

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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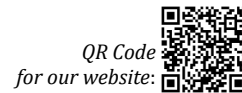
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The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8th 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,

The people who listened to the parable told by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel Reading, would have been familiar with this situation. Much of the land of Galilee was owned by powerful absentee landowners. The only time they turned up was to collect their rents and the harvest of their land. In the story told by Matthew, it is the people of Israel who are the tenants of an absentee landlord. The landlord sends servants to collect the harvest. And the servants are killed by the tenants. Finally, the landlord sends his son, because the landlord believes ***They will respect my son.*** But the son is also murdered as he tries to collect the harvest for his father.

Jesus tells this parable against the chief priests and Pharisees. The chief priests and Pharisees were the tenants who would not give their harvest to the landlord, who in this case is the Lord. Whenever the Lord sent his servants – the Prophets – to collect the harvest, they were killed by the tenants. When finally the Lord sends his Son, because ***They will respect my Son,*** he too is killed. This story reflects the situation in which Matthew's community found itself after the death of Jesus. Matthew is putting this parable into the mouth of Jesus to remind the chief priests and the Pharisees of what had actually happened. Prophets has been sent. They had been ignored and killed. Finally, God had sent his own Son, Jesus, but he too had been killed by those in authority. And the Kingdom will be taken from them and given to people who will produce fruit.

And so, how do we hear this Gospel? Is it just a message for the community listening to Matthew's Gospel, or is there something here for us as well? During the course of this liturgical year, we have been listening to the Gospel of Matthew. One of the key elements in the Gospel of Matthew is the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. We have heard the Kingdom proclaimed week in, week out. But it is not enough just to hear the Kingdom proclaimed.

Having heard the Kingdom proclaimed, ***we*** are compelled to bear fruit. ***We*** are called to proclaim the Kingdom in what we say and what we do. ***Now*** it is time for us to take heed of the prophets whom God still sends to us, proclaiming the Kingdom. ***Now*** it is time for us to practice the Gospel of his Son. More than ever in this time of pandemic and lockdown and restriction. ***Now*** it is time for us to be faithful to the Lord. ***Now*** it is time for ***us*** to bear fruit in the Kingdom.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.



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 15th October 2023 — Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	K Sherwood	M Giardina	M Ballato	A Savelo
10.30 am	J Martin	K Martin	J Morello	L Butler
5.30 pm	A Mathews		P Duggan	B Mathews

CHURCH LINEN

October —Rosa Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 1 - Thursday 12th October at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Jesmond Vella

Anniversaries

Gordon Windsor

Colleen Daffey

Giuseppe Spurio

Simon & Emeraude Kmaid

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 9.15am @ Moonee Ponds

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 with the subject line **Parish Contact List**

Parish Fora: Our Parish: Past-Present-Future

Thank you to all those parishioners who came to our parish for a looking at our Parish: Past-Present-Future. We had really great discussions and the opportunity to listen to many ideas. The responses will be collated and will be the basis for further action—stay tuned for more!

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 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?



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

The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...

Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A — 8th October 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend has a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*

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

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

Children: [October 8 - Sunday 27 ORD](#)

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