



The First Sunday of Advent, Year A
30th November, 2025. *You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.*

Parishes of St Monica & St Vincent de Paul Moonee Ponds & Strathmore

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<u>Sunday Worship Timetable</u>		<u>Weekday Worship Timetable</u>	
SVdP: Reconciliation	@ 5.30 pm & followed by	SVdP: Tuesday - Thursday	@ 9.15 am
Saturday Vigil	@ 6.00 pm	Friday:	@ 10.00 am
Sunday	@ 9.30 am	SM: Tue (Communion Service), Wed- Fri (Mass):	@ 9.15 am
SM: Saturday Vigil	@ 6.00 pm	Saturday:	@ 8.00 am
Sunday	@ 8.30 am (Italian & English)	followed by Reconciliation:	@ 8.30 am
Sunday	@ 10.30 am &		
Sunday	@ 5.30 pm		

Confession by appointments possible

St Monica's Primary School
 20 Robinson St, Moonee Ponds, Vic. 3039
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Secretaries: Maria Muller
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ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 6th/7th December 2025, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

Mass Times	Readers		Extraordinary Ministers	
6.00 pm SM	L Besterwitch		J Fernando	
6.00 pm SVdP	S Crombie		S Sequerah	
8.30 am	E Llewellyn RSM	F Baker RSM	R Farfalla	A Savino
9.30 am	J Lourdes		L Hastings	
10.30 am	N Ulasi	K Engebretson	A Coghlan	L Nardo
5.30 pm	A Mathews		P Duggan	B Mathews

CHURCH LINEN
 SM November - V Pizzichetta
 SVdP 29/30 November - Marlene Watson

CHURCH VACUUMING
 SM : TEAM 1 - Thursday 4th December @ 9.45am
 SVdP: GROUP A - Friday 12th December @ 9:00 am

Please remember in your prayers.....

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Christopher Caserta, Ron Stobaus, Maria Salvo, Bryan A'Hearn

The Sick & Seriously Ill: Please remember in your prayers all those in our Parish who are sick and suffering serious illness, together with their families and loved ones who care for them.

Names for the Parish Weekly Update: If you would like your loved one who has died recently or whose anniversary is occurring to be remembered at Mass and in the Parish Weekly Update, please make sure you have their names into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 3.00pm.

Baptisms this weekend: This weekend for the Rite of Baptism we welcome *Giorgio Giuseppe Mirabella*, Son of Paolo & Romina, *Lexi & Banksi Brown*, Daughters of Brendan and Elle, and *Isla Summer Butcher*, Daughter of Jake and Emma. They are the newest members of our Parish family of families. Kindly keep the families in your prayers.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Needed: With the introduction of our new Vigil Mass at St Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds, on Saturday at 6.00pm, we are seeking volunteers to serve as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in assisting in either of these ministries, please contact the Parish Office.

You are warmly invited to join our **Advent Reflections** each Wednesday morning beginning Wednesday, 3rd December from 10:00am to 10:45am at St Monica's Parish Church, Moonee Ponds and St Vincent de Paul Parish Church, Strathmore. **The Promise-Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Book 2025** is available for purchase for \$7 from the Piety Stall at St Monica's Parish Church or from the Sacristy at St Vincent de Paul Parish Church.

"Working Bee At St Vincent de Paul Parish, Strathmore" - On Saturday, 13th December, starting at 9.00am and finishing at approximately at 12.00pm. Works to be undertaken- Garden maintenance, repairs to buildings as required, church cleaning/maintenance. This is a great way to get the Church and surrounds looking their best for the upcoming Christmas celebrations. All parishioners are invited to attend. If you can spare some time on the day, your help would be greatly appreciated. For further information contact Gavin on 0490 022 209 or simply come along on the day.

First Sunday of the Month Cuppa next weekend @ SVdP & SM: All are warmly invited to spend some time with fellow Pilgrims of Hope Parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee. After the Vigil Mass next Saturday 6th December, and 9.30am Mass on Sunday 7th September, join us in our SVdP Church foyer. After 8.30am & 10.30am Mass on Sunday 7th December, please join us in the Symons Centre at SM.

Liturgical Readings for First Sunday of Advent, Year A

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. **The Word of the Lord, R/ Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9 R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:11 -14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ. **The Word of the Lord, R/ Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. **R/Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' **The Gospel of the Lord, R/Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**