

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

26th 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 Fifth Sunday of Lent



Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Teresa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.



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 02 April 2022 — Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	L Bani RSC	L Matthews	M Ballato	T Mitchell
10.30 am	D Connors	L Connors	L Butler	T de Fazio
5.30 pm	J Beckley		B Clancy	M Christian

CHURCH LINEN

March - Rosa Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 1 - Thursday 30th March at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Lesley Jean Tobin

Anniversaries

Giuseppe & Nancy Banno

Angelo Anania

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

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	No Mass or Reconciliation	
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
	No 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday	

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 to 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 until the middle of the coming week as we repair the paving outside the door. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Catholic Theological College: Biblical Lands Study Tour Journey with the Gospel According to Luke in the Holy Land This tour is focused on the Gospel of Luke engaging the narrative in the contextual landscape:

1. experience being on a boat on the Sea of Galilee
2. walk through the Kidron Valley to the Pool of Siloam and see the steps up to the Temple
3. meditate in the Shepherd's field
4. ponder the site of the Visitation and the Nativity
5. engage the women who followed Jesus among the disciples
6. reflect on Mary Magdalene while staying at Magdala on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Prepare to be captivated and moved to joy or tears and enjoy new food and cultural experiences as we follow Luke in modern Israel and Palestinian Territories. Be immersed in an experience of a lifetime and come home changed. **PLUS:** You can take the opportunity to undertake a study unit through CTC (Catholic Theological College) in conjunction with this tour (conditions and additional cost apply). Journey with me and with Luke in 2023 along with our experienced guide, Gila Yudkin. See the Flyer attached for Itinerary and Costing. **Register now for the Zoom Info Session Sunday 26 March 2pm** or contact me directly for further information or to obtain a booking form. Dr Rosemary Canavan - rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au

Stewardship Corner

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"

John 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14 (Year A)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129 (Year A)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ear be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11 (Year A)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 11:25, 26 (Year A)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 11:1-45 (Year A)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. - It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the

disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day?
A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling
because he has the light of this world to see by;
but if he walks at night he stumbles,
because there is no light to guide him.'

He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.
I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*

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

Children: [March 26 - Sunday 5 LENT](#)
[\(yearprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)