



**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
17th/18th January 2026.**



EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIONAL & SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THIS YEAR OF JUBILEE

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

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Sunday Worship Timetable

SVdP: Reconciliation @ 5:30 pm & followed by
 Saturday Vigil @ 6:00 pm
 Sunday @ 9:30 am
 SM: Saturday Vigil @ 6:00 pm
 Sunday @ 8:30 am (Italian & English)
 Sunday @ 10:30 am
 Sunday @ 5:30 pm

Weekday Worship Timetable

SVdP: Tuesday–Thursday @ 9:15 am
 Friday @ 10:00 am
 SM: Tue, Thu & Fri @ 9:15 am
 Wed (Communion Service) @ 9:15 am
 Saturday @ 8:00 am
 followed by Reconciliation: @ 8:30 am

St Monica's Primary School

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Please remember in your Prayers

Recently Deceased: Maria Costa, Merle Carmichael

Anniversaries: Margaret Kavanagh, Alice & Jack Kennedy, Bryan Nelthorpe, Pat Beagley

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.

New Appointment: Archbishop Peter Comensoli has recently announced the appointment of Fr Joseph Raj as Assistant Priest of St Joseph's Parish, Malvern; Holy Eucharist & St Mary's Parish, Malvern East; and St Roch's Parish, Glen Iris. This new appointment will take effect on 27 January 2026.

We, the parishioners of St Monica's Parish, Moonee Ponds, and St Vincent de Paul's Parish, Strathmore, sincerely thank Fr Raj for his dedicated and generous service to our parish communities over the past five months. We are deeply grateful for his pastoral care, commitment, and presence among us, and we wish him every blessing in his new appointment.

We now await the appointment of a new Assistant Priest to replace Fr Raj and pray that this appointment will be made soon.

*Liturgical Readings for
The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of
the earth.'

The word of the Lord, R/Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians**

1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray

to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord, R/Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!

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

1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord, R/Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

