

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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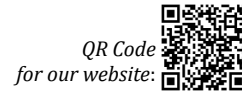
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The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

3rd November, 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

Pastoral Care Appeal 2024

Dear friends,

Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of Catholic Chaplains can continue. Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online a www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.



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Pastoral Care Appeal

Your support will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to bring hope and comfort to more Victorians.

Donate Today
www.catholiccarevic.org.au
T: (03) 9967 2515

CatholicCare VICTORIA

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 10th November 2024 — The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	F Baker RSM		B Healey	V Pizzichetta
10.30 am	J Trethowan	S O'Dwyer	L Connors	
5.30 pm	T Wilson		E McMahon	R McMahon

CHURCH LINEN

October — R Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 1 - Thurs 7th November at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Carmen Calderon	Mary Nguyen
Rachela Catanzariti	Dominico Lentini
Frank & Caterina Larobina	Eileen Forster

Changes to Masses this Week

Tuesday 9.15am @ Moonee Ponds
Wednesday 10.00am @ Strathmore
Thursday 9.15am @ Moonee Ponds
Friday 10.00am @ Strathmore
Saturday 8.00am @ Moonee Ponds

Parish Office Closure ● The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 5th November, Melbourne Cup Day.

First Sunday of the Month—Cuppa ● This Sunday, being the First Sunday of the month, there will be cuppa after both 8.30am & 10.30am Mass. All are welcome to come and spend some time with your fellow parishioners.

Date Claimer ● Signs of Hope - People of Faith
 Tuesday 19th November, **7.00pm**, St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore.

To prepare us to enter into the Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, let us gather as people of faith and reflect on the signs of hope in our world, in an evening of prayer, song, and reflection led by renowned Australian liturgical musician, **Peter Kearney**.

Altar Servers ● We are seeking to revive the ministry of altar servers within our Parish. Students who have received First Holy Communion may train to become an altar server. If your child is interested please collect an information and consent form (available from the Parish Office or the priests after Mass) and return it as soon as possible. Details of training will be advised in due course. If you have any questions, please see Fr Tony.

Groups & Ministries Forms
 We are continuing to work through the Groups and Ministries forms. Thanks to those who have returned their forms – much appreciated! If you are currently on a roster and wish to continue, please make sure you inform the Parish Offices as soon as possible.

Next Project Circle ● Tuesday 12th November - 7.00pm to 9.30pm - Project Circle is a group for anyone wanting to get creative and share experience. We meet at: **St Vincent de Paul Parish Centre** behind St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore. Enter from The Crossway.

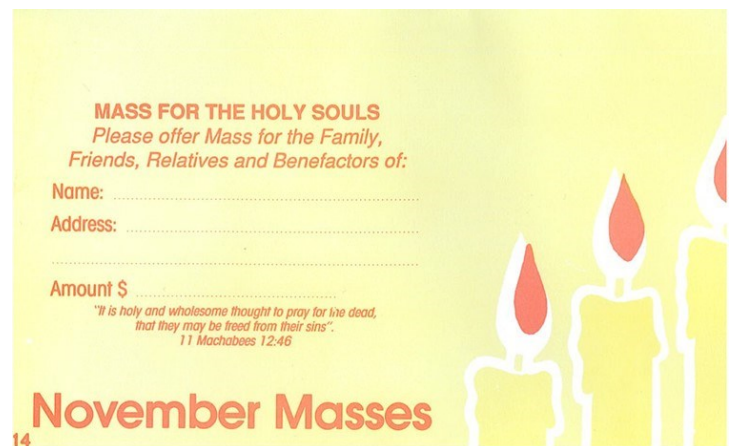
Chorus Ecclesiae ● St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ascot Vale **Sat 9th Nov 2024, 7.30pm** – premiering Heinrich Isaac's, Missa Presulem Ephebeatum and other motets. To purchase tickets, please visit www.chorusecclesiae.org.au.

November – the Month of the Holy Souls

Masses for The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – Saturday 2nd November

8.00am Moonee Ponds
 10.00am Strathmore

Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available in your regular set of envelopes or in the church.



November Mass Offerings

What Happens to These Offerings?
 The Bishops of Victoria have legislated that the offering to be made for November masses is \$20.00. When envelopes for November Masses are received, the offerings are added together and then divided by 20 therefore giving the total number of November Masses to be offered in the Parish. In actual practice, most masses offered in the parish during November would be masses for the repose of the souls of the Faithful Departed.

The Book of the Names of the Dead ● This year, the Parish will revive the custom of having a **Book of the Names of the Dead** during the month of the Holy Souls, November. The names of our beloved dead will be recorded in the Book, and we will pray for all those whose names are recorded in the Book in a special way during our November Masses. If you wish to have the names of deceased relatives and friends recorded in the Book, please list them on the back of your November Mass Offering Envelopes.

Keilor Cemetery All Souls Day Mass ● Saturday 2nd November at 11am held at Keilor Ultima Conference Centre, Corner Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court.

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

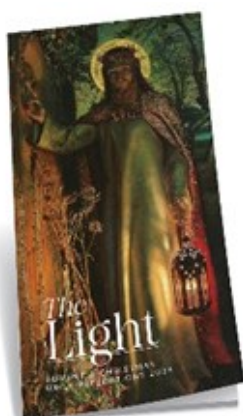
- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

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.

VIT & Child Safety—Holders of current VIT registration are exempt from having a WWCC. However, as part of your renewal process (which you had to have completed by the end of September), you are required to update the details of places where you undertake additional child-related work outside your employment. **You need to do this every year - WWCC does not notify the Parish automatically!** It is easy to do via the Service Victoria app: Work and volunteering > Working with Children Check > Teacher notification to WWCCV.



The Light: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2024

Once again, we have available this resource from the Diocese of Wollongong to nourish us and form during Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. For each day there is a short Scripture passage, a reflection, and a prayer for the day. For Sundays, there is also a reflection on a piece of art, matched to the season. \$4.00 each - available from the Piety Stall.



Stewardship Corner

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

Mark 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness .

CDF

5.35% p.a. 12-month term investment

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

Readings at Mass

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First Reading: book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own

sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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: [November 3rd Sunday 31 Ordinary - PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024 \(yearbprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)