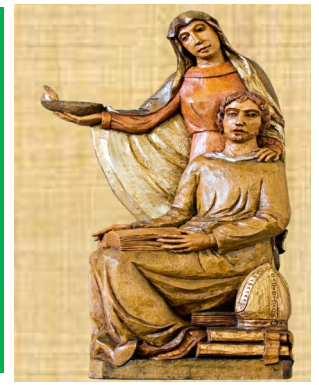




The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

31st Jan/1st February, 2026.

You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.



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

MP Church: 820 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds 3039
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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
 Wednesday (Communion Service) @ 9:15 am
 Friday (Communion Service) @ 10:00 am
SM: Wednesday & Friday @ 9:15 am
 Tuesday (Communion Service) @ 9:15 am
 Saturday @ 8:00 am
 followed by Reconciliation: @ 8:30 am

St Monica's Primary School

20 Robinson St, Moonee Ponds, Vic. 3039

Principal: Peter Moore
Secretaries: Maria Muller
 Vanessa Di Chiera
 Sandy Gunasekera
Phone: (03) 93751132
Email: info@stmonicasmp.catholic.edu.au
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St. Vincent de Paul Primary School

92-114 Woodland St, Strathmore, Vic. 3041

Principal: Shane Byrne
Secretaries: Maria Kuret
 Patricia Hengel
Phone: (03) 93795723
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Please remember in your Prayers

Recently Deceased: John De Bono, Owen Snowden, Pasquale Petrollini, Giovanna Caccamo, Maria Consolo

Anniversaries: Kath Nicol, Kathy Jergens, Marie McGrath, Alan Forster, Salvatore Spurio, Leo Gillman

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.

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.

We Welcome into our Parish Community Jacob & Elif Morrison, as they prepare to celebrate the baptism of their children, *Aria and Jayda*; and Thomas & Eliza Crookes, as they prepare to celebrate the baptism of their children, *Matilda and Isabelle*. We keep these families in our prayers and wish them every blessing during this special time.



Weekday Morning Masses this Week will follow a ***ZigZag*** schedule between Moonee Ponds and Strathmore communities. Please refer to the weekday worship timetable for details.

Sacramental Preparation—Families of Non-Catholic School Students

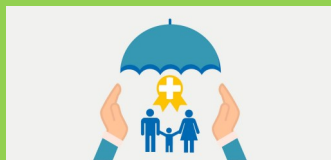
Families who have children attending a non-Catholic school and who wish for them to undertake their Sacramental preparation through either the Moonee Ponds Parish or St Vincent de Paul Parish are warmly invited to contact the Parish office for further information.

Safeguarding Committees - Members Needed

Safeguarding is our shared commitment to protecting the dignity and safety of every person in our community. It involves promoting safe practices, raising awareness, and ensuring that our parishes meet the standards and guidelines set by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

St Monica's Parish and St Vincent de Paul Parish are each seeking members to form Safeguarding Committees. These committees play an important role in ensuring our parishes remain safe, welcoming, respectful communities for all, especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

If you are interested in contributing to this important ministry or would like more information, please contact the Parish office.



Morning Tea Assistance

Families are invited to assist with the monthly morning tea after 9.30am Mass at St Vincent de Paul Parish, Strathmore. If you are able to help please contact Rosa on 0412 445 239. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Parish Stewardship Program

St Monica's Parish

Thanksgiving: \$1,126.20

Presbytery: \$1,316.20

St Vincent de Paul Parish

Thanksgiving: \$691.85

Presbytery: \$624.10

First Sunday of the Month Cuppa this weekend @ SVdP & SM

All are warmly invited to spend some time with fellow Parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 31st January, and 9:30am Mass on Sunday 1st February, in the SVdP Church foyer.

After 8:30am & 10:30am Masses on Sunday, 1st February, please join us in the Symons Centre at SM.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA program will be offered at St Monica's Parish, Moonee Ponds, at the beginning of Lent. Anyone interested in joining the program or seeking further information is invited to contact the parish office.

Charismatic Prayer Group

You are warmly invited to join the Charismatic Prayer Group, commencing on Thursday, 5th February. Gatherings will be held every Thursday evening from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Symons Centre, Moonee Ponds Parish. All parishioners and friends are most welcome to participate in this time of prayer and refectation.

'True North' Young Adults Group:

Meets every second Sunday of the month 6:30pm-8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's). The night includes food, fellowship, and faith discussion. Next gathering is Sunday, 8th February.

Location: The Symons Centre, St Monica's Catholic, 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

Ages: 18-35 welcome.

More Queries: please email truenorth90stable@gmail.com

Embroidery Assistance

The parish office is seeking anyone with embroidery skills, including access to an embroidery machine, who may be willing to assist. If you are able to help or would like further information, please contact the parish office.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 7th/8th February 2026, Year A

Mass Times	Readers		Extraordinary Ministers	
6:00 pm SM	L Besterwitch		L Smolenaars	
6:00 pm SVdP	B Duggan		T Dargan	
8:30 am	A Savino	A Catalfamo	K Sherwood	S Maurici
9:30 am	J Lourdes		L Delaney	
10:30 am	N Ulasi	A Briggs	A De Fazio	C Shiu
5:30 pm	A Mathews		P Duggan	B Mathews

CHURCH VACUUMING

SM: Team 1
 Thursday 5th
 February @ 9:45am
SVdP: Group A
 Friday 13th
 February @ 9:00am

CHURCH LINEN

SM February
 Rosa Farfalla
SVdP 31Jan/1 February
 Marlene Watson

St Bernard's College Year 7 Induction Ceremony at St Monica's Catholic Church, Moonee Ponds on Wednesday, 28th January 2026



Happy Birthday Stella!

The Parish community extends warm birthday wishes to Stella Maurici, who celebrated her birthday this week. May the year ahead be filled with joy, good health, and many blessings.

**Liturgical Readings for The Fourth
Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A**

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah
2:3; 3:12-13**

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge
in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10

**R. Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians 1:26-31**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when
you were called: how many of you were wise
in the ordinary sense of the word, how many
were influential people, or came from noble
families? No, it was to shame the wise that
God chose what is foolish by human reckon-
ing, and to shame what is strong that he chose
what is weak by human reckoning; those
whom the world thinks common and con-

temptible are the ones that God has chosen -
those who are nothing at all to show those
who are everything. The human race has
nothing to boast about to God, but you, God
has made members of Christ Jesus and by
God's doing he has become our wisdom, and
our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom.
As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast,
let him boast about the Lord.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew 5:1-2**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his dis-
ciples. Then he began to speak. This is what
he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what
is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause
of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and
persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny
against you on my account. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'
**The Gospel of the Lord, R/Praise to you, Lord
Jesus Christ.**

