ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Moonee Ponds

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Green | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 25th 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.

Dear Parishioners,

As we greet a new Spring, longer and warmer days accompanied by an abundance of colour provided by the blooming of many roses, heralding the forthcoming Spring Racing Carnival, we all look forward, in hope, to an even greater easing of our Covid19 pandemic restrictions.

Seeing our children back at school fills our hearts with gladness; seeing them enjoy catching up with their friends and their teachers is a sign of hope for all of us that soon we too will be free to catch up with family and friends whom we have not seen for months.

We also look forward to when our church will be open again and we can begin to celebrate our faith and those key moments in our journey of faith, hope and love (Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Funerals) many of which have been on hold during the pandemic.

At present nothing is certain about when we will be able to fully open our church for weekend and weekday Masses. It seems the maximum numbers allowed to attend any church service will be restricted for quite some time – what this will mean for how and where we celebrate our Christmas Masses this year is a challenge that lies before us.

Looking ahead at the celebration of Confirmation for our young people, I can plan nothing as to when and where we might celebrate this Sacrament. With the present Covid19 pandemic restrictions on numbers allowed in any public gathering space, we may have to look at new ways of gathering and celebrating in smaller groups.

All this 'not knowing' frustrates all of us, including no doubt our Confirmation Candidates and their families, as we see ourselves as having been deprived of being able to celebrate with each other this and other key moments in our young people's journey of faith.

I want to give a huge word of 'THANKS!' to our school's Principal Peter Moore, to all his staff, particularly Christine Lo Giusto, who as Peter's Deputy Principal, is filling in as Acting Principal during Peter's absence. To Christine and all the staff, I commend you on your professionalism, dedication and total commitment to the home schooling of our children during these most trying times.

These are indeed the most trying of times. The Covid19 Pandemic has seen people laid off work, many lost jobs, many small businesses suffered financially and many more are suffering from fatigue, strain and the stress of financial pressures.

My thoughts go out to all of you at this time as I hope and pray that things will get better sooner rather than later and we are able to resume our 'normal' daily lives. In the meantime, we (Fr. Andrew, Abygaile, Sonya or myself) are here to listen, help and assist in whatever way we can, just give us a call.

Once again thank you for your contribution in fighting the coronavirus, through your patience and your endurance during our period of extended isolation. May we all look forward to happier days!

Prayerfully yours,

Fr. Tony

ONLINE MASSES
will be available via our Parish Webpage
www.stmonicasparish.com.au
Every Sunday, Wednesday & Friday by 10.30am

SUNDAY LITURGY @ *Home;*
Please click on each link below to find
guided reflection for 30th 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,
Vittorio Cossu; Carol Odlum; Alan Easton
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES
In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Angelo Giardina

Virtual Choir

The St Monica's Pastoral Team is proud to host another Virtual Choir ZOOM-Mobile session:
Welcome one and all to join us for a joyful half hour of song!
Featuring former St Monica's student and now mother of 3 year-old twins, Theresa Brancatisano and fellow musician friend Jostan Murray.

When - ***Sunday, 8 November @ 4 pm***
Where - ***ZOOM Online – a code will be forwarded the day before. Please register early as spaces are limited***

What else do we need to know? Children under 13 must be supervised by their parents within earshot of the device. Please avoid going into a private space. Participants will have videos on, but will remain muted to maintain the integrity of Theresa's sound. On the bright side, no-one will hear you sing out of tune!
For more information, or to register email: stmonicaspastoralteam@gmail.com
We look forward to the opportunity to come together as a parish in music and faith.

New Children's Liturgy of the Word resource: *Ready, set, pray!*

Produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal, the *Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home series* is a new online resource for families to gather in their own prayer space, listen to God's word, sing, pray and respond creatively to the Gospel. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families, teachers and catechists.
Click Link to watch **https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray**

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: 23rd 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 (closes Friday 14th November at 9pm) Click here

PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER - *with Fr. Andrew*
Every Saturday at 7pm (next: 24th 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.

CDF CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

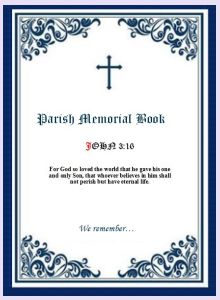
PARISH OFFICE NOTICE :due to coronavirus, and for the health and well-being of our Parish Staff (not including the priests), the Office is now officially closed. Sonya will continue to work remotely and will respond to emails.

Parish Memorial Book for NOVEMBER the month for All Souls

This year St. Monica's is beginning and developing a virtual Book of Remembrance that will be published online on our website.
To put new names in the 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 or drop a written note into the Parish Letterbox.

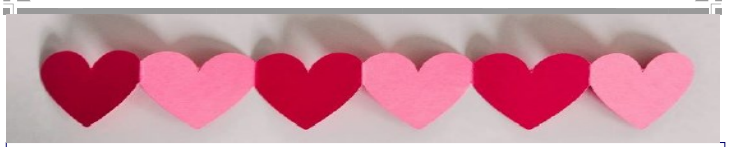


As entries will be sorted alphabetically by last name. Handwritten notes and emails should clearly show the first and last name.
The book will be up on our Website from Monday 2nd November.

Please note: if you have submitted names in previous years there is no need to do it again as all names remain in the St. Monica's Book of Remembrance and will be prayed for.

Love is always patient and kind;
it is never jealous.
Love is never boastful or conceited;
it is never rude or selfish;
it does not take offence and is not resentful.
Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth.
It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes.

(1 Corinthians 13: 4-6)



Catholic Theological College
2020 Knox Public Lecture
Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm
Sheree Limbrick
Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for cultural change
Bookings and Info: **ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture**
Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Phone 9412 3333
Venue: online

November

- 1st All Saints
- 2nd All Souls Day
- 3rd Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- 11th Remembrance Day
- 22nd Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- 29th 1st Sunday of Advent

LEADING A *Missionary Parish*

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 Comninos

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

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.

Next week's readings **ALL SAINTS 1ST NOVEMBER**

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 1st November for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,
at whose festival the Angels rejoice
and praise the Son of God.

FIRST READING (Rv 7:2-4. 9-14)
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (1 Jn 3:1-3)
A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
All Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mt 5:1-12)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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