

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds

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**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**5 February 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,

It is not often that I get to listen to two Vatican experts speaking in the same week. But I have been fortunate enough to do that this week in Melbourne.

St Nathalie Becquart xmcj spoke on the forthcoming Synod on Synodality. Pope Francis has invited and challenged the Church to embrace a new way of being together. Synodality asks all of us to journey together: bishops, priests and people. Together. It is a far cry from the days of old. The challenge is for us to listen deeply to each other, to discern together, and to proclaim God's love to the world. The theme for the forthcoming Synod is "Communion, participation, mission". Synodality is not so much an end result, as a new way of being Church together

Fr Hans Zollner SJ spoke about putting child safety at the centre of what we do as a Church. Child safety is not something which we have to just tick-a-box and then get back to our real 'work' of being the Church. No. It is the work God is calling us to do the Church at this time.

Both speakers used the word **co-responsibility**. If we want to be a synodal Church, we must work together. If we want a Church where the most vulnerable are safe from harm, we must work together. Together as co-responsible members of God's holy People.

In our continued reading of the Sermon on the Mount this Sunday, Jesus calls us to be the **salt of the earth** and the **light of the world**. When Jesus calls us in the Gospels to be this salt and light, he addresses us a community of believers. A fundamental element of our lives as Christians is that we do not do this on our own. We cannot possibly do this on our own. The way in which we are called to be salt and light for our world is called and gathered together as the Holy People of God.

Let us continue to walk this path of co-responsible discipleship **together**.

With every peace,

### **Catch Up Chat and Cuppa.**

Come along and catch up with your fellow parishioners over a cuppa.

15 minutes of your time to say hello. **This Sunday— 5<sup>th</sup> Feb— after the 10.30am Mass**

**St Monica's Prayer Group** • The Charismatic Prayer Meeting has commenced for 2023. Starting on Thursdays from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. The meeting comprises songs of praise and worship, scripture sharing, testimonies, and prayers for personal needs. Let us remain open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, which is the focus of the prayer meeting. All welcome. Enquiries: Adrian 0403 512 936

**Triumph - Lenten Program 2023** • Copies of **Triumph**, the Diocese of Wollongong Lenten Program is now available from the Piety Stall 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

#### First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.  
Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

#### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 111:4-9

**R.** A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**  
The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

#### Gospel Acclamation: John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

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

#### MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE SUNDAY 12th February 2022 — Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>B Healey</b>	<b>M Galioto</b>	<b>B Odachowski</b>	<b>A Savino</b>
10.30 am	<b>D Connors</b>	<b>A Cukavac</b>	<b>A Lim</b>	<b>M Sequerah</b>
5.30 pm	<b>T Wilson</b>		<b>D Fernando</b>	<b>J Fernando</b>

#### CHURCH LINEN

February - **Connie Munafo**

#### CHURCH VACCUMING

**TEAM 2** - Thursday 9th February at 2.00pm

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

**Frank Piaccentini**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

#### ANNIVERSARY

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

**Kath Nicol**

**Marie McGrath**

**Kathy Jergens**

**Justin Diviny**

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.