

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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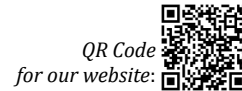
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**The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year A**

**18th June, 2023**

## Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**

Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**

Saturday: **8.00 am**

**8.30 am—Reconciliation**

## Parish Office Hours

**Moonee Ponds Parish Office:**

Tue - Thu: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

## Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**

Sunday: **9.30 am**

Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

**Strathmore Parish Office:**

Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus calls the Twelve to himself, they are named and sent out. This is literally what the word *apostle* means: **sent out**.

And as we hear these words today, we too, are called to be apostles; we too are sent out. Sent out in the name of Christ to bring the Kingdom of God to birth in our own time. And Jesus tells us what the coming Kingdom of God will look like. And these are signs. The sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, devils are cast out.

Today, when we hear these signs of the coming of the Kingdom, we would tend to explain them away as a simple lack of modern medical care. So, what would be for us the signs of the inbreaking of the Kingdom of God in our world?

We might be tempted to name all sorts of things as signs of the coming Kingdom of God: an end to wars, freedom for asylum seekers, and end to poverty, the stamping out of injustice in all its forms. We cannot achieve most of these things on our own. Most of these evils in our world are even beyond the power or interest of governments to change. What is within **our** power to change is what **we** do. When **we** make space for people; when **we** gather people together and allow them to find a home; when **we** give them the chance to laugh, to cry and to be themselves, this is the Kingdom of God breaking into our world.

So, is the Kingdom of God on the grand scale stalled? Is the Kingdom of God prevented from its final victory over sin and death?

The Kingdom of God is never prevented from breaking into our world. The final victory of God's steadfast and faithful love can never be thwarted by anything. **Strong is his love for us; he is faithful forever.**

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

**MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 25th June 2022 — The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>S Letcher</b>	<b>V Pizzichetta</b>	<b>C Munafo</b>	<b>B Odachowski</b>
10.30 am	<b>L Besterwitch</b>	<b>M Baker</b>	<b>A Briggs</b>	
5.30 pm	<b>J Henderson</b>		<b>J Dobson</b>	<b>M Passuello</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

June—A Savino

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 1** - Thursday 22nd June at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

Janine De Castro	Nina Napoli
Jill D'Prano	Lino D'Prano
Br Aloysius Tobin	Gordon Windsor
Marnie Rossiter	Margaret Rossiter
Stuart Clarke	Clifton Clarke
Joseph Arnold	

**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.

**Parish Contact List**

If you have not already done so, please make sure you subscribe to the new Parish Contact List — simply send an email to [MooneePonds@cam.org.au](mailto:MooneePonds@cam.org.au) with the subject line **Parish Contact List**

**Date Claimer: Our Parish: Past-Present-Future**

Over coming months, our Parish will hold a series of fora to reflect on our past, celebrate our present and discern our future directions. In the Symons Centre, beginning at 7.30pm

**Our Parish Past:  
Daytime Session Wed 28th June @ 11.00am**

Present: 5th July

Future: 4th October

**CoAsIt Visitation Program** • The North-West CoAsIt Visitation Program supports vulnerable elderly Italian individuals in our community. They are currently seeking an Italian speaking male volunteer who can commit to spending one hour per week visiting an elderly gentleman in our local community for a friendly conversation. If you need further details or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marianna Cibin at 0481 603 758.

**Moonee Valley Alpha for Young Adults** meets on Sunday nights in the Symons Centre. So what is Alpha? Alpha is a series of small group conversations and videos, run over several weeks, that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people over dinner, where you can say anything you like, or nothing at all. In a nutshell you can expect: delicious dinner + thought provoking videos + good conversation. Please register at <https://bit.ly/42BF1YM>



**Recycle your old Egg Cartons** • Your old egg cartons can be used by Vinnies Soup Vans to help provide food for homeless and disadvantaged people. Rather than throw them into your yellow recycling bin, bring them to church or the Parish Office and we can pass them on to Vinnies to help others.



**Expressions of Interest • Parish Safeguarding Team** We are currently seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would be prepared and interested in joining our Safeguarding Team. This team would meet regularly to promote and coordinate our efforts in relation to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. If you would be interested, please contact Fr Tony by phone: 9370 5035 or email: [Anthony.Doran@cam.org.au](mailto:Anthony.Doran@cam.org.au)

**St Vincent De Paul Society - Assist A Student** • The Annual Appeal to assist students in third world countries in here again! \$100 assists a student to cover educational costs for one year. This is a wonderful way to give a Christmas gift to somebody you do not know. Your donation can be left in the piety stall or place it in a collection basket in an envelope marked **ASSIST A STUDENT**. If you have any enquiries, please see one of the member of SVdP Moonee Ponds Conference.



## Australian Catholic Bishops Conference— Voice to Parliament

As a vote on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament nears, Australia's bishops have encouraged Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart—the document from which the Voice proposal emerged.

During their recent plenary meeting in Sydney, the bishops considered how they might assist Catholics in preparing for the referendum to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the Constitution, with a vote due in the second half of 2023.

The bishops argued that the fact First Nations Peoples have lived in Australia for many thousands of years but their custodianship of the land isn't mentioned in the Constitution: *"It is an omission which needs to be rectified...a Voice to Parliament isn't the only way to achieve that outcome, but it is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru...This could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia...we want to encourage all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible concerning the proposal to establish the Voice."*

The bishops call for a meaningful debate on the issue, acknowledging that *'people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives...we are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples...we ask those drafting the changes to the Constitution to work together in a spirit of cooperation, so that the proposal presented to the Australian people will appeal to a wide range of the population.'*

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference endorsed the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021, with the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia taking the same step last year. The bishops have encouraged us to read the document and have discussions about our response to its key messages.

[ACBC Statement regarding an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[View The Statement - Uluru Statement from the Heart](#)



What do we do to deepen **communion**?

What do we do encourage **participation**?

What do we do to promote **mission**?

## Stewardship Corner

*"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Matthew 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

Special Collections 2023	
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pastoral Care Appeal
Lent	Project Compassion
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday – Holy Places
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Propagation of the Faith
11 <sup>th</sup> June	SVdP Winter Appeal
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
13 <sup>th</sup> August	CatholicCare
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Priests' Retirement Foundation
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	World Mission Sunday
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Catholic Deaf
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Melbourne Overseas Mission



**Readings at Mass**  
The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A—18th June 2023

**First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6**

A reading from the book of Exodus

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 99:2-3, 5**

**R.** We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

**Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 9:36 - 10:8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'



**SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME** *(click below)*

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)  
([weebly.com](#))

Children: [June 18 - Sunday 11 LORD](#)  
([yearaprayingwithchildren.org](#))