

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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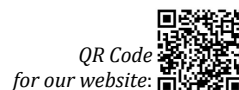
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3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

12th March, 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

Moonee Ponds Parish Office:

Tue - Thu: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Strathmore Parish Office:

Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm



Project Compassion: The Third Sunday of Lent



Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available in the church, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 19th March 2022 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	K Sherwood	V Pizzichetta	T Pagliarello	A Stivala
10.30 am	A Briggs	M Baker	C Shiu	T de Fazio
5.30 pm	J Henderson		E McMahan	R McMahan

CHURCH LINEN

March - Rosa Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 3 - Thursday 16th March at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Don Michael Pulukkutti Arachchi

Anniversaries

Dominikus Vogl
Nazzareno Camela

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.



LENT

Way of the Cross—Fridays

3.00pm Moonee Ponds—Italian
7.00pm Moonee Ponds—English
7.00pm Strathmore—English

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will be holding a Book and Plant Sale, Saturday 18th March 9 am – 2 pm at 154 Cotham Road Kew. Proceeds from the Sale will go to assist the many needs of the missions. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: *Live Your Best Life in Love* • Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples the tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details.** • 28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.e.org.au

COASIT Visitation Program • The CoAsIt home visitation program has been running since 1985 and during this time they have managed to help so many of vulnerable elderly Italians in the community. CoAsIt is currently looking for Italian and English speaking male and female volunteers who are willing to visit elderly people in the Moonee Ponds area, for one hour per week for a friendly chat. These people are quite socially isolated and in need of a friend. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life, and your own. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Marianna on 0481 603 758

Voice to Parliament • Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) have released their statement, ***Relentlessly Pursuing Reconciliation***, in support of a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament as articulated by the ***Uluru Statement from the Heart***. This year's national referendum on the constitution gives an opportunity for Australians to support the Statement from the Heart and to embrace the cries of our First Nations Peoples for a just future, a means of recognition and a way forward for healing and learning together. To read the full statement: <https://css.org.au/publications/relentlessly-pursuing-reconciliation/>

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**



Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Understanding Your Personality Type: Gifts Differing (in-person event), Saturday 18 March from 10 am - 3.30 pm with Peter Malone msc.

Our graced selves, praying, communicating... This is a Myers Briggs reflection day. Attendees can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 15/3/23 via www.heartoflife.melbourne

St Columba's College—Youth Minister • The Youth Minister is a role focused on modelling, engaging and advocating ministry within and beyond our College. Assisting the Principal, Head of Faith and Mission and Members of the Faith and Mission Team to articulate and support the school in its expression and living of the mission and ministry of Jesus, the life and witness of Mary Aikenhead and in the example of the Sisters of Charity and Mary Aikenhead Ministry. The Youth Minister will be supported by the Head of Faith and Mission and the Justice Leader, and will be expected to assist with organisation, supervision and practical support of a range of faith experiences. **For more information or to apply visit:** www.columba.vic.edu.au/youth-minister/



What do we do to deepen *communion*?

What do we do encourage *participation*?

What do we do to promote *mission*?

True North Young Adults • True North meets Every **3rd Sunday** of the month from **6:30pm to 8:30pm** (after 5:30pm Mass) in the Symons Centre, 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. **Ages 18-40 welcome!**

Next Meeting: Sunday 19th March

For more information, please email us: truenorth90stable@gmail.com

Lent



prayer for the good of your soul



fasting for the good of your body



almsgiving for the good of your neighbor

Stewardship Corner

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."

John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

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 Third Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 (Year A)

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (Year A)

R. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 (Year A)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 4:42, 15 (Year A)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 4:5-42 (Year A)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her. 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come - in fact it is here already -
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food
is to do the will of the one who sent me,
and to complete his work.
Have you not got a saying:
Four months and then the harvest?
Well, I tell you:
Look around you, look at the fields;
already they are white, ready for harvest!
Already the reaper is being paid his wages,
already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life,
and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.
For here the proverb holds good:
one sows, another reaps;
I sent you to reap
a harvest you had not worked for.
Others worked for it;
and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)
[\(weebly.com\)](#)

Children: [March 12 - Sunday 3 LENT](#)
[\(yearprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)