



# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds



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**Red Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 28th March**

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.



### ORDINARY MASS TIMES

**Saturday: 8am & 6pm (Vigil for Sunday)**

**Sunday : 8.30am (Italian & English);**

**10.30am; 5.30pm**

**Tue-Fri : 7am; 9.15am**

**(Reconciliation by private appointment only)**



Our upcoming Easter commemorations may be slightly curtailed—no processions or kissing or touching of the Cross during Good Friday's services, still no physical signs of the peace or communion under both kinds—but there is joy in being able to celebrate together.

It's been a year since Australian governments took the risk of locking down borders and confining people to their homes in the hopes of stopping the spread of a novel virus. The governments advised they were 'following the science' but it was still a path no one had gone down before. If, however, we compare our sickness and fatality rates to other countries, the governments' measures largely paid off.

There has been persistent problems and setbacks, but we approach Palm Sunday and Easter with the knowledge that we can worship together—truly a blessing when compared to our siloed celebrations last year when Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday were spent watching on TV a lone priest celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

This week let us pray for the fair and equitable distribution of vaccines among the countries of the world. We also pray for the strength to hold on to those practices that have kept us and others safe this past year— mask wearing and isolating when unwell.

We also pray for those in NSW and Southern Queensland who are being affected by severe flooding. May they receive the help they need now, and when the clean up begins. We ask that when the flood waters recede, governments find the courage to again 'follow the science' and explore ways of mitigating severe weather events.

**SUNDAY LITURGY @ Home;** [For Adults:](#) [For Families with Young Children:](#)

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:** *The elderly and the sick*

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Ursula McWhinney; Justin Diviny; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken; Nicholas Gillman; Jillian Eolzella; Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Peter Ferrigno; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Ann Ryan

### RECENTLY DECEASED

*We remember in prayer,*  
**Nicola Vanvitelli**  
*May he rest in peace.*

### ANNIVERSARIES

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of*  
**Lina Rizzo; Marco Rendina; Andonio Redina;**  
**Antonio Molinaro; Pietro Di Pietro; Ellen McCormack;**  
**Joseph Mizzi**  
*whose anniversary occurs at this time*

## We are delighted to be welcoming Parishioners back to Church in 2021

### Sacramental program 2021



#### Confirmation Information Night

for parents of students in Grade 6 or higher  
**6.30pm March 30** in St. Monica's Church

#### First Eucharist Information Night

for parents of students in Grade 4 or higher  
**6.30pm May 25** in St. Monica's Church

Tuesday 30th March

### Italian Prayer Group

10.00am in the Symons Centre

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS  
NEXT SUNDAY 4TH April**



Put your clock backward one hour

**Sabato 3 Aprile 2021 Prima  
Di Andare Alletto Aggiustare Gli Orologil lora**

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13*

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

### Child Safeguarding Committee Update

We are committed to ensuring that all persons who have, or may be expected to have, contact with children and young people acknowledge their responsibility to safeguard children and young people from abuse and discrimination.



**HOLY WEEK** embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated *before* Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

*Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection with uplifted and welcoming hearts.* SC110

### REGISTRATION FOR MASS

**For Weekday Mass:** Please arrive early and register before the commencement of Mass.

#### For Weekend Mass in ordinary time

Please book online through our Website Mass Times Page at <https://www.stmonicasparish.com.au/mass-times.html>

For holy week please see mass times and cut off times for booking on next page. Please book through the [home page of our website.](#)

Please enter the Church via side back door which will be open half-hour before each Mass. At the Church door your name will be confirmed. Doors will be closed immediately before commencement.

**With electronic bookings St. Monica's can now open for more participants for each mass with an indoor density quotient of 1 per 2 m<sup>2</sup>. Face coverings/ masks must be worn if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.**



PROJECT COMPASSION  
**BE MORE**

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality. This year, we have presented five stories from people striving to 'Be More' – just a few amongst the millions who have been helped through Project Compassion.

As we celebrate this Australian icon, we would like to thank generations of supporters nationwide for their generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



**Support My Parish** In these challenging times the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Archdiocese of Melbourne have partnered to build an online parish payment portal, *CDFpay for Parishes*. This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments – you can set-up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The Moonee Ponds site is live and found at <https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=96>

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish.

