

FIRST READING (Gen 12:1-4)
A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22.)

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING (2 Tm 1:8-10)
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



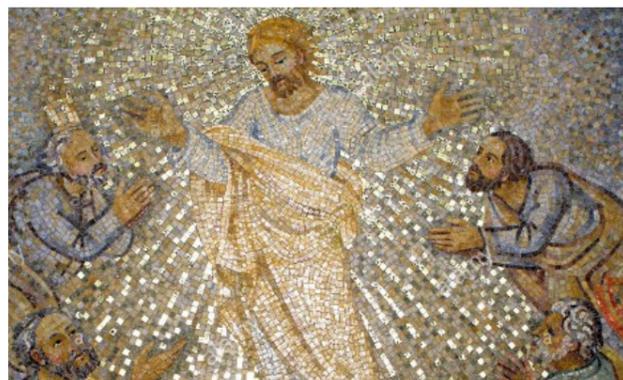
GOSPEL (Mt 17:1-9)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another and
to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak
boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we
may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.*



ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Moonee Ponds

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2nd Sunday of Lent Year A

7th Feb & 8th Mar 2020

ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 8 am (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) & 6 pm (Vigil for Sunday)
Sunday: 8 am, 9.15am (Italian), 10.30 am, 5.30 pm
Monday: 7 am (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)
Tuesday to Friday: 7 am & 9.15am
Public holidays: 8 am
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 am ~ 11 am & 5.30pm ~ 5.50pm

1st Collection: For the upkeep of the Parish Church and all the works of the Church. / *2nd Collection:* For the running of the Presbytery and support of the priests.

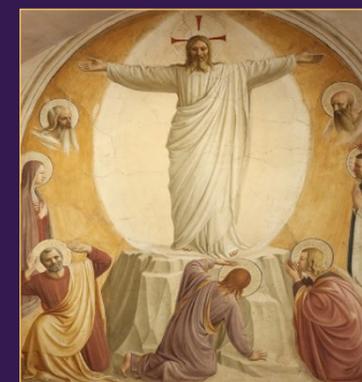
We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.



PRAYER

**God of all peoples and nations,
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,
May our fasting strengthen our commitment to live in
solidarity,
Our almsgiving be an act of justice,
And our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.
Awaken our hearts and minds that we may be one
human family
As we all go further together.
We ask this in Jesus' name,
Amen**

MINISTRIES & READINGS 14th & 15th March

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST	OGGI	
6.00pm	Peter O'Farrell Jennifer Trethowan	Anian De Silva; Dayanthie De Silva	PROSSIMA SETTIMANA	Fam. Priscoglio Fam. Catalfamo
8.00am	Maria Doherty Barbara Odachowski	Michael Baker; Katherine Sherwood	CHURCH LINEN (March)	Connie Munafo
9.15am	C. Priscoglio M. Galioto	C. Munafo; S Maurici; S.T. Maurici		
10.30am	Frances Baker Sylvia Letcher	Dermot Connors; Linda Connors; Cathy McNeill	CHURCH VACUUMING	Thu 12 th March Team 3 7:30 am
5.30pm	Julian Christian Michelle Christian	Luke Anticevic; Ross Legudi; Maurice Passuello		

Next week's Readings: 1st Reading: Ex 17:3-7 2nd Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Gospel: Jn 4:5-42

WE PRAY FOR

The elderly and the sick

Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salva

RECENTLY DECEASED

In Faith, Hope and Love,
let us pray for repose of the souls of

Those recently deceased

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

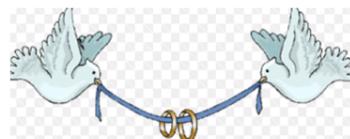
We remember in prayer

Rosa Di Pasquale; Charles Livingstone; Des Wolfe;
Frank Dempsey; Reg Salter; Antonio Madafferi;
Marie Graetz; George Howden; Maureen Flynn;
David O'Brien; Joan Cunningham; Joe Menezes

WEDDINGS NEXT WEEKEND

We pray for them as they begin their married life together.

David Belante & Natalie Spiteri
Tom Cini and Emma Ryan



BAPTISM NEXT WEEKEND 15th March



Phoenix Louis Hawa
Nathan Elliot Rushby
Aston Adrian Matthew Borg
Eloise Ann La Verde
Edith Nelly Gomes
Luna Mila Martino

**'Our only desire and our one choice should be this:
I want and I choose what better leads to God's deepening
life in me.'**

-St Ignatius Loyola, Spiritual Exercises

LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

During Lent Parishioners are encouraged to attend
Lenten Reflections
(25th February –24th March)

7PM Tuesday

Wednesdays after 9.15am Mass

(In the Symons Centre)

All interested people welcome

"If you do not know the Scriptures, you can
not know Jesus." Origen



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PROJECT COMPASSION GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Twenty-seven-year-old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining a Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help mothers like Phany continue to uplift their communities, and provide food for their families.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

COMMUNITY OF MOONEE VALLEY ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

The Annual inter-denominational Breakfast will be held at Windy Hill on Saturday 4th April at 8am. Cost is \$30. It will feature a guest speaker plus 2 awards for demonstrations of "Christianity in Action." Enquiries phone David 0408 338 250 or Les 0438 753 894



ST MONICA'S TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

When: Sunday 22nd March 2020 from
10am –1pm

Where: Hutcheson Street, Moonee Ponds

A perfect opportunity for you and your family to see what's on offer at the St Monica's Tennis Club.

