

# Parish of St Monica

## Moonee Ponds

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

**21st July, 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,

As we heard in last week's Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles twelve out to preach repentance, cast out devils, and cure the sick. This week, the apostles have returned, full of news about all that they had done and taught, and no doubt most eager to share it with Jesus. ***The Apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught.***

But Jesus does not spend any time telling them how great they are or what a wonderful job they had done. In the hustle and bustle of returning to Jesus and sharing the news of their mission, the Apostles had had no time to eat. So Jesus gently invites the Apostles to come away and ***rest for a while***, to a lonely place, to be by themselves. Jesus was obviously concerned about the physical state of his Apostles – they had had nothing to eat.

But, I wonder if Jesus was also concerned about the spiritual state of his Apostles? I wonder if the Apostles may have also run out of time for prayer? In their ministry of teaching and healing, and their excitement about sharing in the ministry of Jesus, I wonder if they may have forgotten to spend time in prayer with God the Father – the source of their ability to teach and heal?

It's easy enough to do. Just as life is hectic for me, so, too, I know it is for many of you. You know how many demands are made on your time, and that there are times when you forget to pray. And while at first it may not seem like such a big deal when we forget to pray, it can be the beginning of a slippery slope. Jeremiah gets stuck into the kings of Judah who had been like careless shepherds – letting God's people become scattered. Entrusted with the care of God's people, these kings had forgotten about the covenant between God and the people, and had let them go wandering off on their own. In simple terms, they had forgotten that they were in relationship with God. They began to believe that they could do without God. That they could rely on their own resources.

This can happen with us, too. We move very quickly from saying, ***Oh, I don't have time to pray*** to saying, ***Oh, I don't need to pray***. We may be doing all sorts of good things – caring for family, working hard to support a wife or husband, or whatever – but if we do all of this without taking time out to pray, to remind ourselves that we cannot do it on our own, to remind ourselves that it is in God that we live and move and have our being – if we do not take the time to do this, we lose something in the end.

And if we read to the end of today's Gospel passage, we know that we have no guarantee that even when we do take time out, that the world does not want to come with us. Even when Jesus took the Apostles away to a quiet place to be by themselves, the crowds guessed where they were going, and hurried to meet them there. Often we try to make the time, but the world seems to crowd in on it.

However, in the midst of all of this, we can take comfort and courage from the words of the Twenty-Third Psalm. It's perhaps the most popular and well-known of all the Psalms. Even when we can see no answer, there is an answer with God: ***The Lord is our shepherd, there is nothing we shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives us rest. Near restful waters he leads us, to revive our drooping spirits.***

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** 28 July 2024 — *The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B*

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	F Baker RSM		B Healey	V Pizzichetta
10.30 am	J Trethowan	L Besterwitch	C Shiu	S Maurici
5.30 pm	M Christian		E McMahon	R McMahon

**CHURCH LINEN**

July — J Trethowan

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

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

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

Rev Kazimierz Trawicki CR

**Anniversaries**

Anton Vivoda                      Salvatore & Rosa Di Pasquale  
 Filomena Anania                  Giovanni Colombo  
 Gordon Windsor                   Carmine Molinaro

**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.

**Masses this Week**

Tue 23rd Jul                      9.15am @ Moonee Ponds  
 Wed 24th Jul                      10.00am @ Strathmore  
 Thu 25th Jul                      9.15am @ Moonee Ponds  
 Fri 26th Jul                      10.00am @ Strathmore  
 Sat 27th Jul                      8.00am @ Moonee Ponds

**Friendly Reminder for Stewardship & Presbytery**

**Giving** • Parishioners donating via Direct Transfer, can you please include with each transfer:  
 Surname - **ID No (Envelope No)** - Stewardship Amount - Presbytery Amount. Much Appreciated!

**Free to a Good Home!** • The Parish has a number of couches (pictured below) which are now surplus to requirements. We are offering them free to a good home—you only have to organize to collect them. Please contact the Parish Office to organize a time for collection.



Catholic Family Entertainment Television

**The program "Glorious Lives" featuring the life of St. Mary MacKillop — 8th August at 7:00 PM on Shalom World TV.**

Shalom Media Australia, representing Shalom World, a Catholic family entertainment television will be premiering the upcoming program, "Glorious Lives" which features the inspiring life stories of Catholic saints. It is with great joy that they announce the premiering of the life story of Australia's beloved saint, St. Mary MacKillop, scheduled for August 8th at 7:00 PM on Shalom World TV, aligning with the saint's feast day. The film not only showcases St. Mary MacKillop's remarkable achievements and contributions but also features interviews with historians, educators, and individuals inspired by her legacy. Teaser link- <https://youtu.be/nYOJiyj5YtU?si=WiEuw33pKmbdCgM>



**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?*



**Stewardship Corner**

**He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”**

*Mark 6:31*

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some “alone” time with God.

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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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks—when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,  
who will reign as true king and be wise,  
practising honesty and integrity in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel dwell in confidence.  
and this is the name he will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.'

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

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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: Ephesians 2:13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel: Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year B \(weebly.com\)](#)  
Children: [July 21 - Sunday 16 ORD - PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024 \(yearbprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)