

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

15 January 2023

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**

Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**

Saturday: **8 am**

Reconciliation: Saturday 8.30 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Moonee Ponds Parish Office:

Tue - Thu, 9 am - 3.30 pm

Strathmore Parish Office:

Fri, 9 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

Once I decided to move to Australia to walk on my priestly vocation continuously, a dear friend of mine, Fr Paul Lee, sent me an email with a poem. Its title was **'The Road Not Taken'**, written by *Robert Frost*.

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, / And sorry I could not travel both / And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could / To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair, / And having perhaps the better claim, / Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there / Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay / In leaves no step had trodden black. / Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way, / I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh / Somewhere ages and ages hence: / Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by, / And that has made all the difference.*

We reached the same question: **Why should the writer tell with a sigh?** One thing we found was that his sigh could be a sigh of regret, but also a sigh including all of these - pride in his life and choice, feeling of relief, and hope and determination for the way he will continue to walk. Therefore, his sigh would express his whole life.

The same went for my life. Seven years ago, I was at a crossroads and chose this way — the way of the priestly vocation in Melbourne. As in the last three years of my priestly life, in my future priestly life, I'm sure there will be many crossroads that I encounter, and now I am at one of them. Now I'm going to another way to walk, but I believe we are still in the same direction.

I sincerely thank you - all parishioners in Moonee Ponds and Strathmore - for your companionship on this path. Your prayers, thoughts, encouragement and support make me humbly walk the priestly vocation with a grateful heart. I will do my best to live as a priest who is praying. So, one fine day in the future, I would like to say to **Someone with a sigh** - a sigh of gratefulness for the past and of hope for the future - that, a few times, I faced two roads, chose one that God led me to walk, and each time it has made me grow up in faith. Please remember me in your prayers and pray for vocations. As always, you are in my prayers.

Many thanks and God bless,

In Christ,
Rev. Andrew Choi

!! Please note that the weekday Mass timetable will be a little different this week as we say farewell to Fr Andrew and welcome Fr Brian. Please see the timetable below:

	Tue (17 Jan)	Wed (18 Jan)	Thu (19 Jan)	Fri (20 Jan)
St. Monica's	9.15 am	9.15 am	9.15 am	No Mass
St. Vincent de Paul	10 am	No Mass	No Mass	10 am

FR ANDREW'S THANKSGIVING MASS

Fr Andrew will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell on **Sunday 15th January at 10.30am** at Moonee Ponds - all parishioners are welcome to attend.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

The Archbishop appointed **Fr Brian Muling** as our new Assistant Priest for Moonee Ponds and Strathmore. Fr Brian will commence his appointment with us on 18 January 2023. **Welcome Fr Brian!**

Readings at Mass The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING | Isaiah 49:3,5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and
bring back the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL | John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*

[*For adults*](#) / [*For families with young children*](#)

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY (!! Please note that it is for 22 January.)

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	B. Odachowski <i>(Eng.)</i>	M. Galioto <i>(Ita.)</i>	C. Munafo	T. Pagliarello
10.30 am	T. Vu	F. Baker RSM	A. Briggs	J. Trethowan
5.30 pm	M. Christian <i>(please do all readings)</i>		E. McMahon	R. McMahon

CHURCH LINEN

in January - **M. Giardina**

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 3 - Thursday, 19 January / at 9.45 am

RECENTLY DECEASED

*Let perpetual light shine upon all who have died recently,
O Lord, especially:*

**Cardinal George Pell
Shirley Blake**

ANNIVERSARY

*In Faith, Hope and Love, we pray for all whose
anniversaries occurs at this time, especially:*

**Felisa Nolasco Gordon Windsor
Francis Low Kim Sua**

PRAY FOR OUR ELDERS AND THE SICK

<p>Marius Fernando Stella Mammone Rosa Di Pietro Leo Gillman Jillian Eolzella Caterina Timpano Lena Savoia Margaret Whelan Anna Vogl Paul Duffy Antoinette Parrella E'jon Biscocho</p>	<p>Dantina Frederico Gino Salvo Lucia Bordin Stephanie Jouhari Loretta Bastian Charlie Tiang Anne Ryan Geraldine Macken Anna Henneken Giuseppina Mammone Antonio Galioto Mele Pangan</p>
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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.