



**"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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
20th July, 2025 - *You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.*

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

**MP Church:** 820 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds 3039

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

**CHURCH LINEN**

**MP July** - Jennifer Trethowan  
**SVdP July 19/20** - Shanika Peiris

**CHURCH VACUUMING**

**MP: TEAM 4** - Thursday 24th July @ 9.45am  
**SVdP: TEAM B** - Friday 25th July @ 8.30am

**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 27th July 2025 — 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
6.00 pm	J Jacob		P Jimmy	
8.30 am	L Bani RSC	A Catalfamo	S Maurici	K Sherwood
9.30 am	L Hastings		J Mathew	
10.30 am	L Besterwitch	J Trethowan	L Connors	C Shiu
5.30 pm	B Smolenaars		M Passuello	L Smolenaars

The Parishes of St Monica's Moonee Ponds and St Vincent de Paul Strathmore welcomes their next **Parish Priest: Fr Nhân Le**, who is currently the Parish Priest of St Martin de Porres, Avondale Heights and who takes up the reins here on August 9th 2025. In 2023 he celebrated his **Silver Jubilee - 25 years of ordination** to the ordained priesthood. During his homily for this occasion, he shared the story of his vocation and how, despite many tremendous challenges, God lovingly brought him to where he is today. It was not a story of him choosing God, he said, but of God choosing him; the name 'Nhân' means 'God's mercy'.



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:** Salvatore Molfese

**Anniversaries:** Anton Vivoda, Giovanna Fugaro, Filomena Anania, Rosa & Salvatore Di Pasqualie, Stellrio Grasso, Anna & Franisco D'Agata

**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 *Jude Patrick Bowler*, Son of Ryan and Sophie, *Darcy James Lumsden*, Son of Justin and Jessica, *Rafael Davide Vartaci*, Son of Christopher and Amalia. They are the newest members of our Parish family of families. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

**Bishop Emeritus Terry Curtin STD DD STL BEd** celebrates the anniversary of his natal day this weekend, (*Sunday*). He is now an octogenarian and we wish him many, many happy returns and many, many more blessed years.

**Our SM & SVdP Primary School Communities** return from term break this week to begin Term 3. May it be an enjoyable, safe and blessed time for all concerned.

**Our Jubilee Scripture Studies – Pilgrims of Hope Semester 2 @ SM & SVdP:** 'New Testament' begins on July 24th 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.

**Parish Sacramental Preparation for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools - First Reconciliation:** Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will commence Sunday 27th July 2025. Further information can be obtained in the information pack available from the Parish office or from one of the Priests after Masses on weekends.

**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.

**SVdP Parish working bee is planned for SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CSSV Annual Dinner 2025 BOOKINGS CLOSING SOON: | Friday 8 August:** We are now only weeks away from the [CSSV Annual Dinner!](#) We are looking forward to seeing all those who will be there. If you have not yet booked, there are still some places left and now is the time to get your ticket! This year, the dinner will be held at the **State Library of Victoria**. In a place of stories, learning and conversation, we will gather to be encouraged in our [shared work for a more compassionate and just society and to connect with one another](#). With Mark Monahan (Victorian State Lead, Edmund Rice Community Services) as the MC for the night, it promises to be an evening of good food, lively conversation and great company. Award winning author **Alice Pung OAM**, will be this year's guest speaker. Alice will be in conversation with Michael McGirr.

**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](http://acu.edu.au/pastoral)

**On Saturday, 26 July, from 9 am-3 pm, Catholic Theological College** will open its doors to the public as part of the 2025 Open House Melbourne Weekend. [This program](#) fosters public appreciation for good design and public engagement to rediscover the city. We're excited to invite you to a special opportunity to experience the space through the eyes of the architect behind the design of Catholic Theological College. Mr. Greg Burgess will be onsite to engage directly with visitors between 10 am – 12 pm. 📅 Date: Saturday, 26 July 2025; 📍 Location: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002 ⌚ Time: 9 am – 3 pm

**A new document on Charisms seeks to engage all the baptised** in the evangelising mission of the Church.

**'Gifted for the Mission: An Introduction to Charisms'** was developed by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM) and its advisory council over the past 12 months. It builds upon the principles of the 2023 document, ['Evangelisation: Encounter, Discipleship, Mission'](#).

**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.](#)