# Holy Week

## THE CHRISM MASS

**Tues 30th March 7.30pm**  
at St. Patrick's Cathedral

At this Mass, three oils – the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism – will be blessed by Archbishop. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments for this year. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions of COVID-19, this year's Chrism Mass is unable to be attended by everyone. Our parish will have a Reception of the Holy Oils at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION

**Wed 31st March**  
7.00pm (come early and register at door)

## HOLY THURSDAY

**1st April**  
(no 7am Mass but 9.15am morning prayer)  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm**  
Bookings open 9am 22 Mar (Mon) until 4.30pm 1 Apr (Th)

## GOOD FRIDAY

**2nd April**  
9.15am morning prayer  
10am – The Italian way of the Cross  
**Solemn Ceremonies at 3.00pm**  
Bookings open 9am 22 Mar (Mon) until 12pm 2 Apr (Fri)

## HOLY SATURDAY

**3rd April**  
9.15am Morning Prayer  
**Easter Vigil at 7.30pm**  
Bookings open 9am 22 Mar (Mon) until 4.30pm 3 Apr (Sat)

## EASTER SUNDAY

**4th April**  
Mass at 8.30am (English & Italian) 10.30am;  
5.30pm  
Bookings open: from 9am 22 Mar (Mon) until 8pm 3 Apr (Sat)

Please book at our [Website](#) and click on the Holy Week + Easter Sunday picture on the home page or for those without internet access via the Parish Office on 9370 5035 or [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au)

# Notizie Italiane

## LA MESSA DEL CRISMA

**Martedì 30 marzo 19.30**  
nella cattedrale di San Patrizio

Durante questa Messa, tre oli – l'olio dei catecumeni, l'olio degli infermi ed il Crisma – verranno benedetti dall'Arcivescovo. Questi oli saranno utilizzati durante l'amministrazione dei sacramenti nel corso dell'anno liturgico corrente. Sfortunatamente, a causa delle restrizioni COVID-19, quest'anno non sarà consentita la partecipazione di tutti alla celebrazione della Messa del Crisma. La nostra parrocchia celebrerà la Consacrazione degli Oli Santi durante la Messa dell'Ultima Cena, il Giovedì Santo.

## RICONCILIAZIONE QUARESIMALE

**Mercoledì, 31 Marzo**  
7.00pm (arrivare in anticipo e registrarsi all'entrata)

## GIOVEDÌ SANTO

**1 Aprile**  
(la Messa delle 7.00am non ci sarà; Preghiera del Mattino alle 9.15am)  
**Messa dell'Ultima Cena alle 7.30pm**  
Prenotazioni aperte dalle ore 9am di Lunedì, 22 Marzo fino alle ore 4.30pm di Giovedì, 1 Aprile

## VENERDÌ SANTO

**2 Aprile**  
9.15am - Preghiera del Mattino  
10.00am - Via Crucis in Italiano  
**Cerimonie Solenni alle 3.00pm**  
Prenotazioni aperte dalle ore 9am di Lunedì, 22 Marzo fino alle ore 12pm di Venerdì, 2 Aprile

## SABATO SANTO

**3 Aprile**  
9.15am - Preghiera del Mattino  
**Vigilia di Pasqua alle 7.30pm**  
Prenotazioni aperte dalle ore 9am di Lunedì, 22 Marzo fino alle ore 4.30pm di Sabato, 3 Aprile

## DOMENICA DI PASQUA

**4 Aprile**  
Messe alle 8.30am (Inglese & Italiano); 10.30am;  
5.30pm  
Prenotazioni aperte dalle ore 9am di Lunedì, 22 Marzo fino alle ore 8.00pm di Sabato, 3 Aprile

Si prega di prenotarsi online sul sito della parrocchia all'indirizzo <https://www.stmonicasparish.com.au>, nella sezione dedicata alla Settimana Santa, oppure telefonando all'ufficio parrocchiale al numero **9370 5035** o inviando un' email a [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au)

This week we have the readings for next Sunday Easter Sunday for our Parishioners to make some time during the week to read and reflect on.

**FIRST READING (Acts 10:34. 37-43)**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**The word of the Lord.** – *Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live

and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,

a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

**SECOND READING ( Col 3:1-4)**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;

let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL (John 20:1-9)**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;  
therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened  
bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

**PLEASE TAKE THE  
BULLETIN HOME**

