

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

22 January 2023

### 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: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm**

*Strathmore Parish Office:*

*Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm*

Dear friends,

If you take one look at this Sunday's Gospel Reading, it seems as if God has made a mistake. For Jesus calls as his followers four fishermen: Simon and his brother Andrew; and James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Matthew's Gospel doesn't say if Simon and Andrew and James and John were up with the religious elite of their time. I think it is safe to say that they were not. But Jesus calls these four fishermen to follow him. And not just to follow him, but also to share in his work: to become fishers *of men and women*.

What is going on? What are we to make of this?

Perhaps the more surprising element of Sunday's Gospel is that these fishermen do indeed leave their nets and actually follow Jesus. These fishermen do not wait until they are perfect, until they have it all together before they decide to follow Jesus. They follow Jesus when he calls them.

The story of these four fishermen is also our story. We too are called by Jesus to follow him. And Jesus does not wait until we are perfect. Does not wait until we have it all together and have all the answers. If he did, Christian life would be a bit boring. God calls us in the midst of our life. Whether we are priest or religious or layperson, married or single, young or old, or whatever.

We are called to follow Jesus.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

**This week...**

We welcome our new Assistant Priest, **Fr Brian Muling**.

Last week, we also welcomed to our Parish Staff our new Administrative Assistant, **Fran Adamopoulos**.

Welcome Fr Brian and Fran—we hope your time with us is blessed!

**Triumph - Lenten Program 2023** · Copies of *Triumph*, the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program will be available from next 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.

## Readings at Mass The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING : Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

*R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

### SECOND READING | 1 Corinthians 1:10:-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom  
And healed all who were sick, Alleluia!*

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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

[For Adults](#) / [For Children](#)

### MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE SUNDAY 29th January 2023—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>K Sherwood</b> ( <i>Eng.</i> )	<b>L Matthews</b>	<b>A Stivala</b>	<b>B Healey</b>
10.30 am	<b>J Martin</b>	<b>K Martin</b>	<b>T Vu</b>	<b>L Butler</b>
5.30 pm	<b>A Mathews</b> ( <i>please do all readings</i> )		<b>B Clancy</b>	<b>M Passuello</b>

### CHURCH LINEN

in January - **M. Giardina**

### CHURCH VACCUMING

**TEAM 3** - Friday 27th January / at 9.45 am

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace*

### ANNIVERSARY

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

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.