

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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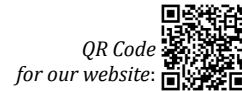
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**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**21st April, 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**

Dear friends,

Sheep are hard work.

And that is why what Jesus says in this Sunday's Gospel is so astounding. For the people of Israel sheep were important animals. They not only provided meat. They also provided wool, milk, oil, and skins. Because sheep were so necessary to the life of Ancient Israel, shepherds were important people. On them – in part – depended the life of the community. If a shepherd was slack and did not look after his sheep; if the shepherd let the sheep run away; if the shepherd let the sheep be attacked, the people ultimately suffered.

Sheep are hard work, and the people who first heard these words of Jesus knew this, just as they knew the value of a good shepherd, and the dangers of a poor shepherd. But Jesus does not only extol the virtues of any good shepherd. He goes one step further.

Jesus proclaims *himself* to be *the* Good Shepherd: the One who knows his sheep, and the One who will lay down his life for his sheep. In the light of this Easter Candle, these words ring with an even deeper truth for us. Jesus *is* the One who has laid down his life for us, his sheep. Jesus *is* the same one who was risen on the third day to destroy death forever. But it is not enough that Jesus is *the* Good Shepherd.

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day when the Church asks us to pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please continue to pray for many more vocations to the priesthood. Because without more priests, the future for parishes all around the Archdiocese, parishes like ours, the future seems a bit bleak. Certainly without priests, parishes will not be able to continue into the future as we have come to know it. We know some of that already across our two parishes.

Currently, there are about 20 men at various stages of formation for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne at Corpus Christi College in Carlton. We are fortunate to have Andrew Tran living and working amongst us this year on his pastoral placement. Pray for the seminarians of Corpus Christi College. I remember well my time in the seminary, and I can say quite truthfully that there are times when the only thing that got me through the seminary was the knowledge that there were good people in parishes praying with me and for me.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, in a special way, we turn to God in prayer. And our prayer is that God will continue to provide pastors for his Church; shepherds after his own heart. Priests who will faithfully proclaim the Word of God; priests who will minister the Sacraments and equip the People of God of for ministry. And we pray, too, that God may give us warm and generous hearts with which to always support and encourage our priests.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

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** 28th April 2024 — The Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>L Bani RSC</b>	<b>M Galioto</b>	<b>S Maurici</b>	<b>K Sherwood</b>
10.30 am	<b>J Martin</b>	<b>F Baker RSM</b>	<b>J Morello</b>	<b>L Connors</b>
5.30 pm	<b>M Christian</b>		<b>J Dobson</b>	<b>T D'C-Fernandes</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

April—M Ballato

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 4** - Thursday 25th April at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

Peg Trevaskis

**Anniversaries**

Lina Cristiano    John Farmer    Brendan Macken  
 Marie Dobson    Vittorio Chiodo    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.

**Masses this Week**

Tuesday    9.15am @ Moonee Ponds  
 Wednesday 10.00am @ Strathmore  
 Thursday    9.15am @ Moonee Ponds  
 Friday    10.00am @ Strathmore  
 Saturday    8.00am @ Moonee Ponds



**Easter Offerings** • Easter Offering envelopes are available in the church. Easter Offerings make an important contribution to the stipend of the priests of the Parish and in meeting normal household expenses. They also contribute to the support of sick and retired priests, and to support priests in needy parishes.

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

Classes to prepare for First Holy Communion will commence in May. 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.



**PARISH FIRST**  
BUILDING BETTER PARISHES

**2024 Parish Renewal (Stewardship) Program** •

**Parish Census** A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses over this weekend and next weekend—Sat 20/Sun 21 and Sat 27/Sun 28 April. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new

members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Census cards/privacy envelopes and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass, and you are requested to return your envelope in one of the collection baskets. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.



**CoAsIt Aged Care** are currently looking for male Italian speaking volunteers in our area to visit lonely, isolated gentlemen who would appreciate a friendly chat once a week for an hour or so. Currently

CoAsIt has around 200+ wonderful volunteers who generously donate their time to visit elderly people in the community each week to help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to make a difference to an elderly persons' life and a rewarding experience for yourself, please contact Linda Francione (Regional Co-Ordinator) by phone or email for more information on 0432 422 332

[Lfrancione@coasit.com.au](mailto:Lfrancione@coasit.com.au)

**Next Roster for Liturgical Ministers** • We are in the process of drafting the next roster. Can you please email us your availability and preferences from Trinity Sunday (26th May) up until the Solemnity of Christ the King (24th November). The cut-off date for emailing us your availability for the next roster will be **Monday 22nd April**. If there are any roster changes after this date, you will need to organise a replacement reader or minister yourselves. We greatly appreciate your ongoing help and support with this ministry!

**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?*

**New Life in God's Spirit** presented by St Monica's Prayer Group, is your opportunity to deepen your Baptismal Graces and increase the Gifts of The Holy Spirit conferred on you at your Confirmation. This eight-week seminar begins Thursday 4 April, 7-9pm, Symons Centre, Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

Contact: Gerald 0415275446, Frank 0415144916, Adrian 0403512936

**Stewardship Corner**

***I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.***

John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in “quiet whispers” that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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**  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B — 21 April 2024

**First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29**

**R.** The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:

it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. **R.**

I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **R.**

**Second Reading: John 3:1-2**

A reading from the first letter of St John

*We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

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 10:11-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his  
sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my  
Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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(yearbprayingwithchildren.org)