

**"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 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**  
31st 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 30/31** - Shanika Peiris

**CHURCH VACUUMING**

**MP: TEAM 1** - Thursday 4th September @ 9.45am  
**SVdP: TEAM A** - Friday 12th September @ 9.00am

**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 7th September 2025 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
6.00 pm	L Capparelli		S Sequerah	
8.30 am	L Bani RSC	A Catalfamo	S Letcher	K Sherwood
9.30 am	C Pittapillil		L Hastings	
10.30 am	N Ulasi	K Engebretson	J Morello	C Shiu
5.30 pm	R Young		M Christian	T, D'Cruze-Fernandes

**The Archbishop's August 2025 Campaign Collection** concludes this weekend. This adjacent QR Code will take you directly to the Archbishop's Campaign website to make your donation, if you want to and haven't already. It is Father's Day next Sunday; a day set aside for honoring one's father, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society.



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:** Kay Murtagh

**Anniversaries:** Tom Fewster and Margery Oakley

**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. Early in September I will be taking a 10 days holiday in Vietnam, and later 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 *Matteo Maiorana*, Son of Ross and Brooke, and *Sterling Joseph Schepis*, Son of Samuel and Kayla. They are the newest members of our Parish family of families. Kindly keep the family in your prayers.

***Please note that Weekday Masses for SM & SVdP this week will alternate:*** as is our custom in our circumstances this week and known to us as a **ZigZag** week.

***Social Justice Sunday in Australia for 2025 is Sunday, August 31st:*** The Australian Catholic Bishops' ***2025 Social Justice Statement***, titled "***Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving homeless people with mental ill-health***," focuses on the intertwined crises of homelessness and mental ill-health and calls for increased recognition, dignity, and friendship for those on the margins. ***Australia is facing a growing crisis:*** over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness, while services are stretched beyond capacity. This year's

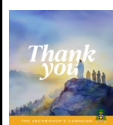


Social Justice Statement calls us to follow Jesus' example - seeing, listening to, and caring for those on the margins of society. Through powerful stories of people like Michael, Sally, Carol, and Luis, the statement highlights the human face of homelessness and mental illness, reminding us that everyone deserves to be seen, heard, and

loved. The Bishops urge practical action - affordable housing, stronger mental health support, and policies that leave no one behind - but also call each of us to respond with compassion, courage, and hope. We are challenged to move beyond charity: to encounter, befriend, and walk alongside those in hardship, bringing dignity, healing, and hope to our communities. ***Download the statement***

***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 keep us in the black, are very much appreciated, gratefully received and again, acknowledged.

***First Sunday of the Month Cuppa next weekend @ SVdP & SM:*** All are warmly invited to spend some time with fellow Pilgrims of Hope Parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee. After the Vigil Mass next Saturday 6th September, and 9.30am Mass on Sunday 7th September, join us in our SVdP Church foyer. After 8.30am & 10.30am Mass on Sunday 7th September, please join us in the Symons Centre at SM.



***The Archbishop's Campaign in August 2025:*** This year, the Archbishop again thanks you and our parishes for our contribution to ***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 throughout the Church in Melbourne.

***Clare Hayes, the Performing Arts Administrator at St. Columba's College*** invites **YOU** to their ***Spring Music Concert***. This concert will be a joyful celebration of music, featuring performances from our talented students and staff. We'd love to welcome Parish members along to enjoy a wonderful evening together. **Event: Spring Music Concert Bookings essential.**

***Essendon Choral Society concert*** "Ripples from Haydn" 2:30pm Sunday 14 September, St Thomas' Anglican Church, Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds (next to the Clocktower Centre). More details: ***www.trybooking.com/DDARU***

***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.***

