



**"Both ... and"**

*is a grammatical structure in English used to emphasize that something is true for two things, people, or situations simultaneously. It strengthens the "and" relationship, indicating that both are involved or applicable. St. Monica (Moonee Ponds) and St. Vincent de Paul (Strathmore) are walking together, working together and praying together. ... Our contemporary road to Emmaus ...*

**The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
 10th August, 2025 - *You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.*

**Parishes of St Monica & St Vincent de Paul**  
**Moonee Ponds & Strathmore**

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**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday - Friday 9.00am -3.30pm



**Sunday Worship Timetable**

SVdP: **Reconciliation** @ 5.30 pm & followed by  
 Saturday Vigil @ 6.00 pm  
 MP: Sunday @ 8.30 am (Italian & English)  
 SVdP: Sunday @ 9.30 am  
 MP: Sunday @ 10.30 am &  
 MP: Sunday @ 5.30 pm

**Weekday Worship Timetable**

**MP: Tuesday - Friday:** @ 9.15 am  
**SVdP: Wednesday - Friday:** @ 10.00am  
**MP: Saturday:** @ 8.00 am  
 & followed by **Reconciliation:** @ 8.30 am

**CHURCH LINEN**

**MP August** - Asela Savino  
**SVdP August 9/10** - Shanika Peiris

**CHURCH VACUUMING**

**MP: TEAM 2** - Thursday 14th August @ 9.45am  
**SVdP: TEAM B** - Friday 22nd August @ 8.30am

**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 17th August 2025 — 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
6.00 pm	L Besterwitch		B Duggan	
8.30 am	K Sherwood	V Pizzichetta	R Farfalla	S Letcher
9.30 am	J Hurren		L Delaney	
10.30 am	J Martin	K Martin	L Connors	D Connors
5.30 pm	A Mathews		P Duggan	B Mathews

**Fr Nhân** is now our next Parish Priest as of August 9th 2025. He will be arriving and be Celebrant for most of next weekend's Masses, 16th & 17th August 2025. N.B. [The Archbishop's August 2025 Campaign](#) will begin next weekend too. *Hopefully you have noticed the Information and Poster on our noticeboards in both Churches.*

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's & St Vincent de Paul Catholic Parishes. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

***Please remember in your prayers ...***

**Recently Deceased:** Bishop Emeritus Peter Elliott DD

**Anniversaries:** Barbara Clancy, Irene & Johny Clancy, Ian Bethune

**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 Parish Weekly Update:** If you would like your loved one who has died recently or whose anniversary is occurring to be remembered at Mass and in the Parish Weekly Update, please make sure you have their names into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 3.00pm.

***Baptisms this weekend:*** This weekend for the Rite of Baptism we welcome *Lily Hope*, Daughter of Gordon and Maria, *Sloane Zoe Price*, Daughter of Melissa, *Emilia Rose D'Alberto*, Daughter of Riccardo and Marie, *Isabelle Maree Clarke*, Daughter of David and Anita. They are the newest members of our Parish family of families. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

***The Archbishop's Campaign in August 2025:*** Last year in August 2024, the Archbishop's Campaign was launched in Parishes. The response from our faithful was overwhelmingly positive and I wanted to express my gratitude for your help during the campaign. Through the generosity of our parishes we were able to significantly boost the collection values for our key beneficiaries. The campaign also invited recurring donations which has been instrumental in establishing long-term support for the works of the Church in Melbourne. This year, the Archbishop again invites you and our parishes to help with [the Archbishop's Campaign](#). The generosity of our parishes will fund vital ministries and key projects of the Church in Melbourne.

***SVdP Parish working bee THANKYOU:*** Your support makes a big difference. Thank you for contributing your time and energy to our Parish community!

***Recent Message from Fr Tony Doran:*** Dear friends, Whilst in Paris for a liturgy Conference, I have had the chance to [attend Mass](#) at the [Chapel of St Vincent de Paul](#), where [St Vincent himself is buried](#). It was a special opportunity to pray for you all and to entrust the Parish anew to St Vincent de Paul's care and intercession. It was also an opportunity for me to give thanks for my years among you. Yours in Christ, Fr Tony.

***Appointment of Rev Fr Joseph Raj as Assistant Priest to SM & SVdP:*** The Vicar General advised this week that the Archbishop has appointed Fr Joseph as Assistant Priest to SM & SVdP. His arrival date is yet to be confirmed. More details when they come to hand.

***National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW):*** Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our communities. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and ordained priesthood, especially from our communities.

***Please note Masses this week:*** **Weekday Mass this Tuesday** morning for both Communities will be celebrated at SM @ 9:15am; there will be no 10:00am morning Mass at SVdP this week. **Friday this week is the Solemnity of the Assumption**, a [Holy Day of Obligation](#); morning Mass is available in SM @ 9:15am; SMPS Students from Years 3 to 6 will join us for Mass at 9:15am; Students from F-Year 2 will gather for a School-led Liturgy of the Word in their Year Levels/Classrooms & in SVdP @ 10:00am where our SVdP whole Primary School will join with Parishioners there respectively. Mass for the Solemnity will also be **available Friday evening** in SM @ 7:00pm. **Our thanks to Bishop Terry Curtin** for offering to supply Masses this weekend at SVdP and weekday Masses at SM this coming week.

***Welcome to True North - Why We Exist (new website):*** Every young person is called to strive for holiness and become saints in our ordinary lives. True North exists to help young adults navigate life with faith as their compass, pointing always to Christ, our True North. We want to foster a thriving community of young adults who journey together to grow closer to Christ and live purposefully and joyfully. In a world full of noise and distraction, we seek to create a community that encourages dialogue and living out the faith with courage and conviction. Our mission is to awaken hearts to the truth of the Gospel and empower young people to live lives of love, service and holiness.



***Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati to be canonized together:*** Pope Leo XIV presides at an [Ordinary Public Consistory for the Vote on Causes for Canonization](#), which gave formal approval for the canonizations of eight Blessed, and set the date for their canonizations.

***Pope's 'Jubilee of Youth' ends with Mass for 1 million:*** Young people from nearly 150 countries celebrated Mass on **Sunday 3rd August 2025** with Pope Leo XIV at the end of the Catholic Church's [Jubilee of Youth in Italy](#). The Vatican said more than a million youth took part in the huge event in a vast open space at Rome's University of Tor Vergata.

***Please join us for this joint CTC/YTU symposium to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the close of Vatican II.*** We have an outstanding group of speakers from around Australia who will reflect on [the continuing significance of Vatican II](#) in the life of the Church. The day concludes with a keynote presentation by the internationally acclaimed theologian Prof. Massimo Faggioli.



***It is a great pleasure to write to you*** to share some exciting and important milestones on our journey towards the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The Archdiocese of Melbourne is eagerly anticipating welcoming you and the young people from your diocese, schools, parishes, communities and groups to the Festival from Sunday 30 November – Tuesday 2 December this year. [More details \(by clicking on this link\) or on our noticeboard in our Church Foyer/Narthex.](#)

