

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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Violet or Rose

4th Sunday of Lent

14th 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.

**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 by private appointment)*

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

### ***How is God calling us to be a Christ-centered Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?***

One great challenge facing the Church in Australia is to be united in God's call to become an inclusive and participatory Christ-centred Church. Shared vision and a synodal culture of listening and learning are essential if the Church is to be united and transformed. Resources need to be developed to gather, inform, listen to and support communities and groups along this journey.

We have to, at every step along the way ask ourselves:

- Is this step following the way of Jesus?
- Are the unique personal gifts of the baptized being recognized and encouraged?
- Are the gifts of diverse cultures joyfully received?
- Is this step inclusive or exclusive?
- Do we welcome or judge?
- Do we encourage or discourage participation?



As a Church we have to discern ways in which the unique personal gifts of all the baptized may in different ways contribute to the common life of the Church.

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

**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

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We remember in prayer,*

**Vencenza Italiano; Rickey Nelson**

**Paolo Oliva (Solarino Italy);**

**Nazzaremo Camela; Carmelo Tralongo;**

**Jessy Cousinery; Luigi Martino**

*May they rest in peace.*

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**Reg Salter; Marie Graetz; George Howdean; Maureen**

**Flynn; Dave O'Brien; Joan Cunningham ;**

**Gregorio Acciarito; Antonio Mammone**

*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

*Clodagh Aislinn O'Dwyer  
Charlotte De Salvo  
Christian Li Rosi  
Josephine Caminiti Clara  
Sofia Nicholson  
Camila Luz Nicholson*

### 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 must be worn if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.****

### Weddings 20th March

*Thomas Jennings & Maroushka Saldanha*

*Elvis Kafrouni & Jessica Body*

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



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

Join us. The St Vincent de Paul Society operates in our local region and across the state undertaking works such as soup vans, home visitation, kids camps, kids days out, emergency recovery, tutoring, educational and recreational programs, Vinnies shops, and more. Please contact David McLean, President of the Moonee Ponds Conference on 0408 338 250.

### 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



*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."*  
- JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

### Child Safeguarding Committee Update

We are committed to zero tolerance of all forms of child abuse and discrimination, and will always act to safeguard children and young people and report suspected abuse promptly to the appropriate authorities.



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION  
**BE MORE**

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.**

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.

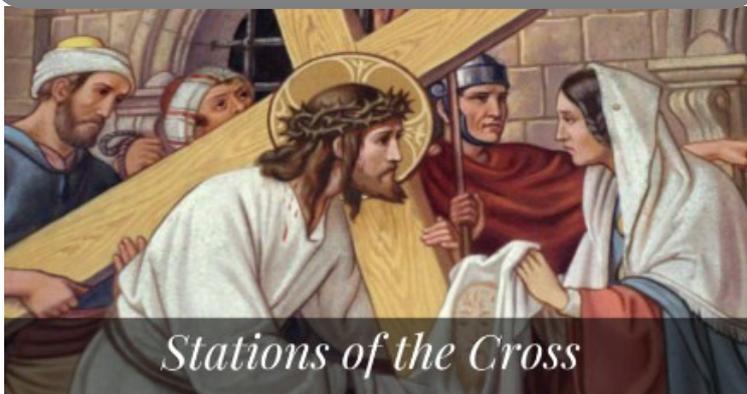
## PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY (28th March)

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.*



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

3.00pm in Italian  
7.00pm in English

### March

- 14th 4th Sunday of Lent
- 17th St. Patrick' Day
- 19th St. Joseph, Spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday 16th March

### Italian Prayer Group

10.00am in the Symons Centre

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



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Children's Liturgy session on 21st of March 2021 registration opens 14 March 2021 at 11.30am at [Eventbrite](#)



### IS Back!!!

**When:** Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 am

**Where:** the school hall, entrance via Robinson Street

**RSVP:** As the school gates are locked from 9 am, please email Abygaile Cukavac, [Abygaile.Cukavac@cam.org.au](mailto:Abygaile.Cukavac@cam.org.au) if you wish to attend.

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20/21st March

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 20 March	Caleb Cukavac Abygaile Cukavac	Barbara Odachowski
8.30am Sun 21 March	Anna Maria Catalfamo Italian Reader	Stella Maurici
10.30am Sun 21 March	Dermot Connors Linda Connors	<b>Volunteer Please</b>
5.30 pm Sun 21 March	Michelle Christian <b>Volunteer Please</b>	Rebecca McMahon

### 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 21st March for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**FIRST READING (Jer 31:31-34)**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt.  
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

**SECOND READING (Heb 5:7-9)**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

God During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL (Jn 12:20-33)**

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come  
for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
I tell you most solemnly,  
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies,  
it yields a rich harvest.  
Anyone who loves his life loses it;  
anyone who hates his life in this world  
will keep it for the eternal life.  
If a man serves me, he must follow me,  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.  
Now my soul is troubled.  
What shall I say:  
Father, save me from this hour?  
But it was for this very reason that I have come to  
this hour.  
Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;  
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.  
And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

– *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PLEASE TAKE THE  
BULLETIN HOME

