

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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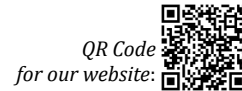
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**The Third Sunday of Lent, Year B**

**3rd March, 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 Third Sunday of Lent  
02 & 03 March 2024**



Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Leaia lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry.

Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street.

With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.



“We are very thankful and grateful for the water tank. It has helped us so much and made our daily life easier,” Leaia said.

### **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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 10th March 2024 — The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>F Baker RSM</b>	<b>V Pizzichetta</b>	<b>V Pizzichetta</b>	<b>R Farfalla</b>
10.30 am	<b>S O'Dwyer</b>	<b>L Connors</b>	<b>J Trethowan</b>	<b>S Maurici</b>
5.30 pm	<b>M Christian</b>		<b>B Smolenaars</b>	<b>L Smolenaars</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**  
March—V Pizzichetta

**CHURCH VACCUMING**  
**TEAM 1** - Thursday 7th Mar at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

Rev Kevin Mogg  
Carmela Santilli  
Michael Pulukkutti Arachchi  
Nancy O'Loughlin  
Tom O'Loughlin  
Brian O'Loughlin

**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.

**Moonee Ponds & Strathmore Parishes • Walking Together and Working Together** • Last Friday (1<sup>st</sup> March) marked two years since Fr Tony began to care for two parishes, Strathmore and Moonee Ponds.

For two years now our parishes have been *walking together and working together*. Some things have been relatively easy to achieve e.g. combined Baptism Preparation and consolidating the two parish offices on one site. Other things have been much more challenging.

Last year, across both parishes, we held *Our Parish Past-Present-Future* fora, providing an opportunity for parishioners to share their memories of the past, their experience of the present, and their hopes for the future. These fora provided a whole raft of rich material – some really good ideas, together with hopes and dreams for the future.

To carry forward the ideas and dreams arising from these for a, and to enable our two parishes to begin to work together more closely together for the good of the Gospel, it would be good to form a **Mission and Pastoral Council** across both parishes. A **Working Group** has been formed to help establish our Mission and Pastoral Council. The working Group will be made up of the priests of the parishes and Maureen Green (S), Jerome Martin (MP), and Jennifer Trethowan (MP). These parishioners represented our parishes at three regional formation sessions across last year.

# Lent

On Fridays of Lent, the law 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

**Pietà—Lenten Program 2024** There are a few copies of Pietà, the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program still available from the Piety Stall for **\$5.00** each.

**Thank You & Farewell** • After thirty-five years involvement in the Music Ministry here at St Monica's, **Jeff Mifsud** has announced his retirement. We give thanks for those years of helping us to pray through music at our Sunday liturgies. To say thank-you & farewell, there will be a special Mass on **Sunday 17th March at 10.30am** followed by morning tea in the Symons Centre.



**Mercy Melbourne** is an initiative that invites parishes to open their doors in welcome for a special evening of prayer and Confessions.

The purpose of this focused event is to highlight the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament as we prepare for the passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord.

Confessions will be available at **St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore** between **6.00pm** and **9.00pm** on **Tuesday 19th March**.

**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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**Social Get-Together (Formerly Known as Golden Oldies)**

We are hoping to revive the gathering that used to be known as Golden Oldies. We will have a first gathering on **Thursday 14th March at 11.00am in the Symons Centre**. We will commence with Mass at 11.00am—this will also be our anointing mass before Easter. Mass will be followed by a light lunch—please bring food to share with others; tea and coffee will be provided.

**First Sunday of the Month—Cuppa** • This Sunday, being the First Sunday of the month, there will be cuppa after both 8.30am & 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to come and spend some time with your fellow parishioners.

**Stewardship Corner**

***You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...***

*Exodus 20:4*

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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

# Readings at Mass

## The Third Sunday of Lent, Year B — 02 March 2024

### First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17 (Year B)

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Law was given through Moses.*

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11 (Year B)

**R.** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. **R.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (Year B)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16 (Year B)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel: John 2:13-25 (Year B)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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