

First Reading Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22.

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

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.)

With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (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 Rom 8:14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

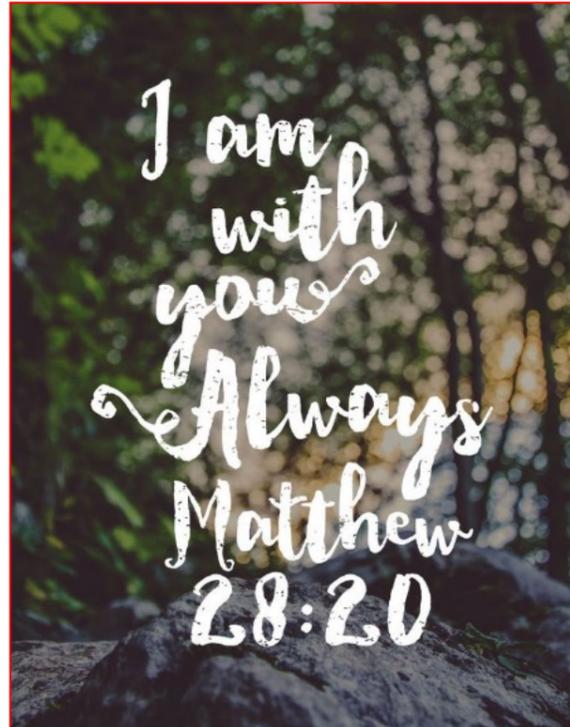
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

26/27 MAY 2018

Weekend Masses

Saturday: (*Vigil for Sunday*): 6:30pm — Sunday: 8:00am, 9:15am (*Italian*)10:30 am, 5:30 pm

Monday : **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion 7.00am**

Tuesday to Friday: **7:00am & 9:15am Mass**

Saturday & Holidays: 8:00am Mass

Reconciliation on Saturday: 10:00am - 11:00am, 6:00pm – 6:20pm

Exposition of the *Blessed Sacrament* after 8am Saturday Mass

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

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,
God as sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father

OUR FUTURE WEEKEND

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2018

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Stewardship Program. We thank all the parishioners that attended our Parish Forums last Wednesday. In recent weeks we have reflected on the role of faith in our lives and the importance of coming together to celebrate the Eucharist each weekend. We have also considered the notion of our parish as a community of faith and how we can make our own contribution to parish life by being involved in our Groups & Ministries.

This week brings it all together. We look to the future – imagining what sort of parish we want to be. Ours is one filled with optimism – but one that needs the support and contribution of every individual if we are to achieve our dreams.

This week we ask you to finalise your commitments by:

- Signing up for a Parish Group or Ministry
- Making your meaningful pledge of financial support to the Stewardship Program

We welcome Fr John Hannon, Parish Priest of St Theresa's in Essendon. Father will be with us for all Masses over the weekend encouraging us with our commitments. We also welcome Lorella Di Paolo, our Program Co-ordinator from the Parish Development Team of the Archdiocese of Melbourne who will coordinate the distribution/completion/collection process with assistance from members of the Leadership Team. Lorella will also be available at all Masses if you require any further information. We thank you in advance for your generous support.

MINISTRIES & READINGS 2nd /3rd June 2018

MASS	READERS	EUCHARIST	OGGI	
6.30pm	Janath Fernando Craig Lynch	Dineshie Fernando Jayalath Fernando	PROSSIMA SETTIMANA	Fam Giovanna Distefano Fam Giuseppina Giansiracusa
8.00am	Adrian Kendall David McLean	Asela Savino Mila Sheehan	CHURCH LINEN June	Elizabeth Budzyn
9.15am	M. Galoto V. Valori	M. Ballato; A.Stivala; S. Mammone		
10.30am	Dermot Connors Lynda Connors	Alex Bond; Cathy McNeil Kimberley Morgan	CHURCH VACUUMING	Wednesday, 30th May Team 2 9.45 am
5.30pm	Trish Bremner Michael Fewster	Doug D'Cruz; Melanie D'Cruz; Jacinta Beckley		

This week's Readings: 1st Reading Dt 4:32-34 39-40 2nd Reading Rom 8:14-17 Gospel Mt 28:16-20

Next week's Readings: 1st Reading Ex 24:3-8 2nd Reading Heb 9:11-15 Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

RECENTLY DECEASED

In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of
Joan Magennis; Salvatore Aprile;
Frank Minotti; Vincenzo Russo; Michael Bernardi;
May they rest in peace

ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in prayer
Giuseppina Soldo; James Carroll;
Ivan & Marija Vivoda;
William & Honerine Rodrigues;
Sr. Dorothy Maher RSC



Funerals this week

- ✠ Monday 28th May 11.00am Rosary 11.15am
Funeral Mass for Salvatore Aprile
- ✠ Tuesday 29th May 11.00am Rosary 11.30am
Funeral Mass for Vincenzo Russo
- ✠ Wednesday 30th May 12.00 noon Rosary 12.30
Funeral for Frank Minotti
- ✠ Thursday 31st May 11.00am Funeral Mass
for Michael Bernardi

Weddings next weekend 2nd June

Matthew Gillman will marry Sarah Forty
Carmelo Cirona will marry Christina Basa



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

God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

What could be greater than being a disciple of Jesus as he toured around Galilee two thousand years ago, teaching and healing? Perhaps the answer is: being a disciple today, post-resurrection and ascension, with the gift of the Spirit dwelling in us. The Holy Spirit makes the difference between the uncomprehending band that followed Jesus from place to place, seeing but not believing, and the vital life of faith that bloomed in the early church directly after Pentecost. Happy are they who have not seen, and have believed! Remember, that's us.

And we remember as well that Jesus isn't going anywhere. Until the end of time, the wisdom and power and true presence of Jesus is with us. Just as the magnificence of God is revealed in creation, the presence of Jesus remains in Word and sacrament. The indwelling Spirit puts that power to work in our lives. The Father, Jesus, and the Spirit invite us, today and every day, to a discipleship.

How do you experience Jesus as "with you always," as he promised?

Encounter the Trinity in creation, salvation, and sanctification. Make time for the beauty of the natural world. Participate in the saving work of justice and love. Acknowledge the presence of the holy in every human being.

... On the Way to Mass

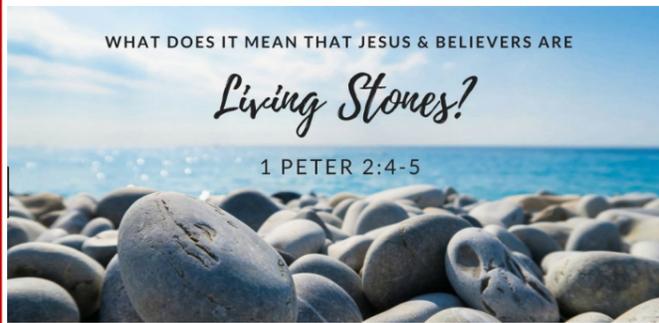
How do you experience God through your relationships with others?

On the Way Home from Mass ...

How do you feel God will be with you, even "until the end of the age"?

WE HEAR FROM ST PETER

"The Church of God that will last into eternity is the Church of living stones, built upon the cornerstone of Christ that must constantly be built up." (1 Peter 2:5)



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care. Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Offering Envelopes



OFFERING ENVELOPES
THE NEXT THREE WEEKS GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE LADY CHAPEL —
THEY ARE SORTED FROM A-Z

Please go and collect yours after Mass .
NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES BEGIN ON JUNE 24TH

"We thank all parishioners for their support both financial and voluntry over the last 12 months and welcome and encourage new supporters !"

The Grade 6 Confirmation Thank you

A big thank you to all those involve in the Confirmation Evening on Friday 18th May. Our particular thanks go to Bishop Terry Curtin, Gaye Mifsud, Mary McPherson, Jeff Mifsud (Musician), Michael Di Nuzzo and Dayanthie De Silva and all the teaching staff for their care and dedication leading up to the evening.



CHILD SAFETY UPDATE –

Responsibilities of Parish Leadership include:

- Providing regular opportunities to clarify and confirm legislative obligations, policy and procedures in relation to child and young people's protection and wellbeing
- Ensuring the parish meets the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards

IN THE PARISH : MAY

- ◆ Annual Parish Mass count concludes this weekend.
- ◆ National Reconciliation Week 27th May-3rd June
- ◆ Sunday 27th May 5.30pm Year 4 Family Mass

JUNE

- ◆ 3rd 5.30pm Children's Liturgy in the Symons Centre (under school aged children must be accompanied by an adult)
- ◆ 6th 11.00am The Golden Oldies Mass in the Symons Centre. BYO plate of food for a shared lunch
- ◆ 6th 7.30 pm in the Symons Centre Stewardship Follow-Up Meeting
- ◆ 5th, 6th & 7th : First Reconciliation
- ◆ 8th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- ◆ 11th Queens Birthday Holiday



Join the Choir...

