

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th 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.

**SLOWLY
OPENING UP AS
RESTRICTIONS
EASE**

Our parish church is closed this weekend 23rd/24th October. You are invited to participate in our online Mass, available from 10.00am Sunday on our website.
www.stmonicasparrish.com.au

**HOPING
TO OPEN UP
MORE SOON**

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish is preparing to re-open the church slowly and cautiously. We know that many of you will be looking forward to gathering once again to celebrate Mass in the church and being able to meet up with one another after such an extended lock-down.

Based on the road map released by the Victorian Government, and the restrictions we have to observe, below is the timetable for Masses for the next week:

23-24/Oct (Sat-Sun)	26-28/Oct (Tue-Thu)	29/Oct (Fri)	30/Oct (Sat)	31/Oct (Sun)
	7am / 9.15am	7am / 9.15am	8am (No evening Mass)	
Online Mass Only	Only for Fully Vaccinated (max. 20)	For Unknown Vaccination Status (max. 10)	Only for Fully Vaccinated (max. 20)	Online Mass Only

Please note that:

if you wish to attend Mass on Tuesday – Thursday and Saturday, you MUST be able to show your vaccination certificate/statement. These must be shown on your smartphone or a printed hard copy; there are limited spaces available i.e. 10 for Friday Mass and 20 for the other days; the side door (near the sacristy) used for the entrance and will be locked immediately before Mass commences.

We will provide the November time table as soon as we receive more information.

Many thanks and God bless,
St. Monica's Pastoral Team

This Sunday is Mission 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,
Angela Di Natale;
Peter McDonald; Olivia Barac;
Andrew Sortino
May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Toni Vivoda; Mary Thao Nguyen; Salvatore Chiodo;
Cosimo Chiodo; Maxime Antoinette; Mervyn Gonsalves
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>



The Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace has joined with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to co-lead a 40-day campaign of prayers based on the [Laudato Si' Goals](#), for communities joining the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform.

The prayer campaign supports the seven sectors joining the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#) with a dedicated day of prayer for each, connecting each sector with a [Laudato Si' Goal](#).

The full set of prayers is available [here](#). The prayer campaign begins on 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis, and concludes on 14 November, the World Day of Prayer for the Poor.

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](#)



Australian Government

COVID-19 digital certificate



This individual has received all required COVID-19 vaccines.

Name
JOHN CITIZEN

Date of birth
01 Jan 1950

Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI)

Document number

8003 6012 3456 7890

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Valid from
20 Feb 2021

Mandatory vaccinations for Parish Employees and Volunteers

All religious workers, (paid and volunteers) who work at or in connection with a place of worship will be subject to Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions.

Religious workers in our Parishes would typically perform (but not limited to) roles such as Parish Secretary, Bookkeeper, Livestreaming technicians and assistants, musicians and domestic support. For these employees, the following key dates apply:

By **15 October** all workers need to be vaccinated or show that they have a booking for vaccination by **22 October 2021** – latest booking 1st dose
26 November 2021 – latest booking 2nd dose.

At this stage, we understood that Authorised Worker Permits are still required.

In order to continue working, workers must provide Vaccine information to the Parish engaging them. The Parish must hold this information in confidence and not disclose it to any person except as required by law. Vaccination information can be recorded in a variety of documents such as a letter from a medical practitioner, a certificate of immunisation or an immunisation history statement obtained from the Australian Immunisation Register.

This information can be emailed to the Parish Office at mooneeponds@cam.org.au or dropped into the Presbytery at 22 Robinson Street.

If a worker currently holds a permit but are unable to provide the required Vaccination information, the Parish Priest must revoke their current permit.

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.

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

"Dearest" by Kylie Martin

Dear family, thank you for being my family. I would choose you if I ever was given the choice. For loving me and carrying me through all that comes with life. For the food. The phone calls. The texts that you never used to send, because you just didn't know how before this. I wish I could hug you.

Dear husband, thank you for reminding me what is important and precious in life. Making each moment and breath meaningful.

Dear God, thank you. For your grace. Your love. Your kindness. In everything that touches my day. Even if I don't see it.

For these, my dearest, I am thankful.

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.





Covid-19 guidelines

Updated: 20 October 2021, 12:00pm

The restrictions in place are compulsory as issued under lawful direction of the Chief Health Officer of Victoria, where a State of Emergency remains in place until 16 December 2021.

As of 11.59pm Thursday 21 October 2021,

Face coverings

- Must be carried at all times.
- Must be worn indoors and outdoors by Victorians aged 12 years or over except if at home, or if an exception applies.

Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies

- Fully Vaccinated: Indoor cap of 20 with DQ4. Outdoor cap of 50 with DQ4.
- Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoor cap of 10 with DQ4. Outdoor cap of 20 DQ4.

Funerals

- Indoors - Permitted with no more than 20 double vaccinated mourners (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Unknown Vaccination Status: Indoor cap of 10 with DQ4.

Weddings

- Indoors : Permitted with no more than 20 people double vaccinated people (and those necessary to conduct the wedding).

QR Contact tracing

All venues attendees must register.

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

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.



October

24th World Mission Sunday

28th Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

* Staged partial return of school students

November

1st All Saints

2nd All Souls + Melbourne Cup public holiday



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/](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83511736649)

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(Meeting ID: 835 1173 6649)



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.



Podcasts for Christian living: Parenting teens

In this podcast, well known Catholic speaker Jason Evert discusses how to keep an open and ongoing dialogue with your children around topics related to love, dating and other serious issues as well as tips for internet and phone safety.

Listen here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving8

Getting to know your Bible: The Acts of the Apostles—The Church begins

Getting Started: In this interesting video introduction to the Book of Acts, The Bible Project provides an overview of Pentecost and the beginning of the early Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted8

Going Deeper: In this video, Bishop Barron speaks about the spread of the Gospel during the early Church, challenging us to share in the same work as St Paul and the early Apostles in proclaiming the message of Jesus to the world. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper8

This week we have the readings for next Sunday the 31st Sunday in Ordinary time for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

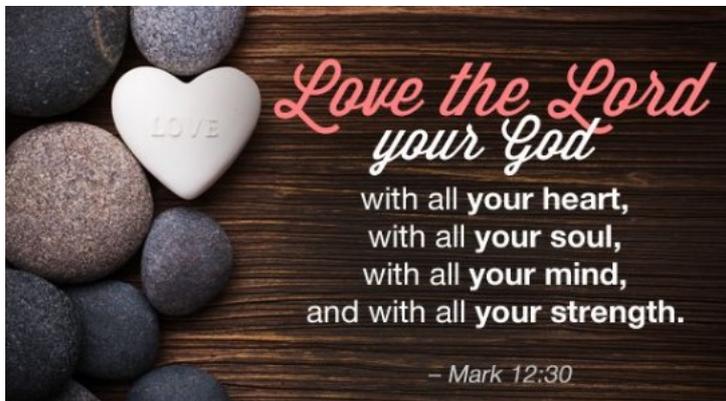
FIRST READING (Dt 6:2-6)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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.)

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

SECOND READING (Heb 7:23-28)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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 (Mk 12:28-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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

