

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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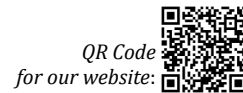
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## The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Year A

4th 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,

For many Christians, perhaps most of us today, the mystery of the Trinity evokes a particularly lofty and impenetrable mystery of our faith. It seems too remote, too abstract. So, how might we face this mystery?

There is a Russian icon of the Blessed Trinity, written by a monk named Andrei Rublev, pictured here. It depicts the three Divine persons sitting at a table. A dish of food lies on the table. But one of the things that immediately strikes you about this icon is the fact that at the front of the table there is a vacant place. A space. This space is meant to convey openness, hospitality, and welcome towards the stranger and outsider.

This space is meant for each of us, and indeed, for all of the human family. It signifies God's invitation to us to share in the life of the Trinity. God does not exclude us. God does not talk to us on the doorstep, as it were. We are invited to come in, and sit at table. To share in the great banquet of divine love. God invites us to share the life of the Trinity. And surely this is what it means to be saved doesn't it? To share in the life of God?

With every peace,

Fr Tony.



Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>K Sherwood</b>	<b>V Pizzichetta</b>	<b>R Farfalla</b>	<b>S Letcher</b>
10.30 am	<b>K Martin</b>	<b>L Besterwitch</b>	<b>A Lim</b>	<b>J Trethowan</b>
5.30 pm	<b>A Mathews</b>		<b>P Duggan</b>	<b>B Mathews</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

June—A Savino

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 3** - Thursday 8 June at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

Caterina Timpano

**Anniversaries**

Olive Bronkhurst                  Russell Mogg  
 Alfred Joseph Batsian          Giuseppe Ballato

**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](mailto: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

Past: 7th June

Present: 5th July

Future: 4th October

Some parishioners have asked if we could also have an daytime session for these for a—we certainly can! If you are interested in coming to an afternoon session, please let Fr Tony know.

**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](mailto: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	
<b>7-May</b>	69	110	105	<b>284</b>
<b>14-May</b>	94	137	123	<b>354</b>
<b>21-May °</b>	64	138	276	<b>478</b>
<b>28-May</b>	73	139	97	<b>309</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>150.25</b>	<b>356.25</b>

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

## Comparison with 2022 Mass Count:

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

° Sun 15 May: Reconciliation Enrolment Mass at 10.30am

## Stewardship Corner

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..."*

*John 3:16*

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

Special Collections 2023	
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Pastoral Care Appeal
Lent	Project Compassion
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday – Holy Places
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Propagation of the Faith
11 <sup>th</sup> June	SVdP Winter Appeal
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
13 <sup>th</sup> August	CatholicCare
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Priests' Retirement Foundation
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	World Mission Sunday
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Catholic Deaf
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Melbourne Overseas Mission

**Readings at Mass**  
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity — 4th June, 2023

**First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9**

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56**

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

**R.** Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name. **R.**

You are blest in the temple of your glory. **R.**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **R.**

You are blest who gaze into the depths. **R.**

You are blest in the firmament of the heaven. **R.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

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

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: cf Revelation 1:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

**Gospel: John 3:16-18**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME** *(click below)*

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

Children: [June 4 - TRINITY SUNDAY](#)  
([yearaprayingwithchildren.org](#))