



"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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
 28th September, 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: Tue & Thur (Mass), Fri (Communion Service) @ **9.15 am**
SVdP: Friday: @ **10.00am**
MP: Saturday: @ **8.00 am**
 & followed by **Reconciliation:** @ **8.30 am**

CHURCH LINEN

MP September – Lyndon Bronkhurst
SVdP September 27/28 – Marlene Watson

CHURCH VACUUMING

MP: TEAM 1 - Thursday 2nd October @ 9.45am
SVdP: TEAM A - Friday 10th October @ 9.00am

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 4th/5th October 2025 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
6.00 pm	L Cronin		S Sequerah	
8.30 am	E Llewellyn RSM	F Baker RSM	M Ballato	S Letcher
9.30 am	L O'Brien		C Pittapillil	
10.30 am	L Besterwitch	J Trethowan	J Morello	A De Fazio
5.30 pm	R Young		J Dobson	M Passuello

Loving God, Through the example of St Vincent de Paul, teach us to serve others with compassion and generosity. Open our hearts to those in need, and help us bring hope, comfort, and kindness to our community. May we always recognize your presence in those we serve, and grow in love as we follow Christ's call. 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: Luke Mulkearns

Anniversaries: Frank Guastalegname, Lucia Bordin, David Dobson, Jack Dobson, Colleen Daffey, Cathy Cox, Leslie Humphries, Valda Kennedy, Roy Kennedy.

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.

St Paul – The Apostle to the Gentiles: St Paul, originally known as Saul, was born in Tarsus of Asia Minor. He was the son of a Pharisee, deeply rooted in the Jewish faith, and himself a Pharisee of great zeal. Well educated in Jerusalem, Paul became a formidable rabbi, trained under the best teachers of his time. His early life was marked by a fierce commitment to the Law, which at first led him to oppose the followers of Christ.

On his way to Damascus, intending to arrest Christians and bring them to Jerusalem, Saul encountered the Risen Lord. This meeting transformed his life: the persecutor became the apostle, the enemy of Christ became his most passionate witness. From then on, Paul was no longer Saul but Paul, the chosen instrument to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles.

Paul's missionary journeys were extraordinary. He travelled over 16,000 kilometers by land and sea, bringing the Good News from Jerusalem and Antioch to Cyprus, Asia Minor, Greece, and finally to Rome—the very heart of the empire. Along the way, he endured hardships: beaten, flogged, imprisoned, and finally martyred in Rome. Yet, nothing could silence his voice or extinguish his zeal.

Through his letters, Paul remained close to the communities he founded. He was not only a bold missionary but also a caring pastor and teacher, encouraging believers, correcting errors, and appointing leaders to ensure the growth of the early Church. His words still echo today: *“Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!”* (1 Corinthians 9:16).

St Paul's life is a testimony of conversion, mission, and unwavering faith. From his zeal for the Law to his burning love for Christ, he shows us that no past is too broken to be transformed by God's grace. His example challenges us to be courageous witnesses of the Gospel in our own time and to carry the Good News to the people around us, just as he carried it to the ends of the earth. **Fr Nhân Le**

Fr Nhân Le will lead a previously arranged pilgrimage of 20 people to Greece and Turkey in the footsteps of St Paul, leaving Saturday 20th of September and returning on the 9th of October. Please keep Fr Nhan in your prayers as he and the group embark on this spiritual journey.

Baptisms this weekend: This weekend for the Rite of Baptism we welcome *Orlando James Grech*, Son of Christopher and Grace, *Amina Basa*, Daughter of Petar and Stamatina, and *Ava Liana Sicari*, Daughter of Adam and Samantha. We welcome the newest members of our Parish family of families. Kindly keep the families 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. During this time, Communion Service will be offered at St Monica's Parish. Please refer to the ZigZag Weekday Worship Timetable for full details.

St Vincent de Paul Primary School will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul with a special Mass at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Strathmore, on Thursday, 9th October at 10:00am. Although the official feast day falls on Saturday 27th September, we invite everyone to join us for this celebration to honour the life and legacy of St Vincent de Paul, known for his compassion and service to the poor. *All are welcome to attend. Please note: There will no 9.15am Mass at MP Parish that day.*

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 4th October, and 9.30am Mass on Sunday 5th October, join us in our SVdP Church foyer. After 8.30am & 10.30am Mass on Sunday 5th October, please join us in the Symons Centre at SM.

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.

'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, 12th October.

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

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 ***Date:*** Thursday 30 October 2025. ***Time:*** 7pm – 8.30pm.

Contact: 02 95602 533 or 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/

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

For more information: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/

****Online Information Session,*** Monday 27 October at 7pm. Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session For more information contact: 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.

