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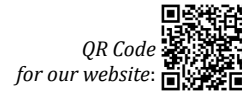
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The First Sunday of Lent, Year B

18th February, 2024

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



**The First Sunday of Lent
17 & 18 February**



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.



Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 25th February 2024 — The Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	K Sherwood	V Pizzichetta	R Farfalla	S Maurici
10.30 am	J Trethowan	F Baker RSM	C Shiu	A De Fazio
5.30 pm	B Smolenaars		M Christian	J Dobson

CHURCH LINEN

February—R Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 4 - Thursday 22nd Feb at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Warren Costabile	Phillipa Farrugia
Audrone Vindziulyte	Eliza Bartolo
Gordon Windsor	Michelina Pungitore
Antonio Bruno	Nicola Venuto

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.

Lent

On Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following: Prayer, Self-Denial, Helping Others

Way of the Cross—Fridays

3.00pm	Moonee Ponds—Italian
7.00pm	Moonee Ponds—English
7.00pm	Strathmore—English

Date Claimer: Ashes to Easter: A Sequence of Songs and Stories weaving songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looking ahead to Holy Week and Easter by **Peter Kearney**, composer of well-known hymns such as *Fill My House* and *The Beatitudes* • **Thursday 29th February 2024 @ 7.00pm at St Vincent's Church, Strathmore.** Mainly for adults though upper-primary and older students could also enjoy.

Volunteers Needed—Church Linen • We are in desperate need of volunteers who can assist with washing the church linen used at Mass—purificators and finger towels. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

Volunteers Needed—Church Cleaners • Have you ever wondered who cleans our church? Each week—usually on Thursday morning after Mass, but we also have one Friday afternoon group—we have volunteers vacuum our church to keep it clean and tidy and ready for the weekend. We would gladly welcome more volunteers to our roster. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

Unauthorised Material Left in Church • In recent weeks, lots of unauthorized books, pamphlets and flyers have been left in church. Please speak to one of the priests if you wish to leave information for parishioners. Any other material will be removed.



Pietà—Lenten Program 2024 Copies of *Pietà*, the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program is now available from the Piety Stall for **\$5.00** each. They contain a reflection for each day of Lent; and for Sundays, a prayer outline and reflection on the Sunday Gospel. They are ideal for both individual and group reflection - why not gather together a group of friends each week to pray and reflect on the Sunday Gospel readings for Lent? For each Sunday, there's also a reflection on a piece of art depicting the theme of that Sunday's Gospel Reading.



Child Safety Update • There is an old African proverb which states it takes a village to raise a child. In much the same way, it takes a whole parish to care for and be responsible for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults.

Working with Children Checks—A reminder that **all parish volunteers** need to have a valid WWCC with the Parish listed as one of the places where you undertake child related work. That means all

- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

need to have a WWCC—if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the priests. Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching—Click here to notify WWCC [Teacher notification](#)

Child Safeguarding Training—All volunteers need to undertake safeguarding training. You may undertake this training online [Online Safeguarding Training](#) The parish will also be running some inperson sessions in the near future—please keep an eye on this Bulletin for details.

Code of Conduct Declaration—Thanks to all those who have completed their Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers. We will be following up with those yet to complete their declaration.



A communion that radiates

How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?

Participation, governance and authority

What processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?

Co-responsibility in mission

How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?



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Stewardship Corner

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....

Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Special Collections 2024	
Lent	Project Compassion
29 th March	Good Friday – Holy Places
5 th May	CatholicCare
TBA	Propagation of the Faith
2 nd June	SVdP Winter Appeal
30 th June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
18 th August	The Archbishop’s Campaign
20 th October	World Mission Sunday
10 th November	Pastoral Care Appeal—Prison Ministry

Readings at Mass

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First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME (click below)

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year B \(weebly.com\)](#) Children: [February 18 - Sunday 1 LENT - PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024 \(yearbprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)