

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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

**2nd July, 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**

## Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**  
Sunday: **9.30 am**  
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

## Parish Office Hours

Tuesday

to

Friday

**9.00 am - 3.30 pm**

Dear friends,

In this Sunday's **Gospel Reading**, Jesus is in the midst of preaching his great mission sermon to his disciples. Already, Jesus has told his disciples what life is to be like for those who follow Jesus. And it seems as if we are now at the pointy end of things. To be a disciple, is to be single-minded in our following of the Lord. And in words that disturb us, Jesus says that we must prefer him to father or mother. We must take up our cross and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We are to lose our life. And in this losing of our lives, we are promised that we will indeed find life. These words disturb us.

But really, they should not disturb us. For we have already died. St Paul tells us so in today's Second Reading: ***We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him.*** And we have died with Christ when we were baptised in Christ Jesus. For the waters of baptism are like the tomb of Christ, and therefore, through baptism we share in the death of Jesus. We are buried under the water with him. And so when we rise from the water cleansed and renewed, we share in the rising of Jesus from the tomb on Easter Sunday. This is the heart of the mystery of Baptism: when we are baptised, we are immersed in the death and resurrection of Jesus. And so we carry with us the power of the resurrection of Christ.

This is God's hospitality towards us. We are invited to share in the life of God. We are invited to share in God's victory over sin and death. It is an invitation to share in the death, yes, of Jesus. But it is also a promise that we shall share in his rising, too. For if we have died with him, then we shall rise with him.

This is losing our life in order to find it. This is Cross and Resurrection. It is for this that we sing forever of the goodness of the Lord.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST'S DEATH 

## MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 9th July 2023 — The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>B Healey</b>	<b>L Mathews</b>	<b>R Farfalla</b>	<b>R Gonsalves</b>
10.30 am	<b>D Connors</b>	<b>L Connors</b>	<b>S Maurici</b>	<b>C Shiu</b>
5.30 pm	<b>J Henderson</b>		<b>B Clancy</b>	<b>J Beckley</b>

### CHURCH LINEN

July—J Trethowan

### CHURCH VACCUMING

**TEAM 3** - Thursday 6 July at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

#### **Recently Deceased**

##### **Anniversaries**

Jordano Vivoda                      Tony D'Anna  
Francesca Simone                  Joseph Maggiore  
Gordon Windsor

#### **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**

#### **Sacramental Preparation for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools—First Reconciliation**

Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence on **16th July**. Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests for an information pack & enrolment form.

#### **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

Present: 5th July

*Date for daytime 'Present' session to be advised soon*

Future: 4th October

**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)

### **New Envelopes Available**

The next set of envelopes is available for those who use weekly envelopes to support our Parish. If you do not currently support our Parish, now is the time to join with your sisters and brothers in this Parish and make a commitment to financially support our community.

#### **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>



**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.

#### **Forum on the Referendum on the Voice to Parliament**

St Therese's Parish, Essendon warmly invite parishioners to a forum on the Voice referendum. Guest Speaker Dr Heather Warne. Come along and have your questions answered in a lively and engaging discussion.

**Where:**                      **St Therese's Parish Centre,  
Lincoln Road, Essendon**

**When:**                      **19th July at 7.30pm.**

**Enquiries:**                **Jacinta Hyland 0431031036**



## 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

*“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.”*

MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

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 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A—2nd July 2023

**First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3, 16-19**

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established  
as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord,  
who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once

for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness  
and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



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

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](https://www.sundayreadings.com)  
([weebly.com](https://www.sundayreadings.com))

Children: [July 2 - Sunday 13 ORD](https://www.yearaprayingwithchildren.org)  
([yearaprayingwithchildren.org](https://www.yearaprayingwithchildren.org))