on himself.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love.  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING ( Heb 4:14-16)**  
**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL (Mk 10:35-45)**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your

right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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



**TO SERVE IS TO LEAD**

MARK 10:35-45



## Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.  
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia  
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to  
recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us the courage to tell our stories  
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other  
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,  
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
bread for the journey from age to age.  
Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us*