There will be:

- BBQ sausage sizzle
- Tennis tips from Riley tennis coaches
- Information on Junior and Senior Competitions

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS Do you want to fast this Lent ?



- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

MARCH PARISH NOTICES

- ◆ 9th Labour Day Public Holiday-7am Mass
- ◆ 17th St. Patricks Day
- ◆ 20th March next Parish Social Dance 7.30pm in the Symons Centre. Enquiries contact: Renu on 0430 392 152
- ◆ 22nd 5.30pm Year 3 Family Mass
- ◆ 25th The Annunciation of the Lord
- ◆ 31st 7.30pm Lenten Communal Reconciliation

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

A stream of grace attracting people to Jesus. Aged 18 to 30? Is this way for you? Prayer Meeting every Thursday 7.30pm in the Symons Centre. Come and see.

NEW READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We welcome and encourage new Readers and Eucharistic Ministers to all weekend masses.

Speak to Fr. Tony, Fr. Andrew, Abygaile or the Parish Office if you are interested in joining one of these ministries.

We especially seek readers for 8am & 5.30pm Sunday and Eucharistic Ministers for 8am Sunday. Can you help?

Current Lector Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Roster 15 April 2020 to 12 October 2020 Please contact the Parish Office to advise of 'known absences' or changes for the next roster.



JOIN US FOR A CUPPA

Sunday 15th of March
After the 10.30am Mass
In the Symons Centre

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ Children's Liturgy in the Symons Centre 10.30am– 15th March
(Under school aged children must be accompanied an adult.)
- ◆ Parish Playgroup– runs during school terms on Wednesdays in the Hall from 9-10.30 am
- ◆ Altar Servers Training
Every 3rd Saturday, at 4.30 pm in the church.
NEXT TRAINING: 21st March, 4.30 pm
For any inquiries: Abyqaile.Cukavac@cam.org.au
- ◆ Gamblers Anonymous Gathering
At 8 pm, every Wednesday in the Parish Hall.
All welcome.



NOTIZIE ITALIANE

Se qualcuno fosse interessato a pubblicare eventuali notizie sul bollettino, e' pregato di inviargli una copia in italiano al seguente indirizzo email: mooneeponds@cam.org.au Affinche` la notizia sia pubblicata sul bollettino della settimana corrente, e` necessario che la stessa pervenga prima delle ore 12:00pm di Mercoledì.

Per qualsiasi informazione sul gruppo Italiano di preghiera che si riunisce ogni Martedì dalle 10:00am alle 12:00pm presso il Symons Centre (la sala accanto alla Chiesa), si prega di contattare:

- Maria Giardina al numero 93702047 oppure
- Connie Munafò al numero 93751980

"Questi è il Figlio mio, l'amato: in lui ho posto il mio compiacimento. Ascoltatelo!" (Matteo 17,1-9)

Oggi, il Cristo, vincitore delle tentazioni nel deserto, viene trasfigurato davanti ai discepoli ed a noi che abbiamo deciso di seguirlo.

Nella gloriosa manifestazione del monte Tabor, il Padre ci assicura che il servo, colui che cammina verso la croce, è il suo amatissimo Figlio, e in lui è racchiusa tutta la promessa di gloria e di pace della Pasqua.



IL RITO DELLA VIA CRUCIS

Nella Chiesa cattolica l'esercizio della Via Crucis è connesso con l'indulgenza plenaria, secondo le condizioni stabilite dalla Chiesa. Per ottenere l'indulgenza, i fedeli devono pregare stando in ciascuna stazione e meditando sul mistero della Passione.

La stessa indulgenza può essere applicata a chi non può materialmente visitare le stazioni purché mediti per 30 minuti sulla Passione di Cristo.

Ogni Venerdì` durante la Quaresima
alle ore 3:00pm in Italiano e alle ore 7:00pm in Inglese

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT



3.00 pm in Italian 7.00pm in English

National Pilgrimage of the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents

St Therese's Parish, 48a Lincoln Road Essendon will host the relics on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 15, from 2.30pm to 5.50pm. Mass at 3.00pm. Communal Prayer at 5.15pm.