

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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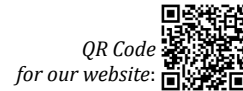
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**The Solemnity of Pentecost, Year B**

**19th May, 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,

But, I think this is a trap we fall into as Christians. We tend to look at the history of our Church through the eyes of this day and age. To see the events of every age of the Church's history as we might look at the events of today. And this trap is especially precarious when we look at the first generation of Christians. We tend to think of them as a strong and confident group with few problems. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We have little idea of what it must have been like for the Apostles. The first witnesses to the Good News of the Resurrection. How they must have felt pain, confusion, and bewilderment after the death of Jesus. Their Lord and Master, who they had followed for three years, had been taken from them, and crucified. Dying the shameful death of a criminal. And then there were reports that he had risen. Indeed, a bit later, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and proved to them that he was indeed risen from the dead. This must have been a boost for them.

But then, a double blow. He left them a second time. Taken up into heaven. Not to return in three days again, either. They are orphans again.

But, as so often happens with the Christian story, that was not the end. For, as we have just read, when Pentecost Day came around, the Holy Spirit was sent to the Apostles, just as Jesus had promised. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit *the Advocate*. An *advocate* is one who literally stands beside you, and speaks in your name. And at once, the Holy Spirit had this effect on the life of the Apostles. For this Spirit enabled them to leave the room where they had been gathered, pretty much in hiding. And then the same Spirit stands beside them as they begin to preach the Good News of Salvation to all the nations of the earth – symbolised by the list of nationalities we heard at the end of the First Reading. The early Christian Communities, such as the Church of Galatia, to whom Paul wrote in the Second Reading, were urged to take the Holy Spirit as their guide in daily living.

Just as easy a trap to fall into is the trap of thinking that Pentecost was an event of long ago. It is not. The gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost is not just an event of long ago. It is an event of today. It is by the power and work of the Spirit that we are called together as Church. In Baptism, we begin our life in the Spirit. In Confirmation, we are sealed and strengthened with the grace of the Spirit. And it is the same Spirit which makes present the mystery of Christ in the Eucharist. And so, we pray:

***Come Holy Spirit.***

***Fill the hearts of your faithful.***

***And kindle in us the fire of your love.***

***Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created.***

***And you will renew the face of the earth.***

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** 26th May 2024 — The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>L Bani RSC</b>	<b>A-M Catalfamo</b>	<b>S Maurici</b>	<b>K Sherwood</b>
10.30 am	<b>J Martin</b>	<b>K Martin</b>	<b>A Briggs</b>	<b>C Shiu</b>
5.30 pm	<b>M Christian</b>		<b>J Dobson</b>	<b>T Vu</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

May— Sr. L Bani RSC

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 4** - Thursday 23rd May at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries**

Joan Magennis	Tony D'Anna	Nina Caminiti
Lorna Farmer	Jenine de Castro	Dudley Eustus
Lilian Perera	Chamith Marian	

**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.



**Easter Offerings** • Easter Offering envelopes are available in the church. Easter Offerings make an important contribution to the stipend of the priests of the Parish and in meeting normal household expenses. They also contribute to the support of sick and retired priests, and to support priests in needy parishes.

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**2024 Parish Renewal (Stewardship) Program • Launched Next Weekend!**

Next weekend is the launch of our special Parish Renewal Program – a joint initiative of the Parishes of St Vincent de Paul and St Monica. The Program is a wonderful opportunity

to reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish communities. As individuals and as communities, we will be challenged to make a new commitment to our role in parish life – to ensure we provide the human and financial resources for mission, for vibrant liturgy, quality pastoral care and outreach to the needy, as well as maintaining our parish facilities. We encourage you to be actively involved – read the materials, listen to the speakers, and follow the Program with weekly updates through parish website and Facebook, email, and SMS. We encourage you to reflect, pray and discuss the themes and topics with your family, friends, and fellow parishioners. To launch the Program next weekend, at all Masses we will hear from parishioners on the impact of our parishes on them and the importance of being actively engaged in parish life. We will also welcome Stephen Littleton from Parish First who will be assisting our parishes with the Program.

**A Message from Fr Joseph**

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday, Fr Tony and I had organised a swap to celebrate 5.30pm Mass. I want to extend my deepest apologies for not being present to celebrate mass last Sunday evening at 5:30 PM. I recognize how important Mass is to all of us, and I am truly sorry for any disappointment or inconvenience my absence may have caused. • Please know that it was never my intention to detract from our time of worship and community. I am grateful to those who organized and participated in the Communion service, ensuring that our community could still come together in faith and fellowship. I value deeply our journey of faith together and to continuing to serve you with all my heart. • Thank you for your understanding and forgiveness. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our next mass, where we can share in the grace and comfort of our faith.

Yours in Christ, Fr Joseph Nguyen

**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?*

**Sacramental Preparation for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools - First Holy Communion** ☒

Classes to prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will commence later this month. Further information can be found in the information pack available from the Parish Office or from one of the priests. Please contact Fr Tony for further information.



**Assist A Student** – *An education program which assists in breaking the cycle of poverty by the St Vincent De Paul Society* •

The Annual Appeal to assist students in third world countries is here again! \$100 assists a student to cover educational costs for one year. This is a wonderful way to give a Christmas gift to somebody you do not know. Your donation can be left in the piety stall or simply fill out a Assist-A-Student form and send it off. If you have any enquiries, please see one of the member of SVDP Moonee Ponds Conference.

**Stewardship Corner**

***There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.***

*1 Corinthians 12"4-6*

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God's plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

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

## The Solemnity of Pentecost, Year B — 19th May 2024

### First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

**R.** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

### Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*The fruit of the Spirit.*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn

you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

### Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.  
And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.  
'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
All he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year B \(weebly.com\)](#) Children: [May 19 - PENTECOST - PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024 \(yearprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)