

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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4th Sunday of Lent, Year A: *Laetare Sunday*

19th 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent



This week's focus is on *Vietnam*.

Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.



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	L Bani RSC	M Galioto	B Healey	S Lechter
10.30 am	J Trethowan	L Besterwitch	A Lim	M Sequerah
5.30 pm	J Fernando		D Fernando	J Fernando

CHURCH LINEN

March - Rosa Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 4 - Thursday 23rd March at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Rosaria Inguanti Gordon Windsor
 Pasquale and Angelina Cefala
 John Grant

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.

Way of the Cross—Fridays in Lent

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

NB—There will be NO Way of the Cross on Friday 24th Mar at Moonee Ponds—Please come to Strathmore at 7.00pm for a special Way of the Cross, based on the Seven Sorrows of Mary

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: wwme.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

Timetable for the Fifth Week of Lent & Holy Week

Tue 28th Mar	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Reconciliation
Wed 29th Mar	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Reconciliation
Thu 30th Mar	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Reconciliation
Fri 31st Mar	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Reconciliation
Sat 1st Apr	<i>No Mass or Reconciliation</i>	
Sun 2nd Apr	8.30am	Mass
	10.30am	Mass
	5.30pm	Mass
Tue 4th Apr	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Reconciliation
	7.30pm	Reconciliation (2nd Rite)
Wed 5th Apr	9.15am	Mass
	9.45am	Reconciliation
Thu 6th Apr	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	9.30pm	Night Prayer
Fri 7th Apr	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	9.45am	Way of the Cross
	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Sat 8th Apr	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 9th Apr	8.30am	Mass
	10.30am	Mass
	<i>No 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday</i>	

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**

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/

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. Read the full statement here <https://css.org.au/publications/relentlessly-pursuing-reconciliation/> or click on the QR Code:



What do we do to deepen *communion*?

What do we do encourage *participation*?

What do we do to promote *mission*?



prayer for the good of your soul



fasting for the good of your body



almsgiving for the good of your neighbor

Church Toilets • The Male Toilet at the church will be closed from Wednesday 22nd March as we repair the paving outside the door. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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

Stewardship Corner

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A: *Laetare Sunday*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 (Year A)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22 (Year A)

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (Year A)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation: John 8:12 (Year A)

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9:1-41 (Year A)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts
I must carry out the work of the one who sent me;
the night will soon be here when no one can work.
As long as I am in the world
I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement
that I have come into this world,
so that those without sight may see
and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty,
but since you say, "We see",
your guilt remains.'

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME ([click below](#))

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

Children: [March 19 - Sunday 4 LENT](#)
([yearaprayingwithchildren.org](#))