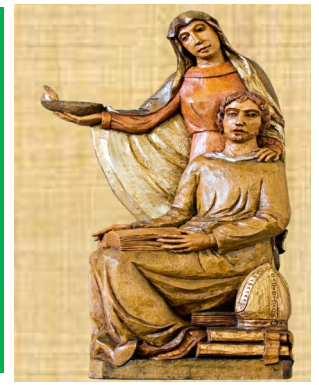




# The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

7th/8th February, 2026.

You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.



## 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:** Tue & Thu (Communion Service) @ 9:15 am  
 Wednesday @ 9:15 am  
 Friday @ 10:00 am  
**SM:** Tuesday & Thursday @ 9:15 am  
 Wed & Fri (Communion Service) @ 9:15 am  
 Saturday (Communion Service) @ 8:00 am

### St Monica's Primary School

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### Please remember in your Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Antonia Esposito, Catherine Turner, John De Bono, Owen Snowden, Pasquale Petrollini, Giovanna Caccamo, Maria Consolo,

**Anniversaries:** Solomon Abanes, Ellen-Nora Connors, Teresa DiPetro

**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.

## ***Celebration of Baptism this Weekend***

**Orlando Mauro Lorenzini** son of  
James & Kayla  
**Aurora Maeve Isabel Quain** daughter of  
Peter & Alexandria  
**Oscar John Turnock** son of  
Philip & Emma  
**Crystal Lynn Carmuciano** daughter of  
Garth & Susan



***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 - Reconciliation (Non-Catholic School Families)***

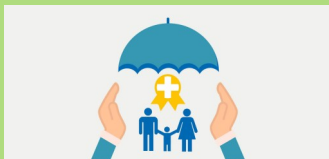
Families with children attending a non-Catholic school who wish for their child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation are advised that preparation lessons will commence on Sunday, 22nd February at St Vincent de Paul Parish, Strathmore. For further information or to obtain an application form, please contact the Parish office.

### ***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.



### **Parish Stewardship Program**

The Parish Stewardship Program will not be displayed at this time due to recent staff changes. The Stewardship Program will be reviewed and updated shortly. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

## ***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.

### **Lent 2026**

**Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 18th February 2026.** Ash Wednesday is a day of **Fast** (from food) and **Abstinence** (from meat). On all other Fridays, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: Prayer, Self-Denial, Helping Others.

#### **Ash Wednesday Masses**

9:15am	Moonee Ponds Parish
9:15am	Strathmore Parish
7:00pm	Moonee Ponds & Strathmore Parish

#### **Way of the Cross - Fridays**

9:45am	Moonee Ponds
10:30am	Strathmore

## **Project compassion Boxes are available this weekend.**

### **Compassio Lenten Program**

**2026** booklets are now available for purchase for \$10.00 each from the Piety Store at St Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds and from the Sacristy at the St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore.

### ***Burning of Palms for Ash Wednesday***

*Parishioners are invited to bring in their old palms to be burnt for use on Ash Wednesday. Please bring your palms to St Monica's Church, Moonee Ponds no later than Friday, 13th February. Thank you!*



**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** *14th/15th February 2026, Year A*

Mass Times	Readers		Extraordinary Ministers	
6:00 pm SM	M Murphy		B Smolenaars	
6:00 pm SVdP	L Besterwitch		B Duggan	
8:30 am	B Healey	L Nardo	R Farfalla	A Savino
9:30 am	F Adams		L Hastings	
10:30 am	G Mullen	J Trethowan	A Briggs	S Maurici
5:30 pm	J Fernando		D Fernando	J Fernando

**CHURCH VACUUMING**

**SM: Team 2**  
 Thursday 12th  
 February @ 9:45am  
**SVdP: Group A**  
 Friday 13th  
 February @ 9:00am

**CHURCH LINEN**

**SM February**  
 Rosa Farfalla  
**SVdP 7th/8th February**  
 Anne Sullivan

*Opening of St Monica's Primary School Year Mass*



*St Monica's Primary School Student Leader Commissioning*



*St Vincent de Paul Primary  
 School Whole School  
 Mass*

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

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**58:7-10**

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 111:4-9**

**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

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

**2:1-5**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there

were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**John 8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of light.

Alleluia!

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

**5:13-16**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

