

FIRST READING (Ex 17:3-7)

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps Ps 94:1-2. 6-9)

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING (Rom 5:1-2. 5-8)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!



GOSPEL (Jn 4:5-42)

reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,

and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.' 'Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here.' The woman answered, 'I have no husband.' He said to her, 'You are right to say, "I have no husband"; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and
truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him.

Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat'; but he said, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said:

'My food
is to do the will of the one who sent me,
and to complete his work.
Have you not got a saying:
Four months and then the harvest?
Well, I tell you:
Look around you, look at the fields;
already they are white, ready for harvest!
Already the reaper is being paid his wages,
already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life,
and thus sower and reaper rejoice together.
For here the proverb holds good:
one sows, another reaps;
I sent you to reap
a harvest you had not worked for.
Others worked for it;
and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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



ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Violet

3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

14th & 15th 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.

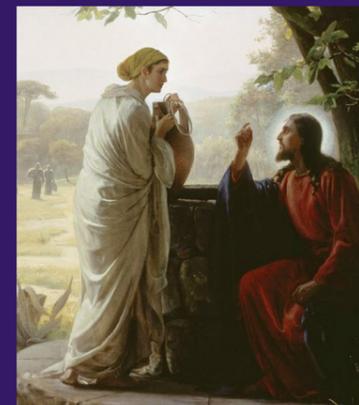
We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the St. Monica's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life .



'... Anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him welling up to eternal life.'

John 4:14

What do I thirst for this moment in my life?
What is welling up from deep within that I can bring to prayer this week?

Woman at the Well by Carl Heinrich Bloch

MINISTRIES & READINGS 21st & 22nd March

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST	OGGI	
6.00pm	Therese-Anne Wilson	Janet Dobson ;Sr. Joan Stapleton	PROSSIMA SETTIMANA	Fam. Catalfamo Fam. Maurici
8.00am	Anthony Vendramini Sr. Loretta Bani	Bernard Healey	CHURCH LINEN (March)	Connie Munafò
9.15am	V. Valori A. Stivala	V. Pizzichetta; R. Farfalla; M. Ripper		
10.30am	Michael Fewster Mariesa O'Donnell	Les Butler; John Morello; Carmen Shiu	CHURCH VACUUMING	Fri 20 th March Team 4 2 pm
5.30pm	Family Mass Readers	Dianne Blake; Barbara Clancy; Jacinta Beckley		

Next week's Readings: 1st Reading: 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13 2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14 Gospel: Jn 9:1-41

WE PRAY FOR

The elderly and the sick

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone;
Gino Salva

RECENTLY DECEASED

In Faith, Hope and Love,
let us pray for repose of the souls of
Atilano Sonny Zoleta; Ron Lang
May they rest in peace.

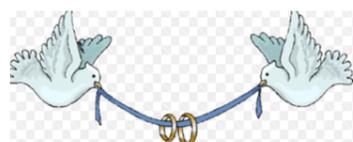
ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in prayer
Basil John Wolfe

WEDDINGS NEXT WEEKEND

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

Stefan Di Rienzo & Natalie Mudano



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

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

'It's not about how much you do, but how much love you
put into what you do that counts.'

-Mother Teresa



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PROJECT COMPASSION GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Father of four, Barry, embodies
resilience and strength. Growing
up in a tough environment, he
had to look inside himself to
make the right choices for himself
and his family. Barry, and others
like him, were able to take part in
a cultural healing program called
Red Dust Healing. This program

encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt
and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and
personal relationships and what may be been life-long
patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the
Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls
and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help
vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are
empowered to assist members of their communities
in Australia.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Par-
ish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/
projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or
phoning 1800 024 413.

If you are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass – whether due
to novel coronavirus or some other condition – or are at
particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus you can
honour your Sunday obligation by participating in a time of
prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching
Mass on television or online
(<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>).



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

NEW READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

MASS WELCOMERS NEEDED TOO!

We welcome and encourage new Readers, Eucharistic
Ministers and Mass Welcomers 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.

HELP
WANTED
Your parish
needs you!

MARCH PARISH NOTICES

- ◆ 15th 10.30am Children's Liturgy in the Symons Centre
(Under school aged children must be accompanied
an adult.)
- ◆ 17th St. Patricks Day
- ◆ 19th March 6.30pm Reconciliation & Eucharist
Information Night
- ◆ 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



JOIN US FOR A CUPPA

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

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT



3.00 pm in Italian 7.00pm in English

REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ 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: Abygaile.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 inviame 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

"Chi berrà dell'acqua che io gli darò non avrà più sete
in eterno. Anzi, l'acqua che io gli darò diventerà in lui
sorgente d'acqua che zampilla per la vita eterna".
(Giovanni 4,14)

Quest'acqua "viva" e' il simbolo della vita e della salvezza
dell'uomo. Essa rappresenta lo Spirito Santo, il "dono" per
eccellenza che Gesù è venuto a portare da parte di Dio
Padre. Solo accogliendo il dono di Dio, attraverso il
Battesimo, si possono ricevere la salvezza e la vita eterna.
Ognuno di noi può immedesimarsi con la donna Samaritana:
Gesù ci aspetta, specialmente in questo tempo di
Quaresima, per parlare al nostro cuore.

Fermiamoci un momento in silenzio, nella nostra stanza o in
Chiesa ed ascoltiamo la sua voce che ci dice:

"Se tu conoscessi il dono di Dio..."

Ci aiuti la Vergine Maria a non mancare a questo appun-
tamento, da cui dipende la nostra vera felicità.



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
sostando 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

ST BERNARD'S COLLEGE

Year 7 –2022 Enrolment
Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 17 March 2020
O'Brien Centre Gymnasium
7.00pm-8.30pm
Tuesday 16 April 2020
Applications close
COLLEGE TOURS– Bookings essential at www.sbc.vic.edu.au

