



"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.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
27th July, 2025 - *You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.*

Parishes of St Monica's & St Vincent de Paul
Moonee Ponds & Strathmore

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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 &
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Weekday Worship Timetable

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

CHURCH LINEN

MP July - Jennifer Trethowan
SVdP July 26/27 - Marlene Watson

CHURCH VACUUMING

MP: TEAM 5 - Thursday 31st July @ 9.45am
SVdP: TEAM A - Friday 8th August @ 9.00am

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 3rd August 2025 — 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
6.00 pm	S Crombie		A Lim	
8.30 am	S Jackson	V Pizzichetta	R Farfalla	A Savino
9.30 am	L Delaney		M Gauci	
10.30 am	F Baker RSM	E Llewellyn RSM	J Morello	S Maurici
5.30 pm	C Taylor		B Smolenaars	L Smolenaars

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

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: Christopher George McMillan

Anniversaries: Rosina Natalina Vescio, Vito Barravecchio, Giovanni Colombo, Louis Vella, Mary Vella, Kevin Ryan, Gesmon Vella, Carmen Vella

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 *Pasquale Vinko Ambrogio*, Son of Rocco and Melissa, *Jayce Paul Verlander*, Son of Paul and Lisa, *Estelle Grace Raffoul*, Daughter of Antonio and Danielle, and *Ari Maero Fusella*, Son of Nicholas and Risper. They are the newest members of our Parish family of families. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

23 July 2025 Statement from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli regarding the recent Ashura procession in Melbourne.

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - 27 July 2025: The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life announces the **first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** under the theme "I am with you always".

Some Parishioners are asking about how to pronounce our next Parish Priest's name: One way to answer this question is to use the word 'yarn' but to change the first letter to an 'N' which would then pronounce his name correctly.

Our Jubilee Scripture Studies – Pilgrims of Hope Semester 2 @ SM & SVdP: 'New Testament' began last Thursday, 24th July 2025, and Parishioners wanting to participate are invited to contact the **Parish Office**. A purchased resource is necessary and participants are asked to bring with them for each session a New Testament.

Are your Contact details @ the Parish Office UP TO DATE? Recently unclaimed Stewardship Envelopes for SM & SVdP were hand delivered to the addresses on file in the Parish Office and some Parishioners are still waiting for their Envelopes to arrive; these Parishioners must have moved house and have not kept the Parish Office informed. Please make sure your contact details are up to date please at the **Parish Office**, especially for circumstances like this one.

First Sunday of the Month Cuppa @ SVdP & SM: All are warmly invited to spend some time with fellow parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee. After Vigil Mass, on Saturday, 2nd August and 9.30am Mass on Sunday, 3rd August join us in our Church foyer. After 8.30am & 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 3rd August please join us in the Symons Centre.

SVdP Parish working bee is planned for SATURDAY, 9th August 2025 starting at 9.00am and planned to finish no later than 12 noon on the day. All Parishioners are welcome to attend. Works to be undertaken: 1. General maintenance of church grounds/gardens 2. Cleaning of Church/ church maintenance as required 3. General cleaning of parish centre (social/meeting area only) 4. Any other work which arises between now and the working bee date.

Serious SAFETY concern for Primary Students so vehicular traffic is no longer permitted from Mount Alexander Road into the St Monica's Church carpark DURING SCHOOL DAYS - only Pedestrian traffic from now on please. Late last term a Child was nearly knocked over by a vehicle because the driver did not see them while exiting. As you and we value **SAFETY** for all our child/ren and *Family Members* choose to drop them off or pick them up by car please use the **SUPERVISED** Drop-off/Pick-up Zone in Robinson Street, for the **SAFETY** of all concerned. It works even better with the building program for the Junior School now completed.

During this month of July, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL) will conduct a formal Audit of the Archdiocese, in accordance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS). These Standards are a national framework for best practice in Safeguarding children and adults at risk, and they reflect our shared Gospel call to ensure the dignity, wellbeing and safety of every person, especially those most at risk. The Audit will involve a thorough review of our current Safeguarding practices, policies, and culture. It will include interviews with Clergy, Parish representatives, and Safeguarding personnel, as well as a review of documentation and practices across a sample of Parishes and ministries. More details **here** or on our Church noticeboards.

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.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) Online Training Programs: Become an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** and/or **Ministering Holy Communion to the sick**. These online programs provide rich and engaging content in a supportive environment. The programs are led by an experienced liturgy instructor and feature many opportunities for questions, collaboration and interaction with others. Learn more and register please visit: **acu.edu.au/pastoral**

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.**

