

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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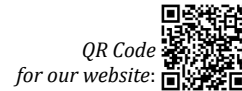
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The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ , Year A

11th June, 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,

We often read the events of the Exodus of the Chosen People from Egypt. And throughout the History of Salvation, these events of the Exodus have been meditated upon and commented upon. Some have seen these events as the march of a great people under the guidance of God. Others have seen it as a time of trial and tribulation. This Sunday's First Reading is from this latter tradition. Moses is speaking to his people whom he has led out of Egypt and towards the promised land. And they are downcast. But Moses reminds his people of the faithfulness **of God**. How **God** has led his people whether they were faithful to him or not. How **God** has fed his people with manna when they were hungry. And Moses urges his people **not to forget** what **the Lord** has done for them.

Today, **we** are called to remember these very same things. To reflect on **our** journey of faith. And to remember the goodness of God throughout that journey. For some of us, that journey began when we were mere babes in our mother's and father's arms. For others, the journey has been a longer one, with interruptions and detours and perhaps even a stop or two. But whatever **our** journey might have been, it is God who calls us, and it is God who sustains us on the journey. And it is right that as we remember the goodness of God, we do so by celebrating this saving solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. For, like the People of Israel who were called and led **by God** in the desert, **we, too**, are still called and led by God. **We, too**, are still given life by God. **We, too**, are still fed and nourished by our God. But unlike the manna which our mothers and fathers in faith ate in the desert, we are fed with the Body and Blood of Christ. Our God feeds us and nourishes us with the very body and blood of his own Risen Son. The Body and Blood of the Victorious Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, Risen from the dead.

And if we are fed with the Body and Blood of Christ, then we share the life of Christ. But this life is not something arid and abstract. For when we are called to share in the life of God, we do so around the table of God's love. Not as strangers. Not as people who stand outside. But as people who have a place at his table. As people who share **com - union**; as people who share **union with** him. As St Paul reminded the Christians of Corinth: **though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all share in this one loaf**. We become one with God around the table of God. And when we sit at God's table, the life we share with God is eternal life. For the food of the eucharist is eternal life for us. For as Jesus says to us in today's Gospel Reading: **whoever eats me will draw life from me... anyone who eats this bread will love forever**.

This is what we are called to remember and to see in the Eucharist. That Christ's gift of himself **for us** in his Body and Blood is a sign and sacrament of God's love which lasts forever. And all of us gathered here are reminded of the new life we drawn from Christ. And we are called once again to recognise the true life of all of us who believe, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

MINISTERS ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 18th June 2022 — Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	A Savino	M Giardina	R Gonsalves	B Healey
10.30 am	D Connors	T Vu	J Morello	L Connors
5.30 pm	J Fernando		D Fernando	J Fernando

CHURCH LINEN

June—A Savino

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 4 - Thursday 15 June at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Sofia Cafra

Anniversaries

Josip Vivoda Pietro Chiera
Mathew Besterwitch Thomas Forster
Brian Forster Peter McMahon
Giuseppa e Giovanni Colombo

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**

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

Present: 5th July

Future: 4th October

Our Parish Past: Daytime Session Wed 28th June @ 11.00am

Masses this Week

Tuesday 9.15am
Wednesday **No Mass** (10.00am @ Strathmore)
Thursday 9.15am
Friday **No Mass** (10.00am @ Strathmore)
Saturday 8.00am

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>



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.



Expressions of Interest • Parish Safeguarding Team We are currently seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would be prepared and interested in joining our Safeguarding Team. This team would meet regularly to promote and coordinate our efforts in relation to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. If you would be interested, please contact Fr Tony by phone: 9370 5035 or email: Anthony.Doran@cam.org.au

St Vincent De Paul Society - Assist A Student • The Annual Appeal to assist students in third world countries in 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 place it in a collection basket in an envelope marked **ASSIST A STUDENT**. If you have any enquiries, please see one of the member of SVdP Moonee Ponds Conference.



Australian Catholic Bishops Conference— Voice to Parliament

As a vote on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament nears, Australia's bishops have encouraged Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart—the document from which the Voice proposal emerged.

During their recent plenary meeting in Sydney, the bishops considered how they might assist Catholics in preparing for the referendum to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the Constitution, with a vote due in the second half of 2023.

The bishops argued that the fact First Nations Peoples have lived in Australia for many thousands of years but their custodianship of the land isn't mentioned in the Constitution: *"It is an omission which needs to be rectified...a Voice to Parliament isn't the only way to achieve that outcome, but it is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru...This could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia...we want to encourage all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible concerning the proposal to establish the Voice."*

The bishops call for a meaningful debate on the issue, acknowledging that *'people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives...we are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples...we ask those drafting the changes to the Constitution to work together in a spirit of cooperation, so that the proposal presented to the Australian people will appeal to a wide range of the population.'*

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference endorsed the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021, with the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia taking the same step last year. The bishops have encouraged us to read the document and have discussions about our response to its key messages.

[ACBC Statement regarding an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.pdf - Google Drive](#)

[View The Statement - Uluru Statement from the Heart](#)



What do we do to deepen **communion**?

What do we do encourage **participation**?

What do we do to promote **mission**?

Mass Count 2023

	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm	
7-May	69	110	105	284
14-May	94	137	123	354
21-May °	64	138	276	478
28-May	73	139	97	309
Average	75	131	150.25	356.25

°21 May: Year 6 Family Mass at 5.30pm Mass.

Comparison with 2022 Mass Count:

	8.30am	10.30am	5.30pm	
8 May	101	138	89	328
15 May °	97	193	223	513
22 May	86	123	118	327
29 May	96	146	114	356
Average	95	150	136	381

° Sun 15 May: Reconciliation Enrolment Mass at 10.30am

Stewardship Corner

"Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

1 Corinthians 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

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

Readings at Mass

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ — 11th June, 2023

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME *(click below)*

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year A](#)
([weebly.com](#))

Children: [June 11 - BODY AND BLOOD YEAR A](#)
([yearaprayingwithchildren.org](#))