

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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5th Sunday of Easter

2 May 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

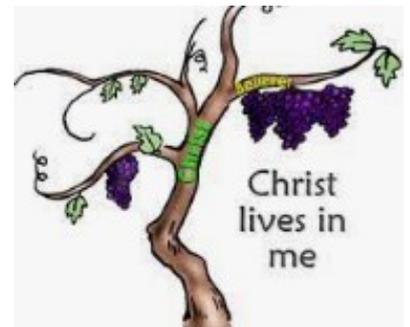
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At this point in the Easter season it is worth stepping back to see it in perspective. We can imagine it as a great tree that thrusts its roots deep down in the soil even as its trunk and branches grow upward and outwards. The hidden roots draw nourishment from deep under the earth and fuel the visible growth of the tree.

The gospel reading for the next two Sundays and for Pentecost Sunday, taken from Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples in the gospel of John, invite us on an interior journey into the depths of our hearts. It is there that Jesus makes his home in us; it is there that the Paraclete teaches us all wisdom. As with the tree, the more our faith is fed from deep within, the stronger is our desire to let love loose in the world.

The stories from the Acts of the Apostles have already been taking us on an outer journey. They allow us to be present at the birth of the early Church and to accompany its first steps. Under the impetus of the Holy Spirit the Christian way begins to spread, like the branches of the tree. It starts to take shape for all to see.

In Eastertide the Church drinks deeply from the well-spring of the Spirit and finds fresh inspiration for its mission in the world.



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; Anne Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken

RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,
Angela Verga
May they rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Marianna Papaleo; Phillis Perry
whose anniversary occurs at this time*

We are delighted to be welcoming Parishioners back to Church in 2021

We pray for the repose of the souls of those having funerals at St. Monica's this week

✠ Tuesday 4 May Angela Verga

BAPTISMS

We continue Baptisms under strict COVID-19 guidelines.



This weekend we welcome into our Parish Community

*Arie Jordyn Scholes
Alessia Tamburro
Anika Gertrude Mitchell*

First Eucharist Information Night for parents of students in Grade 4 or higher **6.30pm May 25** in St. Monica's Church

Towards a theology of safeguarding

We would like to feature this [short video](#) of Fr Hans Zollner SJ, President of the Centre for Child Protection (Gregorian University, Rome) and a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors. He is a world renowned speaker on safeguarding within the Catholic Church. He was recently in Ireland to speak to the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church about the theology of safeguarding in preventing abuse as well as responding when abuse does occur.

We hope that this is a useful resource for those who share the safeguarding message within the parish.



Weekly Catholic Radio Reflection:
Visit <https://bit.ly/3sNC1W1>
where you can listen anytime!

The Month of May. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and the Lord's return....

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

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'Pondering Grief', Saturday 22 May 2021, 10am-3.30pm. This reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie at Heart of Life, Kildara Centre, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via website heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.



Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

REGISTRATION FOR MASS

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

Please enter the Church via side back door which will be open half-hour before each Mass.

Using **electronic QR codes bookings**

St. Monica's will have an indoor density quotient of 1 per 2 m².

How to scan a QR code:

1. Open the Camera app
2. Select the rear facing camera. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the camera view. Your device should recognize the QR code and show a notification.
3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.
4. Fill out the required details and submit.

*** If multiple parishioners have the same contact number they can be checked in together by entering their first names separated with a comma.

REMAIN IN ME,
AS I REMAIN IN YOU.

JOHN 15:4

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.

At St. Monica's a simple head count will be conducted over the next 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. Church attendance is perhaps the most basic measure of religious practice.



We are excited to announce the resumption of St. Monica's



GOLDEN OLDIES MASS
in the Symons Centre

Wednesday
5th May
11.00am

Bring a plate to share
We look forward to seeing you there!

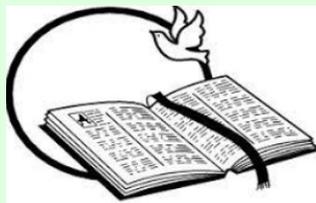
Please note: no 9.15am Mass this day



May 2 at 5.30pm
May 9, 16, 23 at 10.30am
June 13 & 20 at 10.30am
in the Symons Centre

Registration for **2nd May 5.30pm** is now open at - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/143055419611> and will close 2nd May 5.30pm.

Registration for **9th May 10.30am** will open from 2nd May 6.30pm and will close 9th May 10.30am at - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/147355080011>



Lector and Eucharistic Minister Roster build
5 June- 29 August
Please contact the Parish Office of any known absences during this time, or

if you were previously on a roster and now wish to rejoin. We also welcome any new comers- just contact the Parish Office mooneeponds@cam.org.au or 93705035

CHURCH VACUUMING	CHURCH LINEN
Team 2	May
7 May 2pm	Rosa Farfalla

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 8/9 May		
MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISITIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 8 May	Lynn Besterwitch Craig Lynch	Dineshie Fernando
8.30am Sun 9 May	Sr. Loretta Bani AnnaMaria Catalfamo	Concetta Munafa
10.30am Sun 9 May	Natalia D'Cruz Gina Stolfo	Tony DeFazio
5.30 pm Sun 9 May	Kim Bramwell- Mazzarella Theresa Vu	Eugenio Mazzarella

May

- 2nd 5th Sunday of Easter
- 3rd Sts Philip & James Apostles
- 5th Finance Committee Meeting
- 9th 6th Sunday Easter
Mother's Day



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.

Date	Topic	Speakers
6 May	Mary & the Holy Spirit	Sean & Adrian
13 May	Sharing Night	Adrian

Tuesday 4th May
Italian Prayer Group
10.00am in the Symons Centre

PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony
Friday at 7pm
[Click here for Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888)



Help for marriages under stress:
The BreakThrough Online Course created by SmartLoving will enable you to identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Restore hope for your relationship's future.
Visit: smartloving.org/breakthrough
Divine Mercy Discount - 50% | until May 10, 2021.

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.
Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.
Cost: FREE
Registrtrtion: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au
Program: Available from Saturday 31st July



This week we have the readings for next Sunday 6th Sunday of Easter for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

FIRST READING (Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (1 Jn 4:7-10)

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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 (Jn 15:9-17)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.
I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another
Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME**

