

**FIRST READING** (Is 58:7-10)  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 23:7-10)

**(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** (1 Cor 2:1-5)

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.**  
Alleluia!

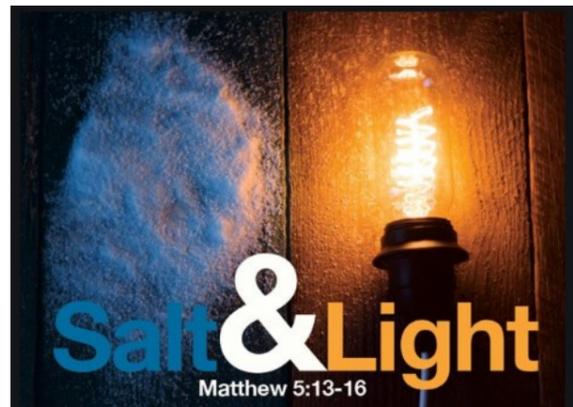
**GOSPEL** (Mt 5:13-16)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.  
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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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**GREEN 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A 8th & 9th February 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 come, let us worship God  
and bow low before the God who made us,  
for he is the Lord our God.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

My Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,  
his wonders for the children of men,  
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,  
and the hungry he fills with good things.

**Did you know ?.....** St. Matthew's Gospel, in many ways, holds primacy of place for all Christians. It is the first book in the New Testament (which is made up of 27 books and letters) because in the patristic times (1st-8th Century AD) it was thought to have been the first Gospel written. Matthew's Gospel was the Gospel most used in writing in the early Church. It has been the one most commented on and preached, beginning with the first known commentary of the Gospel of Matthew by Origen (AD 185-254). Matthew's Gospel is distinctive for its emphasis on the Jewishness of Jesus, an authoritative teacher, whose whole life and ministry fulfilled the Scriptures (Hebrew). It's generally accepted that Matthew has shaped much of his gospel around five speeches or "discourses" These appear to parallel the five books of the Torah- the first five books of the Bible- attributed to Moses. Jesus, Matthew suggests, is a new Moses who offers teaching that both fulfils and goes far beyond the original Torah. This pattern is certainly evident in the Sermon on the Mount. The assurance that Jesus is Emmanuel " God- with-us" frames the whole of Matthew's Gospel (cf. Chp 1:23;28;20)

**MINISTRIES & READINGS 15th & 16th February**

MASS	READERS	EUCCHARIST	OGGI	Fam Stivala
6.00pm	Andrea Gonsalves Jennifer Trethowan	Rita Gonsalves Joan Stapleton	<b>PROSSIMA SETTIMANA</b>	Maria Di Stefano
8.00am	Maria Doherty David McLean	Tim Mitchell Barbara Odachowski	<b>CHURCH LINEN (February)</b>	Lucia De Francesco
9.15am	A. Stivala A. Catalfamo	C. Munafo; S. Maurici S.T. Maurici		
10.30am	Abygaile Cukavac Caleb Cukavac	Annmaree Carmichael; John Morello Naylor Pinto	<b>CHURCH VACUUMING</b>	Thursday 13th Feb Team 3 7:30 am
5.30pm	Jacinta Beckley Asela Savino	Barbara Clancy; Lynda Ellis; Eugenio Mazzarella		

**Next week's Readings:** 1st Reading Sir 15:15-20 2nd Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10 Gospel Mt 5:17-37

### 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*

Rosa Thiem; Pippo Calio; Nisiforos Georgiou  
*May they rest in peace.*

### ANNIVERSARIES

*We remember in prayer*

Carmelo Valastro; Filomena Vorpaso; Frank Lamplugh;  
Dan Maloney; Arthur Gleeson; Michael Brady

### LENTEN PLANNING MEETING

A Liturgy meeting to prepare for the season of Lent is on **7PM Wednesday 12th February** In the Symons Centre Parishioners are encouraged to attend.



### SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME

Saturday Evening Mass time has been changed to **6.00 pm** instead of 6.30pm.

### PARISH NOTICES FEBRUARY

- ◆ **11th Feb.— Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**
- ◆ **13th— 7.30-9.15pm 1st Charismatic Prayer Group Meeting of the year** in the Symons Centre  
*Enquiries contact: Gerald on 9337 0475*
- ◆ **17th—St. Monica's Child Safety Committee Meeting**
- ◆ **19th— Finance Committee Meeting**

### AN IDEA

Fr. Tony would like to start up a Scripture Group in the Parish. Expressions of interest and time/ day which would suit are now being asked for. Contact Fr. Tony or leave your name and suggestions at the Parish Office 9370 5035 or [mooneeponds@cam.org.au](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au)



### 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](mailto:mooneeponds@cam.org.au) Affinche' la notizia sia 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 oppure**  
- **Connie Munafò al numero 93751980**