New choir members needed to join the
10.30am Sunday Choir.

Any enquires please call Lavinia 0411 038 713 or Bill 0417 101 417

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020– Listen to what the Spirit is Saying.

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Find our more about the Plenary Council 2020 at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



REGULAR PARISH EVENTS :

- ◆ Gamblers Anonymous meets in the Parish Hall @8pm every Wednesday. All welcome.
- ◆ St Monica's Charismatic Prayer Group meet every Thursday evening at 7.45 –9.15 pm in Symons Centre. Enquiries to Adrian 9337 2051 or Russell 9382 0840.
- ◆ Every Tuesday – 10.00am The Italian Prayer Group meets in the Symons Centre
- ◆ Parish Playgroup– runs during school terms on Wednesdays in the Hall from 9-10.30 am
- ◆ Family Healing Prayer – in the Mary Chapel after 10.30 Mass the 1st Sunday of each month.
- ◆ First Wednesday of each month at 11.00am The Golden Oldies Mass in the Symons Centre. BYO plate of food for a shared lunch
- ◆ First Monday of each month- Monthly Card Group Meeting in the Symons Centre from 12noon to 3pm. Cost is \$5 for tea and coffee. All welcome
- ◆ Friday 22nd June 7.30 pm next Parish Social Dance in the Symons Centre Enquiries to Renus Burke on 0430 392 152

Our Parish Newsletter is now

Available Online at

www.stmonicasparish.com.au

Notizie Italiane

Se qualcuno vorrebbe inserire qualche notizia sul bollettino, per favore manda una copia in italiano per email a mooneeponds@cam.org.au
Per essere inclusa sul bollettino della settimana corrente è importante che sia inviata prima di mezzogiorno il mercoledì. Per ulteriori informazioni per il gruppo di preghiera italiana che si riunisce ogni martedì dalle ore 10 alle ore 12 nel centro Symons (la sala accanto alla chiesa) contattate Maria Giardina sul 93702047 o Connie Munafò sul 93751980.

PROGRAMMA PARROCCHIALE DI RINGRAZIAMENTO 2018

Siamo arrivati all'ultima settimana del nostro Programma di Ringraziamento. Ringraziamo tutti i parrocchiani che hanno partecipato ai nostri Incontri Parrocchiali mercoledì scorso. Oggi Padre John Hannon, Parroco di Santa Teresa a Essendon celebrerà la Santa Messa e ci parlerà dell'importanza di contribuire a St Monica tramite le buste. Riconosciamo tutti voi che per tanti anni avete sostenuto la nostra parrocchia e vi ringraziamo di cuore.

Nelle ultime settimane abbiamo riflettuto sul ruolo della fede nelle nostre vite e sull'importanza di riunirci per celebrare la Santa Messa insieme. Abbiamo riflettuto sulla nostra parrocchia come una comunità di fede e nel essere partecipe nei gruppi e ministeri che abbiamo qui a St Monica. Questa settimana rifletteremo sul nostro futuro - immaginando che tipo di parrocchia vogliamo essere nel futuro. La nostra è piena di ottimismo - ma una che ha bisogno del sostegno e del contributo di ogni persona.

Questa settimana vi chiediamo di fare un'offerta. Ringraziamo tutti coloro che hanno già le buste che portano a messa. Chiediamo un nuovo impegno. Ci saranno le cartelle in italiano da riempire. Potete prenderle e riportarle domenica prossima. La Signorina Lorella Di Paolo sarà con noi alla messa e vi aiuterà se avete qualche domanda.

Ringraziamo la nostra splendida community italiana qui a St Monica per tutto ciò che fate nella nostra parrocchia e per tutto la fede che vi accompagna. Sia lodato il Signore

PREGHIERA DEL PROGRAMMA

Signore, ti ringraziamo per averci chiamati ad essere la tua Chiesa. Attraverso il Battesimo siamo chiamati al servizio e alla testimonianza. Nell'Eucaristia sosteniamo e rafforziamo questa chiamata. Servendo gli altri seguiamo il tuo esempio e proclamiamo la nostra fede. Con la nostra generosità Cristiana dimostriamo il nostro amore. Signore, aiutaci a lodarti e adorarti sempre e di crescere nella fede e nel servizio. Lo chiediamo per mezzo di Cristo nostro Signore, Amen

Please save the date: Friday, 15th June 2018 @ 10 am in the Symons Centre



Come and celebrate mass at 9:15 am and pray for those touched by cancer. Then join everyone for a cuppa in support of a very worthwhile cause.