

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year B—*Laetare Sunday*

10th 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent
09 & 10 March 2024**



Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the eldest child in a low-income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and Memory often had to walk to school barefooted.

With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), Memory was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three-year carpentry course, with CADECOM supporting part of her tuition and boarding fees.



Memory became the first female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support to her family and inspire other young women in her community so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male-dominated industry.

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 or by calling 1800 024 413.



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 17th March 2024 — The Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	B Healey	A M Catalfamo	S Maurici	K Sherwood
10.30 am	L Besterwitch	A Briggs	J Trethowan	C Shiu
5.30 pm	A Mathews		P Duggan	B Mathews

CHURCH LINEN

March—V Pizzichetta

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 2 - Friday 15th March at 2.00pm

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Rosaria Carbone John O'Neill

Anniversaries

Giovanni Morabito Maria Catalano Judy Bevan

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.

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. **Due to Mass is being celebrated at 11.00am, there will be no Mass celebrated at 9.15am on Thursday.**

There will be no Mass on Friday @ 9.15am—Mass will be celebrated at Strathmore @ 10.00am.

2024 Sacred Paschal Triduum: Walking Together and Working Together • This year, our two parishes are invited to walk together a little more closely. While each of our parishes will celebrate two 'moments' of the Easter Triduum, for the third 'moment' you will be invited to join your brothers and sisters at our sister Parish.

Holy Thursday: 28th March

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Good Friday: 29th March

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00pm

Holy Saturday: 30th March

Please join us at our sister Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore for the Easter Vigil at 8.00pm

Easter Sunday: 31st March

Mass at 8.30am (English & Italian)

Mass at 10.30am

(There will be no 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

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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Stewardship Corner

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...

John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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

Readings at Mass

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First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 136

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue
cleave my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! **R.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong

hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done
in God.'

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

([weebly.com](#)) Children: [March 10 - Sunday 4 LENT - PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024](#)

([yearbprayingwithchildren.org](#))