### ALICE FEENEY MEMORIAL MASS

**Tuesday 18th February 7pm**

Fr. Tony is offering Mass in St. Monica's— one month after his mother died  
**Anyone who would like to come is welcome**



### WEDDINGS NEXT WEEKEND 15th February

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

Hayden Caruana  
and Deanna Guastella



### BAPTISM NEXT WEEKEND 16th February



Rome Mamone  
Leonardo Ivan Brusi  
Zara Josephine Principato  
Andreas Juan Glenn Davidson  
Adriana Lira Chapman  
Austin David Papworth  
Anabelle Izilda Sweeney

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2020

1. **Confirmation:** The information night for Confirmation 2020 will take place in St. Monica's Church **6.30pm Thursday 20th February**
2. **First Reconciliation:** The information night for First Reconciliation in 2020 will take place in St. Monica's Church **6.30pm Thursday 19th March**



\* Please note: First Communion will not be celebrated before First Reconciliation

### ST VALENTINE'S DAY HIGH TEA: CATHOLIC MISSION

Friday 14 February 4.30-7pm | Sofitel Melbourne On Collins, Fitzroy Ballroom, 25 Collins Street, Melbourne This event will support the war-ravaged infrastructure in Cambodia, address the gender imbalance by investing in education for women in Ethiopia and help the Eden Garden's children home in Nagaland, India. **Cost: \$50 pp**  
**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?>

### FEBRUARY 26TH 2020

(A day of Fasting and Abstinence)



For the next couple of weekends please bring last years Palms into the Church or Presbytery for burning to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**MASS TIMES: 7.00AM, 9.15AM 7.00PM**  
*All Welcome*

**"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" Matthew 5:16**

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above people you have been called to help.

The Parish wishes  
**Theresa Mary Blake**  
every blessing on her 100th Birthday  
7th February 2020



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

### REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy in the Symons Centre**  
**10.30am— 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**5.30pm— 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, at 4.30 pm in the church.  
**NEXT TRAINING: 15<sup>th</sup> February, 4.30 pm**  
*For any inquiries: [Abygaile.Cukavac@cam.org.au](mailto:Abygaile.Cukavac@cam.org.au)*
- ◆ **Gamblers Anonymous Gathering**  
At 8 pm, every Wednesday in the Parish Hall.  
*All welcome.*
- ◆ **Parish Social Dance 7pm 21<sup>st</sup> February** in the Symons Centre.  
*Enquiries contact: Renus on 0430 392 152*



### The Feast Day of Saint Josephine Bakhita

will be celebrated on **Saturday 8 February**. She is the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. On this day all Catholics are encouraged to pray for those affected by slavery and human trafficking. It is also a time to pray for and support the efforts of those who work tirelessly to eradicate this crime. Human trafficking is a global issue that requires international collaboration to address the personal circumstances of those who are abused and at risk, as well as addressing the structural causes of this evil.

### MERCOLEDI' DELLE CENERI—26 Febbraio 2020

Carissimi parrocchiani, in vista del Mercoledì delle Ceneri, il 26 Febbraio, nelle settimane a venire siete tutti invitati a portare in Chiesa le palme dello scorso anno, le quali verranno bruciate ed usate come ceneri durante la Santa messa del giorno. Le messe per il Mercoledì delle Ceneri saranno celebrate alle ore 7:00 am, 9:15 am e 7:00 pm.

### Sant' Agata



Da quasi 5 secoli a Catania ed in altri paesi dell'Italia Meridionale, come Gallipoli in Puglia, nei giorni tra il 3 e il 5 febbraio si festeggia Sant'Agata, patrona cittadina e figura molto amata. Agata fu una giovane donna catanese di fede cristiana, che visse durante il III secolo, nel periodo delle persecuzioni dell'Imperatore Romano Decio, di cui anche lei cadde vittima. Arrestata e torturata, nel tentativo di farle

abituare la sua fede, Sant'Agata non rinnegò mai il credo cristiano, incontrando per questo la morte per martirio il 5 febbraio del 251. Dopo la Vergine Maria, sant'Agata è una delle sette vergini e martiri ricordate nel canone della Santa Messa. La festa e commemorazione di Sant'Agata, veniva in passato svolta in una sola giornata, in cui i fedeli si riunivano in preghiera e processione, seguendo le reliquie della patrona. Fu sospesa solo per un certo periodo, dopo il terremoto del 1693, a causa dei lavori di ricostruzione della città, distrutta dalla scossa. Alcune usanze sono ormai andate perse, come il lancio dei nastri di carta colorata da parte dei seminaristi al passaggio del fercolo, detto la strisciata, ma per essere sostituite da altre, senza perderne il carattere tradizionale e popolare. Nel 1846 la processione venne allungata, portandola a svolgersi in due giorni, e ormai da numerosi anni il rito si svolge nell'arco di ben tre giorni di festa, dedicati alla patrona.

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