



# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds



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Purple

2nd Sunday of Lent

28th February

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.

WELCOMING  
MORE PEOPLE  
BACK TO  
CHURCH!

**ORDINARY MASS TIMES**  
**Saturday: 8am & 6pm (Vigil for Sunday)**  
**Sunday : 8.30am (Italian & English);**  
**10.30am; 5.30pm**  
**Tue-Fri : 7am; 9.15am**  
*(Reconciliation by private appointment only)*

BOOKING  
ESSENTIAL  
FOR WEEKEND  
MASSES

A warm welcome to all to the second Sunday of Lent, 28 February 2021. The words at the centre of this Sunday's gospel are: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

As we all know, really listening is not only hard work, it involves a spirituality, a kind of letting go. Mostly we listen "with our engine running", waiting for a gap. Real listening means turning off "my engine" and attending fully, as fully as possible, to the other person. It is no accident that the core confession of Judaism begins in this way: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!* (Deuteronomy 6:4) In our deepest selves, we are all "hearers of the word," as we listen to each other, to ourselves and to God.



"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

**SUNDAY LITURGY @ *Home*;**

*For Adults:*

*For Families with Young Children:*

**PLEASE 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; Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Peter Ferrigno; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We remember in prayer,*  
**Hammish Parke; Nicole Liddell;**  
**Lynne Stevens-Chappel**  
*May they rest in peace.*

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

*In Faith, Hope and Love,*  
*let us pray for repose of the souls*  
**Frank & Vera Ellis; Nicola Venuta;**  
**Sandro & John Tagliapietra; Antonio Bruno**  
*whose anniversary occurs at this time*

## We are delighted to be welcoming Parishioners back to Church in 2021

### BAPTISMS

We continue to catch up with our backlog of Baptisms under strict COVID-19 guidelines.



This weekend we welcome into our Parish Community

*Adele Giulia Bonacci  
Estelle Lara Ganame  
Gus Anthony Kappos  
Leonardo Charlie Khallouf  
Hugo Kishor Khallouf*

### REGISTRATION FOR MASS

**For Weekday Mass:** Please arrive early and register before the commencement of Mass.

#### For Weekend Mass

Please book online through our Website Mass Times Page at <https://www.stmonicasparish.com.au/mass-times.html>

Next Weekends Booking Schedule will be open on Monday morning. Bookings for Saturday close at 4pm Friday and for Sunday close 7pm Saturday.

Please enter via side back door which will be open half – hour before each Mass. At the Church door your name will be confirmed. Doors will be closed immediately before commencement.

**With electronic bookings St. Monica's can now open for more participants for each mass with a indoor density quotient of 1 per 2 m<sup>2</sup>. Face coverings/ masks are once again mandatory in public places.**

### Wedding 6th March

*Anthony Ravida & Stephanie Zeidan*



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



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide charity that continues to develop new ways of reaching out to people seeking our support. Through our programs, we are able to assist with educational expenses, utilities, access to holiday homes and more. Society members are passionate about helping those in need in their local community and work together in groups known as 'Conferences' that are usually attached to: parishes, schools, universities, social groups, workplaces, or groups of individuals from the local area.

#### Want to get involved?

Please contact David McLean, President of the Moonee Ponds Conference on 0408 338 250.

#### JOBSEEKER The impossibility of living on \$44 a day

I own my own home. I do not have any debts. I have added up my essential living costs for the year and they are fairly close to \$620 a fortnight. How could someone who has to pay rent, a mortgage or has any emergency financial needs be expected to live on unemployment benefits? Unfortunately, the government knows this decision will not change the voting habits at the next election. There are no votes in giving an increase in welfare. Just promise tax cuts, demonise those on welfare and appeal to the "aspirational" voters. That is how you win and election. **Dean Virgin, Strathmore**

#### Child Safeguarding Committee Update

The Safeguarding Committee has an important role to play in supporting the commitment of St Monica's to ensuring that all persons have the right to feel safe and be safe. The wellbeing of all parishioners is at the heart of all the initiatives that the Committee oversee. Whether it is reviewing and revising policy documents, or creating a welcoming space for people to share their thoughts and ideas to listening to what you want to see to make St Monica's a welcome space for all.



