

# Parish of St Monica

## Moonee Ponds

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

**9th 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,

For many weeks now in our Sunday Gospel readings, we have learnt about the Kingdom which Jesus brings. And it is a different sort of kingdom. For certainly, some of the people who first heard Jesus expected that the Kingdom of God would come about through a devastating military conquest. A mighty messiah who would conquer the enemy and drive out the occupying enemy. Now, this does happen when Jesus comes. But this messiah rides a donkey, and his weapons are peace and love. The enemy he conquers is death, and it is sin which is driven out.

And in today's Gospel, Jesus tells us something truly astounding about this Kingdom. Because for the people who listened to Jesus, to be the subject of a kingdom, any kingdom, meant carrying heavy burdens. It was hard work and little freedom if you were poor and weak.

But in the Kingdom which Jesus preaches, Jesus himself offers to carry our load for us. When we find that the going is just too tough, he invites us to come to him and find rest. And so, we find ourselves freed from the burden. And thus rested, we find that we are able to carry the burden of Jesus, whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light. And this is why this Kingdom is just so different. Because the wisdom of this Kingdom goes against the so-called wisdom of this world. The mystery of this Kingdom which Jesus preaches is understood by children, yet hidden from the learned and wise.

But as unusual as it is, it is this same Kingdom that we are invited to become a part. It is this Kingdom that we are called to proclaim. It is in this Kingdom where we will find our true home.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.



**MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 16th July 2023 — The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>S Letcher</b>	<b>M Giardina</b>	<b>M Ballato</b>	<b>K Sherwood</b>
10.30 am	<b>J Martin</b>	<b>K Martin</b>	<b>J Morello</b>	<b>L Butler</b>
5.30 pm	<b>A Mathews</b>		<b>P Duggan</b>	<b>B Mathews</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

July—J Trethowan

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 4** - Thursday 13th July at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

Rev Professor Austin Cooper OMI  
John Collier

**Anniversaries**

Cesarina Nigoa                      Annie Frewen  
Clarice Fewster                      Cesarina Nigro

**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.

**Masses this Week**

Tuesday      No Mass  
Wednesday    10.00am @ Strathmore  
Thursday      9.15am @ Moonee Ponds  
Friday        10.00am @ Strathmore  
Saturday      8.00am @ Moonee Ponds

**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.

**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.

**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:

*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)

**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](#)



## Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

**Are You Retired or Seeking A Deeply Rewarding Ministry to Others?** We invite you to join Heart of Life's **Taster Session 2 on Saturday 5 August 2023, 9.30-11am, via Zoom**, where we'll share with you information on our formation programs to become a spiritual director, pastoral supervisor, spiritual leader and contemplative listener to others. Our programs develop a compassionate, listening heart. The session will include a facilitated reflection session led by formation team members at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) for more details.

**Retreat in Everyday Life - Moments of Grace - over five weeks, beginning Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August** (at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing. The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'. This is an ideal opportunity for a Parish or spiritual community to retreat together, as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives in a more intentional way. Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) and we will be *in touch to have a conversation. Cost: Donation*

### Stewardship Corner

*"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."*

MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

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

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

What do we do encourage **participation**?

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

**Readings at Mass**  
The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A—9th July 2023

**First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10**

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14**

**R.** I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body,  
you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the  
spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home

in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of  
Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit  
of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in  
you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will  
give life to your own mortal bodies through his  
Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to  
obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual  
lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to  
die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the  
misdeeds of the body you will live.

**Gospel Acclamation: cf Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the  
kingdom.

Alleluia!

**Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and of earth, for hiding these things from the  
learned and the clever and revealing them to mere  
children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you  
to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my  
Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father,  
just as no one knows the Father except the Son and  
those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are  
overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my  
yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble  
in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes,  
my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

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

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)  
[\(weebly.com\)](#) Children: [July 9 - Sunday 14 ORD](#)  
[\(yearaprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)