

# Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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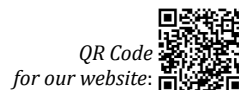
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**Third Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**14th April, 2024**

## 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

Tuesday

to

Friday

**9.00 am - 3.30 pm**

Dear friends,

Another Sunday of Easter; another resurrection story...The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the crowning truth of our Christian faith. But, the empty tomb *in itself* is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing *the* truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death. This empty tomb also prepared the disciples to encounter the Risen Lord.

The shock caused by the death of Jesus was such that the disciples were slow to believe in the news of the Resurrection. We saw that last week with Thomas; we see it this week with the other disciples. When the risen Lord stands among them, they are in a state of *alarm and fright*. So much so, that Jesus greets them with peace. But even when faced with the reality of the risen Jesus, they still doubted, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. And knowing this state of alarm and fright, Jesus eats before them to dispel their thoughts of him being a ghost.

As Christians, it is crucial for us to affirm the bodily resurrection of Jesus. This is very different from the belief of some other faiths that the human spirit is somehow eternal and continues after the death of the body: that the body dies and the spirit is released into a new life. Nowhere does Sacred Scripture teach this. Our Christian belief is that the body *will* share in the triumph of the resurrection. The resurrection stories which we listen to during this Easter season keep stressing that Jesus rose *with* his body: the tomb is empty, the apostles touch him, he eats with them and walks with them.

All these stories stress that the Risen Jesus is the same as the Crucified Jesus.

Yet, he is somehow changed, and that is why his friends do not immediately recognise him. And so, the Resurrection from the dead is not simply a return to earthly life as before. Jesus has risen to a *new* life; and life *beyond* death; a life *with God*. He is the same, yet he is transformed.

And so for us? The bodily resurrection of Jesus is the most profound basis for the Christian attitude towards the human body. Our human bodies are not vile engines of evil and sin. Rather they are an essential part of what it means to be human. A humanity shared by Jesus. And these bodies of ours are destined to be risen on the last day. And so, we take care of the bodies of the hungry, the sick and elderly because we know that these bodies are destined to share in the resurrection of Jesus.

This is the echo of our *Alleluia* to which we are witnesses. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead invites all of us not so much to become something else, but to be more authentically who and what we already are.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

**ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY** 21st April 2024 — The Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	<b>B Healey</b>	<b>L Mathews</b>	<b>R Gonsalves</b>	<b>V Pizzichetta</b>
10.30 am	<b>L Besterwitch</b>	<b>A Brigss</b>	<b>S Maurici</b>	<b>C Shiu</b>
5.30 pm	<b>A Mathews</b>		<b>P Duggan</b>	<b>B Mathews</b>

**CHURCH LINEN**

April—M Ballato

**CHURCH VACCUMING**

**TEAM 3** - Thursday 18th April at 9.45am

*Please remember in your prayers...*

**Recently Deceased**

Frances Russo

**Anniversaries**

Marcia McLean                      Len and Ida Slavin

**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.



**Easter Offerings** • Easter Offering envelopes are available in the church. Easter Offerings make an important contribution to the stipend of the priests of the Parish and in meeting normal household expenses. They also contribute to the support of sick and retired priests, and to support priests in needy parishes.



**Please return your Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible.**



**PARISH FIRST**  
BUILDING BETTER PARISHES

**2024 Parish Renewal (Stewardship) Program •**

**Parish Census** A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses over the next two weekends – Sat 20/Sun 21 and Sat 27/Sun 28 April. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new

members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Census cards/privacy envelopes and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass, and you are requested to return your envelope in one of the collection baskets. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.



**CoAsIt Aged Care** are currently looking for male Italian speaking volunteers in our area to visit lonely, isolated gentlemen who would appreciate a friendly chat once a week for an hour or so. Currently

CoAsIt has around 200+ wonderful volunteers who generously donate their time to visit elderly people in the community each week to help reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness. If you have an hour a week to spare and would like to make a difference to an elderly persons' life and a rewarding experience for yourself, please contact Linda Francione (Regional Co-Ordinator) by phone or email for more information on 0432 422 332

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**Next Roster for Liturgical Ministers** • We are in the process of drafting the next roster. Can you please email us your availability and preferences from Trinity Sunday (26th May) up until the Solemnity of Christ the King (24th November). The cut-off date for emailing us your availability for the next roster will be **Monday 22nd April**. If there are any roster changes after this date, you will need to organise a replacement reader or minister yourselves. We greatly appreciate your ongoing help and support with this ministry!

**Child Safety Update** • There is an old African proverb which states it takes a village to raise a child. In much the same way, it takes a whole parish to care for and be responsible for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults.

**Working with Children Checks**—A reminder that **all parish volunteers** need to have a valid WWCC with the Parish listed as one of the places where you undertake child related work. That means all

- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

need to have a WWCC—if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the priests. Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching—Click here to notify WWCC [Teacher notification](#)

**Child Safeguarding Training**—All volunteers need to undertake safeguarding training. You may undertake this training online [Online Safeguarding Training](#) The parish will also be running some inperson sessions in the near future—please keep an eye on this Bulletin for details.

**Code of Conduct Declaration**—Thanks to all those who have completed their Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers. We will be following up with those yet to complete their declaration.



**A communion that radiates**

*How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?*

**Participation, governance and authority**

*What processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?*

**Co-responsibility in mission**

*How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?*

**New Life in God's Spirit** presented by St Monica's Prayer Group, is your opportunity to deepen your Baptismal Graces and increase the Gifts of The Holy Spirit conferred on you at your Confirmation. This eight-week seminar begins Thursday 4 April, 7-9pm, Symons Centre, Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds.

Contact: Gerald 0415275446, Frank 0415144916, Adrian 0403512936



**Stewardship Corner**

*Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened...*

*Luke 24:36-37*

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

Special Collections 2024	
Lent	Project Compassion
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday – Holy Places
5 <sup>th</sup> May	CatholicCare
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	SVdP Winter Appeal
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Propagation of the Faith
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
18 <sup>th</sup> August	The Archbishop's Campaign
20 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mission Sunday
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Pastoral Care Appeal—Prison Ministry



**Readings at Mass**  
The Third Sunday of Easter, Year B — 14 April 2024

**First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9**

**R.** Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

**Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5**

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: cf Luke 24:32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel: Luke 24:35-48**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year B \(weebly.com\)](#) Children: [April 14 - Sunday 3 Easter - PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024 \(yearbprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)