

FIRST READING (Is 8:23- 9:3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14)

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

SECOND READING (1 Cor 1:10-13,17)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mt 4:12-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

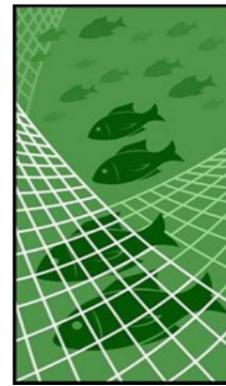
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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GREEN 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A 25th & 26th January 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

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



"Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. Strengthen and comfort the victims of the fires, those who have lost family, friends, property and stock. Protect our volunteer firefighters and all members of essential services. Amen."

MINISTRIES & READINGS 1st & 2nd February

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST	OGGI	Fam Chiera
6.00pm	Craig Lynch Peter O'Farrell	Dineshie Fernando Jayalath Fernando	PROSSIMA SETTIMANA	Fam Farfalla
8.00am	Katherine Sherwood	Barbara Odachowski Joyce Scherma	CHURCH LINEN (February)	Lucia De Francesco
9.15am	V. Pizzichetta C. Priscoglio	F. Priscoglio; T. Pagliarello; M. Galioto		
10.30am	Jane Henderson Emma La Mari	Annmaree Carmichael; Anna Colombo Mariesa O'Donnell	CHURCH VACUUMING	Wednesday 29 Jan Team 1 9:45 am
5.30pm	Julian Christian Michelle Christian	Luke Anticevic; Jacinta Beckley; Lynda Ellis		

Next week's Readings: 1st Reading Mal 3:1-4 2nd Reading Heb 2:14-18 Gospel Lk 2:22-40

WE PRAY FOR

The elderly and the sick

**Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salva;
Dominic Vogl;**

RECENTLY DECEASED

In Faith, Hope and Love,

let us pray for repose of the souls of

Alice Feeney; Sr. Margaret Nabbs RSC

May they rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in prayer

Vincent Coughlan; Judith Clarke

FUNERAL 5TH FEBRUARY

Funeral for Sr Margaret Nabbs RSC

Wednesday 5th February 11 am

Dear Fr. Tony,

Heartfelt Condolences

**Thinking of you, and praying
for you in your time of loss.**

WEDDINGS NEXT WEEKEND 1st February

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

**Reece Wood
and Danah Burrows**



ST MONICAS PARISH STATISTICS FOR 2019

Infant Baptisms 108

First Holy Communion 80

Confirmation 72

Weddings 32

Funerals 65

*These Statistics have been forwarded to the Archbishop,
and then to Rome.*

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Like us on Facebook: [St Monica's Catholic Church](https://www.facebook.com/StMonicasCatholicChurch)

THIS AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND- NATIONAL CATHOLIC BUSHFIRE APPEAL

This weekend we take up a special collection at all Masses with funds to go towards supporting communities affected by devastating bushfires. All monies donated to the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal go directly to individuals and communities in bushfire-affected areas in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria. Money received in states or territories not declared bushfire emergency areas will be redirected to bushfire emergency areas declared by the commonwealth. The National Council has established a Taskforce to oversee the allocation of donated funds to the good works conducted through the Society's State and Territory Councils.

*Help our neighbours by donating at www.vinnies.org.au or
as part of our Parish Special Collection on Australia Day weekend.*

FR. TREVOR'S NEW APPOINTMENT

Our assistant priest Fr. Trevor

has been appointed as

an assistant priest at

St. Oliver Plunkett's Pascoe Vale

as of February 5.



In his words, "I knew it was too good to be true having three priests here! *"The harvest is rich but the labourers are few"* (Mt 9:37).

Thank you so much for your example of fervent faith, generous service and firm commitment to this parish community. I want to especially thank Frs Tony and Andrew, Abygaile, Sonya, Domenica and the staff of St Mons primary.

I have loved being with you all here at St Mons and am glad that we'll only be 15 minutes drive apart!

Please know that I take each of you with me in prayer."

*There is a card to sign to wish Fr. Trevor all the best for the future
at the back of the Church.*



*Thank you for your presence this
weekend at
St. Monica's Moonee Ponds.
You are always welcome here.*

SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME

Saturday Evening Mass time has been changed to

6.00 pm instead of 6.30pm.

PARISH NOTICES

◆ **26th Jan. — Australia Day**

◆ **27th Jan. — Australia Day Public
Holiday 8am Mass—**



Office closed

◆ **31st Jan. — Whole School Back**

◆ **5th Feb.— 11.00am Funeral Mass for Sr. Margaret
Nabbs RSC combines with Golden Oldies — (Sr.
Margaret was an original "Golden Oldie)in the Symons
Centre(bring a plate to share for lunch)**

◆ **6th Feb.— 9.15am Beginning of School Year Mass**

◆ **6th Feb.— Hope Cafe** in the Symons Centre
a free meal is served from 6 - 7.30pm

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME....

"Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."
From Laudato Si



REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

◆ **Children's Liturgy in the Symons Centre**

10.30am— 9th & 16th February

5.30pm— 2nd February & 1st March

*Under school aged children must be accompanied
An adult.*

◆ **Altar Servers Training**

Every 3rd Saturday, at 4.30 pm in the church.

NEXT TRAINING: 15th February, 4.30 pm

For any inquiries: Abygaile.Cukavac@cam.org.au

◆ **Gamblers Anonymous Gathering**

At 8 pm, every Wednesday in the Parish Hall.

All welcome.

◆ **Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.30pm –9.15pm**

13th February in the Symons Centre.

Enquiries contact: Gerald on 9337 0475

◆ **Parish Social Dance 7pm 21st February**

in the Symons Centre.

Enquiries contact: Renus

on 0430 392 152



NOTIZIE ITALIANE

Se qualcuno fosse interessato a pubblicare eventuali notizie sul bollettino, e' pregato di inviarne una copia in italiano al seguente indirizzo email:

mooneeponds@cam.org.au

Affinche' la notizia venga pubblicata sul bollettino della settimana corrente, e' necessario che la stessa pervenga prima delle ore 12:00 pm di Mercoledì.

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

Maria Giardina al numero 93702047

Connie Munafò al numero 93751980

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 4th February

11.00am Mass in the Symons Centre

Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

With Christ our head and cornerstone
We'll build our nation's might
Whose way and truth and light alone
Can guide our path aright.
Our lives a sacrifice of love
Reflect our master's care.
With faces turned to heaven above
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
"Advance Australia Fair!"