

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3rd Sunday of Easter

18th April 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.

**WELCOME
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 on Saturday: 10am & 5.30 pm

**Please continue
to book for
weekend Masses
via our [website](#)**

When new employees join a company, it's common to have an orientation to bring new people "on board." A new employee needs to understand both the past and the future history of the company. How can they connect with what's gone before? How can they be part of the company's mission for the future?

In today's Gospel, Jesus conducts a kind of "Christian orientation" for his startled and frightened disciples—most of whom are encountering him for the first time as the risen Lord. He first reassures them that he—Jesus—is the one they knew before the crucifixion. But there have been a few changes! He's not a ghost, he is truly alive. And he shares a meal with his friends to prove it.

But they have their doubts anyway—perhaps some of the same doubts shared by Luke's communities years later: How could Jesus be the promised Messiah, and have suffered the terrible death by crucifixion?

And so Jesus patiently interprets the Hebrew Scriptures to explain his mission as God's Suffering Servant." But the past is only preparation for the future! The message of Good News must be preached to the ends of the earth. The disciples are now his witnesses, commissioned to carry his message to the world. And so are we who gather at our Easter Eucharist with the Risen Lord today!

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; Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Peter Ferrigno; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Ann Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,

Prince Philip;

Peter Schuler; Greg Lyons;

Margaret Moloney

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Reginald & Hyacinth D'Cruz; Maria Mc Lean; Joe Saundry;

Teresa Ryan; Valda, Carmel & Ameseo D'Aprano; Angela Arena;

John Barnes; James Flynn; Margaret Murphy; Bill McLennan;

Sr. Patrica Nunan; Rosemary Kelada— Nakhla & Ramses Kelada

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

*Mia Piccolo
Hazel Mae Agius
Luke Hubbard
Oliver Jude Abramovic*

The National Count of Attendance will be again be conducted throughout Australia during 2021. Church attendance is perhaps the most basic measure of religious practice.



At St. Monica's a simple head count will be conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. This exercise does not disrupt Mass and may be done as people arrive or leave the service.

A report on the 2016 National Count of Attendance can be downloaded from the NCPR website. <https://ncpr.catholic.org.au/national-count-of-attendance/>

Sacramental program 2021

First Eucharist Information Night

for parents of students in Grade 4 or higher

6.30pm May 25 in St. Monica's Church



Wedding 24th April

Vincenzo Gattelari & Cristina Fera



We pray for them as they begin their married life together

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Fr. Andrew!

16th April



FROM THE ORDO...

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life. Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise. *Laudato Si* (2015) 235

REGISTRATION FOR MASS

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

For Weekend Mass in ordinary time

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

Please enter the Church 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 m².

Face coverings/ masks must be worn if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.

SEWING VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

We need a volunteer with a sewing machine who would be able to sew new "draught-stoppers" for under the glass doors of the Symons Centre.

Fabric to be provided.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9370 5035 or mooneeponds@cam.org.au if you can help.



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.

ANZAC DAY MASS 2021



St. Monica's Church Monday 26th April 10am

Join us as we pause and reflect on the service and sacrifice of all those who have served and are currently serving.

Come early and register your name and details at side back door before commencement.

Tuesday 20th April

Italian Prayer Group

10.00am in the Symons Centre

A reminder that our Project Compassion boxes are now due back. Please bring them back if you have not done so already. Thankyou to everyone who has already given generously.



"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Team 4	May
Week 20-24 April TBC	Rosa Farfalla

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24/25th April

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISITIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 24 April	Paul Duffy Therese-Anne Wilson	Rita Gonsalves
8.30am Sun 25 April	Maria Galioto Katherine Sherwood	Franco Priscoglio
10.30am Sun 25 April	Antonina Briggs Joe Ragnanese	Les Butler
5.30 pm Sun 25 April	Michelle Christian Anthony Matthews	Pauline Duggan

April

- 19th School students return
- 25th 4th Sunday of Easter
ANZAC Day
Good Shepherd Sunday
- 26th Monday- 10.00am
ANZAC DAY SERVICE



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.



EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Thankyou for your generosity and contribution to our Parish Priests, the sick, retired and those who serve the poor / new parishes in the Archdiocese who cannot afford to

support their local priests. Easter Offering envelopes can be placed in the second collection.

PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony

Friday at 7pm

[Click here for Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888)

Passcode: 93705035



SLOW SPIRITUALITY in a fast moving world ST JOHN'S ESSENDON



SUNDAY 18th APRIL 5.00pm at St John's Uniting Church The spiritual practice of **GRATITUDE**

Lead by Sr. Margaret Malone SGC
For more information ring Rev Peter- 0417 425 188

This week we have the readings for next Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING (Acts 4:8-12)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (1 Jn 3:1-2)

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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Jn 10:11-18)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for
his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given by my
Father.'



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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME**