### Sacramental program 2021



#### Confirmation Information Night

for parents of students in Grade 6 or higher  
**6.30pm March 30** in St. Monica's Church

#### First Eucharist Information Night

for parents of students in Grade 4 or higher  
**6.30pm May 25** in St. Monica's Church



**PROJECT COMPASSION  
BE MORE**

Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold. With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

#### 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.

## Tuesday 9th March Italian Prayer Group

recommences  
10.00am in the Symons Centre



Children's Liturgy team will return to Church from 14th of March 2021 at 10.30am mass.

Registration will be essential via [Eventbrite](#) (from now until 7pm on 13th of March 2021)



### The Ministry of the Lector and Eucharistic Minister

Calling all parishioners! We are now calling for expressions of interest for volunteers to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for new Weekend Rosters. This is a great way to become a steward of your time and talent for the parish. Experienced Ministers ready to get back on the Roster and newcomers welcome. If you would be willing to give of your time, please contact Sonya at the Parish Office at [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au) or by phone on 9370 5035. (Ministers for 10.30am & 5.30pm Sunday especially needed)

#### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 6/7th March

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISITIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 6 March	Janath Fernando <b>Volunteer please</b>	Anian De Silva
8.30am Sun 7 March	Michael Fewster Maria Galioto	Maria Ballato
10.30am Sun 7 March	Natalia D'Cruz <b>Volunteer please</b>	Cathy Mc Neill
5.30 pm Sun 7 March	<b>Volunteer Please</b>	Barbara Clancy

### Il Ministero del Lettore e i Ministri Eucaristici

Appello ai parrocchiani! Siamo alla ricerca di volontari per il ruolo di Lettori e Ministri Eucaristici da aggiungere al nuovo calendario settimanale. Questa è una grande opportunità per valorizzare il tuo tempo e diventare un talento per la parrocchia. I Ministri già in elenco sono pronti a riprendere il loro servizio ed i nuovi sono più che benvenuti! Se desideri offrire una piccola parte del tuo tempo libero in favore della Parrocchia e di tutta la comunità di Santa Monica, puoi contattare **Sonya** dell'ufficio parrocchiale al numero telefonico **9370 5035** o via email all'indirizzo [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au)

GRAZIE

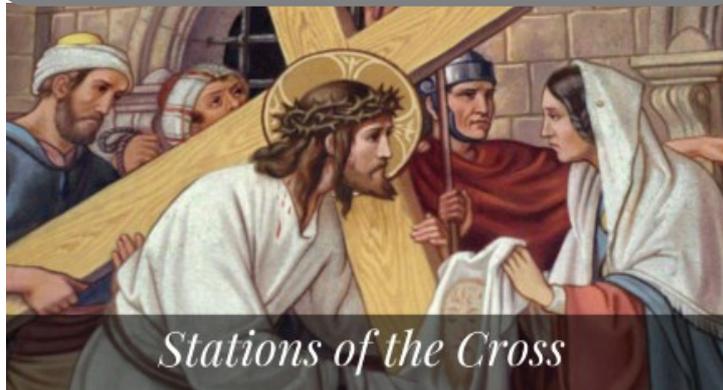
## March

- 5th Ember Day
- 7th 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 8th Labour Day Public Holiday



### STAZIONI DI LA CROCE

Durante il Periodo Quaresimale ci saranno stazioni della Croce Ogni venerdì a 7.00pm in inglese ed a 3.00pm ( in italiano) nella Chiesa.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

3.00pm in Italian  
7.00pm in English

### PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony  
Every Friday at 7pm  
[Click here for Link](#)



(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888 )  
Passcode: 93705035

### 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.



### 2021 Columban Art Calendar

Available in the Piety Stall at  
half price of \$4.50

### ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE

Year 7-2023 Enrolment Parent Information Evening  
A virtual online presentation  
Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 7.00pm  
Applications close Tuesday 27 April 2021



This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 7th March for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

**FIRST READING (Ex 20:1-17)**

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **(R.)**

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING ( 1 Cor 1:22-25)**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL (Jn 2:13-25)**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

— *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,  
the water I shall give will become in him  
a spring welling up to eternal life.

**PLEASE TAKE THE  
BULLETIN HOME**

