



**"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 ...*

**(24th Sunday in Ordinary Time) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
 14th September, 2025 *You're welcome to take this Newsletter with you.*

## Parishes of St Monica & 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 September** – Lyndon Bronkhurst  
**SVdP September 13/14** – Anne Sullivan

**CHURCH VACUUMING**

**MP: TEAM 3** - Thursday 18th September @ 9.45am  
**SVdP: TEAM B** - Friday 26th September @ 8.30am

**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 21st September 2025 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass Time	Reader	Extraordinary Minister
6.00 pm	<b>P Sequerah</b>	<b>A Lim</b>
8.30 am	<b>S Letcher</b> <b>M Galioto</b>	<b>M Ballato</b> <b>B Healey</b>
9.30 am	<b>M Pittapillil</b>	<b>J Mathew</b>
10.30 am	<b>L Besterwitch</b> <b>J Trethowan</b>	<b>L Nardo</b> <b>A De Fazio</b>
5.30 pm	<b>J Fernando</b>	<b>D Fernando</b> <b>J Fernando</b>

*Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday; We pray for safe, welcoming communities where all-especially children and the vulnerable-are respected and protected. Help us to listen with compassion, act with courage, and always uphold the dignity of everyone. May your Holy Spirit guide us in building a Church of safety and care. Amen.*

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:** Con Cutajar.

**Anniversaries:** Luigina Nola, Horace Cutajar, Dianne Pinnuck, and Gwendoline Besterwitch.

**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.

***A Word of Thanks from Fr Nhan P.P.:*** Dear Parishioners of St Monica's, Moonee Ponds, and St Vincent de Paul's, Strathmore, I wish to sincerely thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me as your new parish priest. Many of you have already introduced yourselves to me, and your kindness has helped me feel very much at home. I look forward to getting to know you more closely and to working together with you so that our parishes may continue to be a living witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. In the past weeks, I have managed to pack, move into the presbytery at St Monica's, and bid farewell to my previous parish of St Martin's, Avondale Heights. Late in September I will lead a previously arranged pilgrimage of 20 people to Greece and Turkey in the footsteps of St Paul, returning on the 9th of October. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine. I look forward to our journey together in faith. With gratitude and blessings, Fr Nhan Le.

***Baptisms this weekend:*** This weekend for the Rite of Baptism we welcome *Filip Rosario Distefano*, Son of David and Sonja, and *James Ishaan Brownlee*, Son of Wade and Manhara. They are the newest members of our Parish family of families. Kindly keep the family in your prayers.

***To all our parishioners who receive the e-bulletin via email:*** Please note that the e-bulletin will not be distributed for the next couple of months. You can download a copy of this bulletin anytime from our Parish website. Thank you for your understanding.

***A new location for our Eftpos terminals:*** A new stand has arrived for our **Eftpos machines**; it also contains a box of surplus calico bags on the bottom shelf, our Collection baskets on the middle shelf and weekly collection bags for all weekend Masses in the drawer. Parishioners and financial supporters will now find it just inside the glass doors of our SM Church, on the left-hand side for general use. Please use the appropriate **Church/Parish terminal and/or Presbytery/Priests terminal** when depositing your financial contribution. Your contributions are very much appreciated, gratefully received and again, acknowledged.

***'True North' Young Adults Group:*** Meets every second Sunday of the month 6:30pm-8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's). The night includes food, fellowship, and faith discussion. Next gathering is Sunday, 14th September.

***Location:*** The Symons Centre, St Monica's Catholic, 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

***Ages:*** 18-35 welcome. ***More Queries:*** please email [truenorth90stable@gmail.com](mailto:truenorth90stable@gmail.com)

***Priests Retirement Foundation Father's Day Appeal:*** A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who generously contributed to the Priest Retirement Foundation through the Father's Day Appeal envelopes. All envelopes have been forwarded to the Foundation, and the funds collected will directly support our retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others.



***Discover Palms Volunteering:*** Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! ***Venue:*** register at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events) ***Date:*** Thursday 30 October 2025.

***Time:*** 7pm – 8.30pm. ***Contact:*** 02 95602 533 or [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

***Catholic Theological College Invites You to the Following Events:***

***\*Engaging Your Faith Online Presentations October 2025,*** from \$25 per session.

For more information: [ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

***\*Knox Public Lecture by Prof. Myriam Wijlens,*** Wednesday 15 October at 7.30pm.

For more information: [ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/](http://ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/)

***\*Online Information Session,*** Monday 27 October at 7pm. Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session)

For more information contact: [ctc@ctc.edu.au](mailto:ctc@ctc.edu.au)



***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.***