



"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. St. Monica (Moonee Ponds) and St. Vincent de Paul (Strathmore) are walking together, working together and praying together. ... Our contemporary road to Emmaus ...

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
17th August, 2025 - *You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.*

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

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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

ZigZag Weekday Worship Timetable

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

CHURCH LINEN

MP August - Asela Savino
SVdP August 16/17 - Marlene Watson

CHURCH VACUUMING

MP: TEAM 3 - Thursday 21 August @ 9.45am
SVdP: TEAM B - Friday 22nd August @ 8.30am

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 24th August 2025 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
6.00 pm	L Cronin		T Dargan	
8.30 am	E Llewellyn RSM	M Galioto	B Healey	M Ballato
9.30 am	J Lourdes		C Pittapillil	
10.30 am	L Besterwitch	K Engebretson	A Briggs	S Carmen
5.30 pm	M Sexton RSM		K Sherwood	T D'Cruze-Fernandes

We welcome our next Parish Priest Fr Nhân Le among us this weekend. He is the Celebrant for most of this weekend's Masses, 16th & 17th August 2025. **N.B. The Archbishop's August 2025 Campaign** is being launched formally this weekend too. Please help yourselves to the four page explanatory brochure available at our exit doors this weekend.



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: [Bishop Peter Stasiuk, CSsR](#)

Anniversaries: Salvatore Triglia, Pauline Morello, Ted Dumaresq, Margaret Penno

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 *Alessia Rose Rawat*, Daughter of Shivam and Cynthia. She is the newest member of our Parish family. Kindly keep the family in your prayers.

The Archbishop's Campaign in August 2025: This year, the Archbishop again invites you and our parishes to help with [the Archbishop's Campaign](#). "[Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. Mark 16:15](#)". The generosity of our parishes will fund vital ministries and key projects of the Church in Melbourne.

Please note Weekday morning Masses this week: **ZigZag Week** this week for Morning Masses in **both/and** MP & SVdP communities.

Melbourne Catholic Digest - August: The recent visit of "The Pope's Astronomer", Br Guy Consolmagno SJ; Get to know one of our newest Auxiliary Bishops, Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ; Parishioners and locals of St Mary Magdalen in Trentham embark on a jubilee pilgrimage "from loss to hope"; A new program dubbed "Generations of Value" is helping children appreciate the unique contributions of people at all stages of life; Snippets from Melbourne pilgrims who attended the recent Jubilee of Youth in Rome; for more information please click [here](#).

Safeguarding is Everybody's Business:



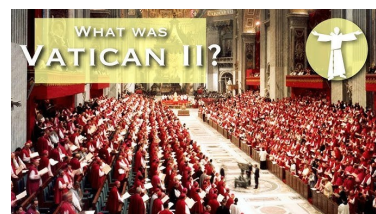
- [Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding Essentials training module](#)
- [Abuse of Minors. The Church's Response](#)
- [Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding and Wellbeing of Children and Young People Policy](#)
- [Reporting Abuse OR Safety-related Misconduct](#)
- [Categories of Abuse](#)
- [Safeguarding Self Assessment tool v2.0 Guide](#)

Bullying No Way Week returned 11 – 15 August 2025: **Bullying No Way Week** is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools. It provides an opportunity for schools to create a shared understanding about bullying behaviours and share their bullying prevention policies and strategies. The national week of action unites [government, Catholic and independent schools and their communities across the country](#). Together, we can foster practical approaches to prevent bullying in Australian schools.

The theme for 2025 is '[Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.](#)'

Farewell to Fr Gerard this week: Wednesday evening (20th August) from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the **SM** Symons Centre for Parishioners to gather and offer their farewell to Fr Gerard, whose appointments to SM & SVdP parishes are accomplished on 31st August 2025. **Light** refreshments will be available including tea, coffee and orange juice. Another occasion will be during Morning Tea at **SVdP** in our Parish Centre on Friday 22nd August after the 10.00am Morning Mass. All Parishioners are welcome at either or both. *Please know Fr Gerard has enjoyed being of service in both/and communities since December 2024.*

Please join us for this joint CTC/YTU symposium to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the close of Vatican II. We have an outstanding group of speakers from around Australia who will reflect on [the continuing significance of Vatican II](#) in the life of the Church. The day concludes with a keynote presentation by the internationally acclaimed theologian Prof. Massimo Faggioli.



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.](#)