

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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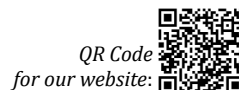
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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

30th April, 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

Parish Office Hours

Moonee Ponds Parish Office:

Tue - Thu: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**

Sunday: **9.30 am**

Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

Strathmore Parish Office:

Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday – is a day when the Church across the world prays for vocations. Particularly, vocations to the Priesthood. Priests after the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

In today's Gospel reading, a most intimate picture painted of the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep...***the sheep hear his voice...he calls his own sheep and leads them out...the sheep follow because they know his voice...They never follow the stranger...they do not recognise the voice of strangers.***

If you have ever watched a young baby with its parents you can get some idea of this intimacy. Any number of people can talk to the baby, but watch the smile on the baby's face when he hears the voice of his mother or father. The child – even before he or she can talk – knows the sound of his or her mother or father and responds to that sound. Those of you who are parents, of course, know this. And if this is how it is with this most intimate of relationships, how much more so is it in our relationship with Jesus? Jesus wants to know us so intimately that when we hear his voice, it will be the voice of ***the One*** who loves us like our own mother or father.

Priests are called to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ: the Good Shepherd. Priests are called to help others hear the voice of the Good Shepherd better, more clearly. To help others grow in their love of the Good Shepherd. To guide and lead the People of God along the right path: to lead them to the gate of the sheepfold who is Jesus Christ. Priests are called to speak, to encourage, to pray with, to challenge, to love God's people with the same love that Jesus has for his flock. Indeed, Pope Francis has challenged his priests to bring the healing power of God's grace to everyone in need, to stay close to the marginalized and to be ***shepherds living with the smell of the sheep.***

While there might be fewer priests around today than there once was, the promise of God remains true: ***I will give you shepherds.*** God will never leave us with too few priests to serve the Church. But that does not let us off the hook. We do need to work hard for vocations. To encourage them, to pray for them, to nurture them.

Please pray, too, for the priests of your parish. That all of us, working together, may build up the Kingdom of God here in this place.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 7th May 2022 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	L Bani RSC	L Matthews	T Pagliarello	M Galioto
10.30 am	J Trethowan	L Besterwitch	D Storce	T Vu
5.30 pm	C Taylor		R Legudi	J Beckley

CHURCH LINEN

May—L Bani RSC

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 2 - Thursday 4th May at 2.00pm

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Santa Di Tizio	Carmen Interlandi
Maria Lazzara	Sebastiana Fucile
Ursa Meilak	Phyllis Perry
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.

Thank-You & Farewell, Fr Brian

As we bid Fr Brian farewell this weekend, we thank him for his time and ministry among us and pray for him as he moves to Epping to take up his new appointment.

Masses this Week

Tuesday	9.15am
Wednesday	No Mass (10.00am @ Strathmore)
Thursday	9.15am
Friday	No Mass (10.00am @ Strathmore)

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**

A Vocations View • Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Young Couples and Family (YCF) Network • Light lunch/coffee at Symon's centre/Queen's park/local cafe (pending weather) followed by focussed faith discussion. **Who:** New couples and families with children interested in growing faith together in their homes. **Next meeting: Sunday 28th May 11.30am-12.30pm** (after 10.30am mass) in front of St Monica's Church. Enquires/RSVP: Jerome and Kylie by email on youngcouple.network@gmail.com

Moonee Valley Alpha for Young Adults meets on on Sunday nights in the Symons Centre. So what is Alpha? Alpha is a series of small group conversations and videos, run over several weeks, that explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly environment. It's a place to connect with people over dinner, where you can say anything you like, or nothing at all. In a nutshell you can expect: delicious dinner + thought provoking videos + good conversation. Please register at <https://bit.ly/42BF1YM>



Date Claimer: Our Parish: Past-Present-Future

Over coming months, our Parish will hold a series of fora to reflect on our past, celebrate our present and discern our future directions. In the Symons Centre, beginning at 7.30pm

Past: 7th June
Present: 5th July
Future: 4th October

Sacramental Preparation for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools—First Holy Communion

Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence on **21st May**. Please contact the Parish Office or one of the priests for an information pack & enrolment form.



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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 above.



What do we do to deepen *communion*?

What do we do encourage *participation*?

What do we do to promote *mission*?

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation May Courses

'Dare to Dream!', via Zoom, 5x Wednesday, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May, 5.00-6.30 pm (AEST).

"We have had dreams and there is no one to interpret them..." and Joseph said to them, "do not interpretations belong to God?" (Genesis 40:8). Join our director, Clare Shearman, and guests in our 'dream lab'. Based on the Dreams session previously offered as part of the Siloam Program, this five-week program will explore the significance of our dreams, include the practice of dream circles, provide guidance and practice for working with dreams—our own and others', consider the potential for our dreams to personally and collectively shape the future. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

'Pondering Grief' (in-person event), Saturday 20 May 2023, 10 am - 3.30 pm (AEST)

This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie a counsellor of loss, grief and bereavement for over 35 years. Cost: \$80 including 'Pondering Grief' book (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Stewardship Corner

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'"

Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within - a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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
Fourth Sunday of Easter — 30th April. 2023

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22:1-6

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: 1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 10:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

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: [April 30 - Sunday 4 Easter](#)
[\(yearaprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)