

ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Moonee Ponds

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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January 2023

Dear friends,

It is perhaps not surprising that on this Octave day of Christmas, we turn to Mary. For at every moment in the life of the Church, we find Mary. Every time we gather to celebrate the mysteries of our salvation, we remember the presence of Blessed Mary, Ever Virgin. And, of course, in this season of Christmas, we journey with Mary in a particularly special way.

One of my favourite images of Mary is from one from the Eastern Churches. The image is called *the patronage of the Mother of God*. And in this image, Mary is depicted spreading her mantle over the world in protection. It is under this mantle that we find shelter. It is under this mantle that we ask Mary to pray for us to her Son in the coming year.

When we look to Mary and follow her path, we can echo her words in the *Magnificat: the Almighty works marvels for me, holy his name* for in Mary, we see just how great God's love is, and just what this love can accomplish.

With every peace and blessing for this new year,
Fr Tony

CHURCH LINEN

in January
M. Giardina

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 1
Thursday, 5 Jan at 9.45 am

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST

During the week, the Archbishop appointed **Fr Brian Muling** as our new Assistant Priest for Moonee Ponds and Strathmore. Fr Brian comes to us from Box Hill Parish and will commence his appointment with us on 18 January 2023. **Welcome Fr Brian!**

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR THE NEXT SUNDAY

!! Please note that it is for 8 January.

MASS	READER	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER
8.30 am	T. Mitchell (<i>Eng.</i>) L. Mathews (<i>Ita.</i>)	M. Ballato R. Farfalla
10.30 am	A. Cukavac J. Trethowan	J. Morello T. de Fazio
5.30 pm	J. Beckley (<i>please do all readings</i>)	D. Fernando J. Fernando

SUNDAY CATCH UP CUPPA

This Sunday after 10.30 am Mass, there is a catch up cuppa for all parishioners in Symons Centre.
You are more than welcome to join!

OFFICE CLOSED

Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 23 Dec 2022 until Monday, 9 January 2023.

!! TEMPORARY MASS TIMETABLE AFTER CHRISTMAS

The temporary Mass timetable affects only Weekday Masses from 27 December 2022 (Tue) to 13 January 2023 (Fri). Saturday and Sunday Masses (*including Vigil Mass*) will be celebrated at the usual time. Please see below:

	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat	Sun
St. Monica's	9.15 am	NO MASS	9.15 am	NO MASS	8.00 am	8.30 am, 10.30 am, 5.30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul	NO MASS	10.00 am	NO MASS	10.00 am	6.00 pm (<i>Vigil Mass</i>)	9.30 am

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.

Readings at Mass

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

FIRST READING | Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

R.

SECOND READING | Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the

subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL | Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME

For adults

For families with young children

FR ANDREW'S NEW APPOINTMENT AND THANKSGIVING MASS

Fr Andrew will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell on **Sunday 15th January at 10.30am** at Moonee Ponds - all parishioners are welcome to attend. Next weekend, there will be a special collection for a presentation to be made to Fr Andrew.

!! POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

Pope Francis has called on us to pray for Pope Benedict who is seriously ill. Let us remember him in our prayers:

***Almighty and Eternal God,
You are the everlasting health of those who believe in you.
Hear our prayers for your sick servant Benedict
for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

RECENTLY DECEASED

Younghyun (Maria) Yoon - passed away in Korea
(Fr Andrew's grandmother)

*Eternal rest grant unto all who have gone before us recently, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

ANNIVERSARY

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

Michael Whelan **Shiu Sik-Lam**
Elizabeth Ryan **Ben Nolasco**
Maurice Sheehan

PRAY FOR: OUR ELDERS AND THE SICK

Marius Fernando	Dantina Frederico
Stella Mammone	Gino Salvo
Rosa Di Pietro	Lucia Bordin
Leo Gillman	Stephanie Jouhari
Jillian Eolzella	Loretta Bastian
Caterina Timpano	Charlie Tiang
Lena Savoia	Anne Ryan
Margaret Whelan	Geraldine Macken
Anna Vogl	Anna Henneken
Paul Duffy	Giuseppina Mammone
Antoinette Parrella	Antonio Galioto
Andrew Pike	

St. Monica's is a Child Safe Parish. We hold the care, safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our community.

