

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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for our website:



**The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**16th June, 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**



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## **Our Parish Renewal Program**

**THANK YOU** for your response to our Parish Commitment Weekend – the final weekend of our Parish Renewal Program. A special **THANK YOU** to all the parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments and Ministry responses – either at Mass last week or by return to the Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated!

If you have not yet done so, **additional pledge cards will be available at all Masses this weekend.** Please place your completed financial commitments and Ministry flyers in one of the collection baskets at Mass or return to the Parish Office **no later than next Wednesday 19th June.**

Stephen from Parish First, our Program Coordinator, will be following up by email, SMS and phone to confirm intentions from parishioners who have not yet responded – so to minimise that follow-up please ensure you complete and return your commitments this weekend.

Your new pledges will **take effect on Sunday 7th July.** Confirmation letters, and where appropriate, new sets of envelopes, will be available at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 30 June.

We thank you once again for your generous response.

***Fr Tony & the Program Leadership Team***

### **POPE FRANCIS SAYS:**

*“It is not enough to say we are Christians.  
We must live the faith,  
not only with our words, but with our actions.”*



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** 23 June 2024 — The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>F Baker RSM</b>	<b>M Giardina</b>	<b>B Healey</b>	<b>V Pizzichetta</b>
10.30 am	<b>J Martin</b>	<b>K Martin</b>	<b>J Morello</b>	<b>S Maurici</b>
5.30 pm	<b>A Mathews</b>		<b>P Duggan</b>	<b>B Mathews</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

June — A Savino

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 3** - Thursday 20th June at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

Thomas and Brian Forster                      Gordon Windsor

**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.

**Names for the Bulletin** • If you would like your loved one who has died recently or whose anniversary is occurring to be remembered at Mass and in the Bulletin, please make sure you have their names into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 3.00pm.

**Repair Works in Church** • Next week, repair work on the choir loft will begin. Exterior works will commence first, then followed by interior works. It is planned that there be no interruptions to weekday Mass necessary.

**Sacramental Preparation for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools - First Reconciliation** •

Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will commence next month. Further information can be found in the information pack available from the Parish Office or from one of the priests. Please contact Fr Tony for further information.

The **St Vincent de Paul Winter Collection** has been postponed for a few weeks—the new date will be arranged in the near future.



**Mercy Palliative Care** is running a training program for new volunteers at St Vincent de Paul Parish Centre (2 The Crossway Strathmore) commencing on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June and running weekly for 8 weeks from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Weekly topics are:

1. Palliative Care and the Volunteer Role
2. Communication Skills
3. Illness and Care
4. Death and Dying
5. Difficult Conversations (practical session)
6. Responding to Loss and Grief
7. Spirituality
8. Self Care

All parishioners are welcome to attend the program **without committing** to become a Mercy volunteer. Please email [MPCVolunteerCoordinators@mercy.com.au](mailto:MPCVolunteerCoordinators@mercy.com.au) to book your spot.

**Catholic Theological College  
Online Information Session**

Monday 17 June  
at 7.30pm (AEST)

Register via our website:

[ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session)

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**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?*

**2024 Catholic Mission—Propagation of the Faith Appeal** • For this year’s Propagation of the Faith Appeal, the focus is on Mongolia, where those vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. Here, Chuluunbaatar faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. Your generous support will help with essential services for people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to those in need.

This week, the **Propagation of the Faith Appeal** invites you to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma means that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they need.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to “Invite others to the banquet”, and we invite you to share the warmth of God’s love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia) Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

**Stewardship Corner**

***For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.***

*2 Corinthians 5:10*

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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

## Readings at Mass

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### First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.  
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.  
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its  
branches.  
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the  
Lord, am the one  
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones  
grow,  
who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.  
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

**R.** Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not

by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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

(weebly.com)

Children: [June 16 - Sunday 11 ORD -](#)

[PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024](#)

(yearbprayingwithchildren.org)