

Parish of St Monica

Moonee Ponds

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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

15th September,

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,

All of us like to be well thought of. So, people try to carve out for themselves a favourable image in the eyes of others. And some will do anything to maintain that image.

In today's Gospel, we see how little attention Jesus paid to what other people thought of him, even though that image was a favourable one. The people regarded him as a great prophet. Peter went even further. Peter declared Jesus to be the Christ.

It would be impossible for us to exaggerate what the Messiah meant to the Jews. Many thought he would be a great military leader – another King David who would restore Israel to its former military greatness. This is perhaps what Peter thought.

Still others thought of the Messiah as a great priestly leader – who would lead the people back to true worship and true observance of the covenant.

Whatever Jesus thought, this was not the Messiah that he was to be. He told the apostles that the Son of Man would suffer as Isaiah had foretold in today's first reading. Jesus would not deceive them. Jesus would not let them have false hopes which would be disappointed later. The Messiah who Jesus is to be, is a suffering messiah.

Peter was not too thrilled with this idea of a suffering messiah. He seemed determined to save Jesus from such a fate. It is hard not to feel some sympathy for Peter. We always want to save those we love from suffering. But much as we might love someone, we can never stop them from being the person they are called to be.

And so, Jesus reprimands Peter. Whatever Jesus may or may not have wanted to do, he was never going to be the sort of messiah the people had in mind. What people thought or wanted was of little consequence. He was faithful to the God's call in his life.

Whatever our path in life, what really matters is that we be the people whom God calls us to be. And however and wherever and whoever God calls us to be, for all of us, the fundamental reality is that we take must carry our Cross. For it is only then, that we are able to glory in the Resurrection.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 22th September 2024 — The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	S Letcher	L Mathews	M Ballato	A Savino
10.30 am	S O'Dwyer	F Baker RSM	C Shiu	S Maurici
5.30 pm	A Mathews		P Duggan	B Mathews

CHURCH LINEN

September — V Pizzichetta

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 3 - Thurs 19th September at 9.45 am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Carmela Di Tizio Patricia Joyce

Anniversaries

Gwendoline Besterwitch Salvatore Triglia
Antonio Ciccarello Veronika Paladin
Nicola & Luigina Nola Gordon Windsor
Vin Ballato

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.

Wednesday 18th September:
No 9.15am Mass at Moonee Ponds

School Building Works • Work will commence next week on the refurbishment and extension of the original 1815 school building (closest to Robinson Street). As a result, the yard behind the church will be unavailable for parking for the duration of the project, which is expected to last twelve months.

Priests Retirement Foundation Fathers' Day Collection • Currently, the Foundation looks after 97 retired priests. It currently costs \$5.635 million per year to care for these retired priests: to provide accommodation, to cover living costs, to provide health and aged care. Amongst those cared for by the Foundation are our two retired Parish Priests, **Mgr Peter Kenny** and **Fr Tony Feeney**. A number of parishioners have asked for details to be able to contribute to the support of our retired priests which used to take place through the Fathers' Day Collection. Details are as follows:

Name of Account: Priest Retirement Foundation
BSB: 083347
Account Number: 578546990

If you require further information (e.g. receipts), please contact foundation@cam.org.au



Marriage Encounter weekend

October 4 - 6th 2024

At St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South

Starts Friday at 7pm finishes Sunday ~ 4:30pm
(Accommodation and meals are provided)

For Further details, please contact:
Mercy & James Bvirakare Ph: 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or
Visit: wwme.org.au



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Thursdays 12 September - 14 November 2024
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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?



Stewardship Corner

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

Mark 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

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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

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B — 15th September, 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:7-10

℟ I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. ℟

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! ℟

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me! ℟

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. ℟

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of

clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



SUNDAY LITURGY @ HOME (*click below*)

Adults: [Sunday Readings - Sunday Readings Year B \(weebly.com\)](#)

Children: [September 15 - Sunday 24 Ordinary - PRAYING WITH CHILDREN YEAR B 2023-2024 \(yearbprayingwithchildren.org\)](#)