

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th October 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.

Mission Sunday #WeAreStillHere

This Sunday is Catholic Mission Sunday and the launch of the Catholic Mission COVID-19 Appeal:

With the COVID-19 pandemic headlining the news each day, and as we see Australia start to ease restrictions, it can be easy to forget that there are many countries around the world where the full extent of the impact has not yet been discovered.

Priests, sisters and missionaries around the world are doing all that they can to ensure that those in need are given the best practical and pastoral support, however these Church-run programs often rely on generous donations from people like you.

Will you join with us today to be there for those in need during this crisis?

For more information and to give generously to support vital mission programs through COVID-19, please go to catholicmission.org.au/mission.

catholicmission.org.au



Carer's Week The theme for the Church's celebration of Carers Week is "Blest be the Work of Our Hands". According to data from 2015, 2.7 million Australians were unpaid carers, offering support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged.

That included more than 270,000 carers under the age of 25.

In a letter to Australian Catholics, Bishop Don Sproston, the Bishop Delegate for Disability Issues, said carers are "our unsung heroes and are a real presence of Jesus in our communities".

"Parish communities play a pivotal role in providing support, both spiritually and practically, to carers in their parish communities," Bishop Sproston wrote.

"We are called to not only celebrate and acknowledge carers but to look for ways to listen to, build relationships with and form networks of support for carers."

SUNDAY ONLINE MASS

will be available via our Parish Webpage
www.stmonicasparish.com.au
Every Sunday by 10.30am

SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home;

Please click on each link below to find guided reflection for 29th 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; Alan Easton

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,
Elizabeth Barnes
May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Kathryn & James Treadwell; Teresa Cutajar; Karen Bell; Josephine Rudd; Mary Mercieca; Mary Nguyen; Toni Vivoda; Maximillian Antoinette

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.

Victorian students return to classrooms It's been a week of celebrations across Melbourne as students returned to the classroom for face-to-face learning after being disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. After months of remote and flexible learning, 584,000 children from prep to year seven and VCE walked through the school gates to reunite with their teachers and friends. Teachers have been doing a tremendous job maintaining learning continuity and caring for the wellbeing of their students in the remote setting.

We are looking forward to schools returning to being vibrant and flourishing Catholic learning communities. Catholic schools will continue to operate within the recommended safety guidelines, including around social distancing, hygiene practices and restricted access to school sites. Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will continue with remote and flexible learning over the next two weeks before returning to the classroom on Monday 26 October.

10th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Mary MacKillop
Saturday 17th October marks the 10th anniversary of St Mary MacKillop's canonisation at St Peter's Basilica, in Rome. To celebrate the anniversary and the wonderful life and legacy she left behind, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart are pleased to remember **her with commemorative prayers, videos, and a global vigil in her honour.** ([Click here](#))



**Render to Caesar
the things that are
Caesar's,
and to God
the things that
are God's.**



Wishing
Jayalath & Dineshie Fernando
all the best for their
30th Wedding Anniversary

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

UPCOMING PARISH ZOOM MOBILE

VIRTUAL CUPPA – hosted by *Abygaile*

Every Second Friday of the month at 5pm
(next: 13th Nov.)

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

(Meeting ID: 989 7368 3304)

SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with *Fr. Tony*

Every Friday at 7pm (next: 16th Oct.)

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

(Meeting ID: 976 3443 9330)

VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY

–hosted by the *Children's Liturgy Team*

Every Third Sunday of the month (next: 15th Nov.)

Registration via Eventbrite essential

We will provide the registration link on the First Sunday of November.

PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER - with *Fr. Andrew*

Every Saturday at 7pm (next: 17th Oct.)

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

(Meeting ID: 935 9661 3045)

Each Zoom meeting room will be opened 5 minutes before it commences. If you have any enquiries or issues regarding accessing Zoom, please email us: stmonicaspastoralteam@gmail.com We are looking forward to seeing you.

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 by [clicking here](#)

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish community.



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.

15 things you didn't know about St Mary MacKillop

To celebrate ten years since St Mary MacKillop's canonisation, these are some lesser-known details about the life of Australia's first saint.



1. She was born in Fitzroy
2. Her parents were Scottish immigrants
3. She was the breadwinner
4. She wanted to educate poor children
5. She was 25 when she started the Josephites
6. Her order grew quickly
7. She was a skilled fundraiser
8. She was fiercely independent
9. She was excommunicated
10. She was a whistleblower
11. She was (falsely) accused of alcoholism
12. She answered to Rome
13. She lived in community, not convents
14. She didn't accept government funding
15. She was known for her kindness

Read full article from *Melbourne Catholic* [here](#)

"Listening is the Essence of Spiritual Accompaniment"

I came to someone laden with my very real concerns. I was young, at a crossroads and my journey could have gone any direction at all. I remember the priest concerned listened, he left spaces for silence which gave me room to think, he spoke sparingly as though he was treading on sacred ground, he asked the odd question which enabled me to speak further into my pain and finally he made a life-changing remark: "You don't want to carry that for the rest of your life like extra baggage, do you?"

Indeed I did not. This spiritual companion, in everything he *was* before me, his gentle acceptance, told me that I, in my lostness, mattered to God; that God was close, even though I could not feel Him. He gave me to understand that there was a future and left me with the distinct sense of a compassionate God.

I shall never forget that night so long ago now, or the morning that followed, or the days that followed after that. Darkness lifted.

My spiritual companion left me to claim life for myself and here I am telling the story almost 50 years later. That is the essence of spiritual accompaniment.

It is a calling. It is not something one takes upon oneself; to do that is so very often to mar the work of God.

From "The Bridge" by Mother Hilda Scott OSB, Abbess at Jamberoo Abbey, New South Wales.



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

Dates to Remember : October

- 18th World Mission Sunday
+ Carer's Weekend
- 23rd (Friday) Grand Final Public Holiday

November

- 1st All Saints
- 2nd All Souls Day
- 3rd Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday



*Shine on the world like bright stars.
You are offering it the word of life.*

(Gospel Acclamation)



Missionary parishes transform lives and yield a growing army of disciples for whom worship and sacraments come to life and whose ministry and service flourishes.

You are invited to a series of interactive sessions with global leaders in missionary parish renewal.

From the comfort of your home, be inspired by a hope-filled vision for your parish and discuss practical ideas with fellow leaders.

Please make a booking for each session you wish to attend

THE FINAL SESSION

Thursday 29 October 2020

"Making missionary disciples in our parish"

by: Fr. Mauro Conte and Vanessa Comminos

VENUE Via Zoom -link will be forwarded on registration

COST Nil

PROGRAM 7.15pm - Zoom room opens
7.30pm - Session starts
9.30pm - Session concludes

REGISTER HERE <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=634789>

Safeguarding Committee Update

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>



This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 25th October for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING (Ex 22:20-26)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

The Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (1 Thes 1:5-10)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you,

how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mt 22:34-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.



Did you know ?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The commandment that Jesus quotes first is part of a famous Jewish declaration of faith known as the *Shema* from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 'Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one ...' This text is written out and placed inside small boxes called *mezuzah*, which are placed on the door posts of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the *mezuzah*, thus making this declaration of faith several times a day.
- The second commandment quoted comes from Leviticus 19:18. Both statements are part of the Jewish Law.
- The term 'the Law and the prophets' implies the whole teaching of Judaism. The books of the Law, known as the Torah, are the first five books of the Bible, often called the Pentateuch.