

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st October, 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,

If our life in Christ means anything to you; if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness or sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. With these words, St Paul wrote to the Christian community of Philippi which we will hear in this Sunday's **Second Reading**. The characteristic note of this letter is joy. This is somewhat surprising, given that this letter was written while Paul was in prison, facing a charge that would mean his death. But Paul had had a long and happy relationship with the Church of Philippi. They are not yet perfect, but still, later in this Letter, he will describe the Philippians as his joy and crown, in whom he hopes to boast on the day of judgement.

What is important about Paul even writing to the Church at Philippi was that Philippi was in Europe. When the Church in Philippi was founded, it meant that the Good News of Jesus Christ was no longer being preached only in what we would call the Ancient Near East, but had reached the shores of Europe. It would be not be all that long before the Good News was being preached in Rome, and from thence to the ends of the earth.

Paul's reason for writing to the Church at Philippi seems to have been to thank them for their generosity. Their generosity in responding to the Gospel and their generosity personally to him.

If love can persuade at all...Christians in every age – just like the community at Philippi – are called to respond to the Gospel. More than ever, we are called and challenged to let love persuade us, to urge us, to compel us more and more in our care for one another. All of **us** are asked to respond to the Gospel. Will you let love persuade?

With every peace,

Fr Tony.



ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 8th October 2023 — Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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

CHURCH LINEN

October —Rosa Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 4 - Thursday 5th October at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Kata Weber Ivan Weber
Manuel Torio Peter Farmer
Elizabeth Macken Nora Macken
Noel & Marie Murray

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 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. The fora will take place in the Symons Centre:

Future: 4th October Daytime

Session: 11.00am

Evening Session: 7.30pm

**Daylight Saving Begins -
Sunday 1st October**



A reminder that Daylight Saving begins on **Sunday 1st October** - **put your clocks forward by 1 hour at 2.00am.**

Votive Candles • A reminder that votive candles are 20cents each—currently, the Parish is losing a lot of money because some people who are lighting candles are not paying for them. The system relies on honesty—let us all make an effort to be honest!



Devotional Statues • It is a custom of our church to seek the intercession of Our Lady and the saints in our prayers. Recently, we have found money being left at the statues of Our Lady and the saints in the church. Please do not leave money at or under the statues—it could easily be stolen. If you wish to make an offering in thanksgiving or to have mass said for your intentions, please speak to one of the priests.

'True North' Young Adults Group meets every second Sunday of the month 6:30pm - 8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's). The night includes food, fellowship, and faith discussion. Location: The Symons Centre, St Monica's Catholic Church, 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Ages 18-35 welcome. More queries: please email truenorth90stable@gmail.com. True North is for young adults from all our local region, supported by the local parishes, and hosted by St Monica's Parish.



A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU..."Live Your Best Married Life in Love" Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily

cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!! The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details**
Date: 3-5 November 2023 in Melbourne **BOOK NOW**
Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: wwme.org.au

The **Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver** will hold their **Annual Mission Fair** on Saturday 14 October 9.00 am - 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the renovation and extension of a school in Zambia run by Franciscan Sisters of the Presentation for marginalised children. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

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 be 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 in-person 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?



Catholic Theological College 2024 Study Tour:

Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece: 20 September – 6 October 2024 Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan. Online Information Sessions: Saturday 7 October 2023 at 2pm Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award. RSVP & further information: rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au

Engaging Your Faith—October & November

CTC are delighted to announce the return in October 2023 of their popular online lecture series, **Engaging Your Faith**. Fourteen stand-alone sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff. For full details, please [click here](#) • These sessions would be an ideal opportunity for lay leaders and other interested people in your parish to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development. • Topics include Explorations in the Bible; Basic Listening Skills for Pastoral Ministry; Catholic Social Teaching; The Plenary Council, the Catholic Church, and being a Catholic; *Lectio Divina*; Science and faith issues

Stewardship Corner

Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...

Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

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

Readings at Mass

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A — 1st October 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

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.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
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: Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*

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

[\(weebly.com\)](#)

Children: [October 1 - Sunday 26 ORD](#)

[\(yearaprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)