

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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5th Sunday of Lent

21st 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](#)

HOLY WEEK &
Easter
MASS TIMES

Please book at our [Website](#) or for those without internet access via the Parish Office on 9370 5035 or mooneeponds@cam.org.au

LENTEN RECONCILIATION Wed 31st March
Mass at 7.00pm (come early and register at door)

HOLY THURSDAY 1st April
Mass at 7.30pm
Booking open 9am 22 Mar (Mon) until 4.30pm 1 Apr (Th)

GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April
Solemn Ceremonies at 3.00pm
Booking open 9am 22 Mar (Mon) until 12pm 2 Apr (Fri)

HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April
Easter Vigil Mass at 7.30pm
Booking open 9am 22 Mar (Mon) until 4.30pm 3 Apr (Sat)

EASTER SUNDAY 4th April
Mass at 8.30am (English & Italian) 10.30am; 5.30pm
Booking open: from 9am 22 Mar (Mon) until 8pm 3 Apr (Sat)

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

We remember in prayer,

Shirley Johnson; Valerie (Val) Trethowan;

Shirley Frawley

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

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

Irene & Osmond Bastian; Rocco Corica; John Grant;

Irene Clancy; Domenico & Antonia Giofre;

Pasquale & Annunziata Demaria; Cedric Besterwitch

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

*Sienna Nelson
Leonardo Anastasi
Heidi Mae Bradfield
Harper Rose Kirk*

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

Blessings To You



On Your First Reconciliation

We pray for our Grade 4 Students celebrating their 1st Reconciliation this week.

(delayed due to covid-19 last year)

**"I will be their God and they shall be my people."-
JEREMIAH 31:33**

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

Child Safeguarding Committee Update

We are committed to ensuring that all persons who have, or may be expected to have, contact with children and young people acknowledge their responsibility to safeguard children and young people from abuse and discrimination.



During Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social.

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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.



PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

Halima is raising two children under seven in a refugee camp in Bangladesh, while caring for her mother who has a disability. Widowed at just 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017, arriving at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through its partner, Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter and cooking equipment so that she could feed her family. She participated in hygiene and sanitation training and took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to 'Be More' for her family and for the community around her.

"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 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.

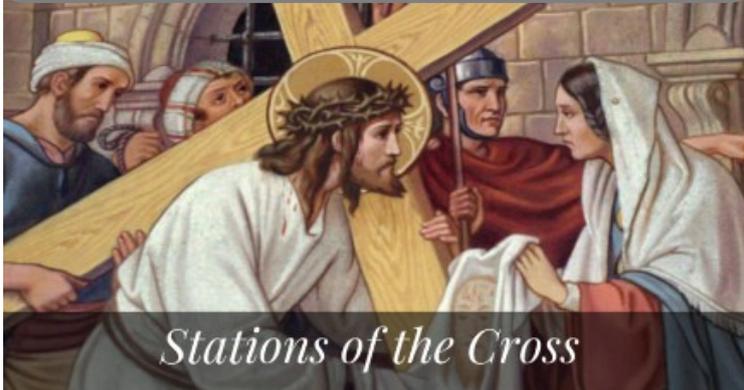
PALMS NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY (28th March)

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

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.

PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony

Every Friday at 7pm

[Click here for Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888)

Passcode: 93705035



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27/28th March

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 27 March	Lynn Besterwitch Craig Lynch	Dineshie Fernando
8.30am Sun 28 March	Sr. Loretta Bani Connie Priscoglio	Sylvia Letcher
10.30am Sun 28 March	Sr. Frances Baker Kim Bramwell- Mazzarella	Eugenio Mazzarella
5.30 pm Sun 28 March	Phoung Nguyen Maurice Passuello	Brian Mathews

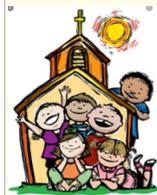
March

- 25th The Annunciation of the Lord
- 28th Palm Sunday

Tuesday 23rd March Italian Prayer Group

10.00am in the Symons Centre

Children's Liturgy team will return to Church from 21st of March 2021 at 10.30am mass.



Registration will be essential via [Eventbrite](#) (from now until 7pm on 20th of March 2021)

Menarock Life Essendon Closure

Menarock Life Aged Care is one of the aged care homes in our parish boundary. Our priests, past and present, have regularly visited there to meet the residents for communion service. Some residents have occasionally joined our Sunday Mass. Sadly, as of March 26th this aged care facility will be decommissioned as a home. All residents are being transferred to their new homes. We ask that you kindly remember the residents, their families, and staff in your prayers.

Fr. Andrew and the Giant Swing

This week Year Six students went for a three day camp at Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Everyone was so excited and had a wonderful time. Fr. Andrew visited and was warmly encouraged to try out the Giant Swing. Fr. Andrew, being afraid of heights, was very brave to try out this very popular camp attraction. Fr. Andrew had never seen a Giant Swing before in his native South Korea. Fr. Andrew conquered the Giant Swing!

You've heard of the Flying Nun... the children saw a Flying Priest! Well done Fr. Andrew!



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

FIRST READING (Is 50:4-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING (Phil 2:6-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name

which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

.... Please take time to read the Passion

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it,
your will be done.



PLEASE TAKE THE
BULLETIN HOME

