

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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Violet

3rd Sunday of Lent

7th March 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.

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)

**WELCOMING
MORE PEOPLE
BACK TO
CHURCH!**

**BOOKING
ESSENTIAL
FOR WEEKEND
MASSES**

One of the questions the Covid-19 pandemic has brought into our lives is 'how are we church?' With our churches closed for so long, what does it mean to 'go to church' these days? Is it livestreaming Mass while we snuggle down to watch in the comfort of our own homes? Is it the Zoom gathering to share prayers with some likeminded friends? Or is it our going space wherein we privately pray our own prayers? Whatever it might be (or have been), for better or for worse, Covid-19 forced change upon each and every one of us.

The Covid-19 pandemic we are living through and the Australian Catholic Church 'Plenary Council' gathering that will happen later in the year, are inviting (if not challenging) us to re-imagine what it means, what it would look like, to be a Christ-centred Catholic Church 'here and now' for the people of Australia.

Looking again at those 6 key questions the Plenary Council will look at:

How is God calling us today, to be a Christ-centred Church....

....*a Church that is nurturing and evangelizing?*

....*a Church that is humble, healing and merciful?*

....*a Church that is prayerful and Eucharistic?*

....*a Church that is inclusive and participatory?*

....*a Church that is a joyful, hope-filled servant community?*

....*a Church that is (always) open to conversion, renewal and reform?*

As part of our Australian Catholic Church, may we hear these same questions resonating in all of us.

As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, may we all hear God's call to become more and more that Christ-centred Church he wants us to be in and for all in our Parish of St. Monica's, Moonee Ponds.

Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



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

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,

Santo Corica; Dr David Ford

(father of Fr Justin Ford)

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Joe Menezes; Rosa Di Pasquale ; Charles Livingstone;

June Lewis; Des Wolfe; Frank Dempsey; Paul Clancy;

William Letcher; Shirley & Malcolm Baptist

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

*Max Anthony Sofra
Ava Carmela Sofra
Chloe Alexa Scarpino
Valentino Chiu
Massimo Chiu
Pietro Cua*

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 m². **Face coverings/ masks must be worn if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.**

Wedding 13th March

Mark Parisio & Jasmine Luckman



We pray for them as they begin their married life together



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The St Vincent de Paul Society has been in operation for 159 years in Victoria and, to this day, continues to assist families and individuals across our region. Induction and orientation is offered to all new and existing members.

The Society would not exist without its members and volunteers; they are the Society. They support their neighbours by visiting people in their homes or in the community, providing friendship and support to those they serve and each other. They are called to seek out the poor and marginalized wherever they may be.

Interested in Joining?

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

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

Child Safeguarding Committee Update

We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Parish.

We are committed to supporting the creation of a child safe culture across the Archdiocese that safeguards children and young people from all forms of abuse.



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**

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting 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.

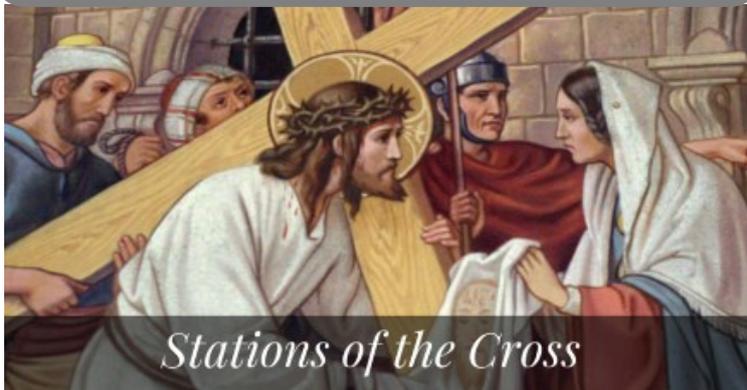
PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY (28th March)

Please could you bring in your Palms (to the Church or Presbytery) over the next few weeks for use on Palm Sunday



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.



Fridays during Lent

3.00pm in Italian
7.00pm in English

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2021 on Saturday, 13th March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A 'socially distanced' Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour" will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome & entry is free.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13/14th March

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 13 March	Peter Sequerah Therese Wilson	Amanda Lim Sequerah
8.30am Sun 14 March	Sylvia Letcher Vincenza Pizzichetta	Kate Sherwood
10.30am Sun 14 March	Antonina Briggs Therese Vu	Tony De Fazio
5.30 pm Sun 7 March	Jane Henderson Volunteer Please	Maurice Passuello

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

GRAZIE

March

- 8th Labour Day Public Holiday & International Women's Day
- 9th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- 14th 4th Sunday of Lent
- 17th St. Patrick' Day

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

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 14th March for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

FIRST READING (2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23)

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. . (R.)

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! (R.)

O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! (R.)

SECOND READING (Eph 2:4-10)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL (Jn 3:14-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

— *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.