

Parish of St Monica

Moonee Ponds

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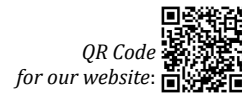
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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

14th May, 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

Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**

Sunday: **9.30 am**

Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

Parish Office Hours

Moonee Ponds Parish Office:

Tue - Thu: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Strathmore Parish Office:

Fri: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

This Sunday's Second Reading is a good one. For in it, St Peter has given us something of a wake-up call. ***Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.***

When the author of this ***First Letter of Peter*** first wrote these words, they were written in a very different context. For these words were initially written to Christian communities who lived probably in Asia Minor – modern-day Turkey. And these Christians were isolated. They lived amongst non-believers and pagans. They were derided and persecuted for their faith. And these words were written to strengthen the faith of these Christians who faced such derision and persecution. Urging them to be ready to profess not only ***what*** they believed, but also more importantly, ***why*** they believed ***what*** they believed.

These words, addressed to Christians two thousand years ago are addressed to us to, as we gather to pray in a very different place and a very different time. Most of us ***do not*** and ***never will*** face isolation and persecution because of our belief in Jesus Christ. Most of us will never have to suffer for our faith. So what answer would we give as ***the reason for the hope that we all have?***

For each of us, the answer will be a little different. But, for each of us, there should be some elements in common. The reason which ***I*** would give for the hope that ***I*** have is my belief in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: a resurrection which I believe is the power to change our world.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 21st May 2022 — The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	B Odachowski	A M Catalfamo	C Munafo	V Pizzichetta
10.30 am	M Baker	S O'Dwyer	L Butler	A Lim
5.30 pm	T Wilson		J Dobson	B Clancy

CHURCH LINEN

May—L Bani RSC

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 4 - Thursday 18th May at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth Lavars Eileen Gleeson

Anniversaries

Anna Spureo Jimmy Stolfo
Irene Clancy 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.

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**

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

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

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>



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.

A Vocations View • Over the last two weeks, we have been praying for vocations. Sometimes it is hard to focus our prayers for vocations, so you might try this suggestion from the Vocations Office:

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| Sunday | For an increase in vocations to the priesthood |
| Monday | For men preparing for ordination to the priesthood |
| Tuesday | For seminarians to grow in self-awareness as they continue to discern Jesus Christ's call. |
| Wednesday | For seminarians to model the life and virtues of St Joseph |
| Thursday | For the Eucharist to be the 'source and summit' of seminarians |
| Friday | For applicants for the seminary and for prospective seminarians |
| Saturday | For Mary, Mother of Priests, to guide and protect our seminarians |



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Recycle your old Egg Cartons

Your old egg cartons can be used by Vinnies Soup Vans to help provide food for homeless and disadvantaged people.

Rather than throw them into your yellow recycling bin, bring them to church or the Parish Office and we can pass them on to Vinnies to help others.



Heart of Life

Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

'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

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."

1 Peter 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.



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

What do we do to deepen *communion*?

What do we do encourage *participation*?

What do we do to promote *mission*?

Readings at Mass
Sixth Sunday of Easter — 14th May, 2023

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it

is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave your orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and
keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my
Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*

Adults: [Sunday Readings 14 May 6 Easter - Sunday Readings](#)

[Year A \(weebly.com\)](#)

Children: [May 14 - Sunday 6 Easter](#)

[\(yearaprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)