

# ST. MONICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Moonee Ponds



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St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

8th August 2021

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.

**HOPING TO  
OPEN UP WHEN  
RESTRICTIONS  
EASE**

### ORDINARY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 8am & 6pm (Vigil for Sunday)  
Sunday : 8.30am (Italian & English); 10.30am; 5.30pm  
Tue-Fri : 7am; 9.15am  
Reconciliation on Saturday: 10am & 5.30 pm

**DUE TO CURRENT  
RESTRICTIONS  
CHURCH IS  
CURRENTLY  
CLOSED**

Accordingly, our parish church will be closed during this current lockdown.

Online Mass will be available from 10.00am Sunday on our website [www.stmonicasparrish.com.au](http://www.stmonicasparrish.com.au)

The story of Australia's first official saint, Mary MacKillop (1842-1909), is well known and easily accessed. Rather than re-tell it, let Mary speak to us in her own words:

*Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart. (1868)*

*Never see a need without doing something about it. (1871)*

*Be full of forgiveness, hope and love. (1873)*

*Try at least to excuse what you cannot understand and bear in mind that you have only to answer for your own faults. (1877)*

*Let us show love in our actions, bearing with one another, forgiving and forgetting. (1890)*

*Seek first the poorest and neglected parts of God's vineyard...(1900)*

And finally, to her Sisters:

*'Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them cheerfully, remembering whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life'. (1909)*



**SUNDAY LITURGY @ *Home*;**

*For Adults:*

*For Families with Young Children:*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR: *The elderly and the sick***

Marius Fernando; Dantina Frederico; Stella Mammone; Gino Salvo; Rosa Di Pietro; Lucia Bordin; Ursula McWhinney; Justin Diviny; Stephanie Jouhari; Anna & Garry Henneken; Nicholas Gillman; Jillian Eolzella; Loretta Bastian; Sally O'Farrell; Peter Ferrigno; Caterina Timpano; Charlie Tiang; Lena Savoia; Anne Ryan; Margaret Whelan; Geraldine Macken;

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

*We remember in prayer,*

**John Lourdes ; Bernard Udousoro\* ;  
Brian O'Halloran**

*May they rest in peace.*

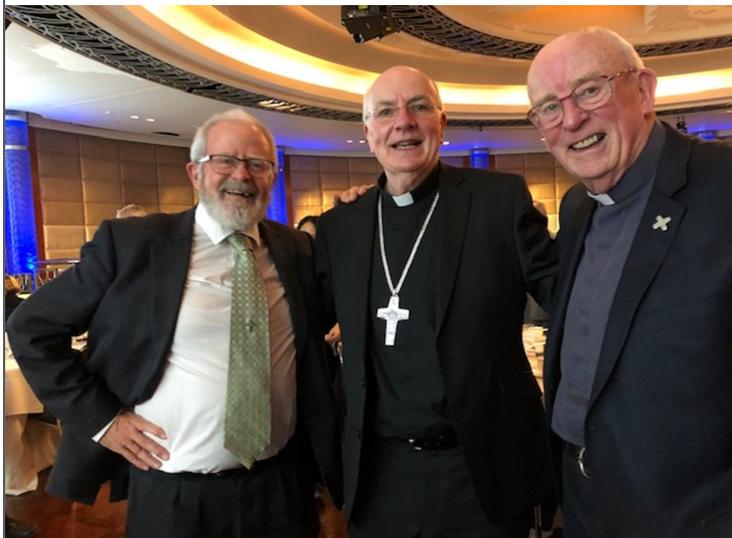
### **ANNIVERSARIES**

*In Faith, Hope and Love, let us pray for repose of the souls of  
**Tina Mammone; Tom Rossiter; Giovanni Triulcio;  
Emanuel D'Angelo; Barry O'Sullivan; Ted Dumaresq;  
Caterina Pezzimenti; Ian Bethune**  
whose anniversary occurs at this time*

\* Bernard Udousoro died peacefully at the age of 105 yrs on the 29th July, of Nto Uso village, Nigeria. Grandad of Fr. Fidelis Udousoro serving at st. Mary's Cathedral Hobart Tas.

## Melbourne's Newly Ordained Bishops

On Saturday the 31st of July the 150-year-old bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral rang with glee for the episcopal ordination of the Most Reverend Anthony Ireland and the Most Reverend Martin Ashe, Melbourne's newest auxiliary bishops. Both bishops were visibly moved by the occasion as they each offered their thanks and prayers to those present and watching online.



[Watch ordination here](#)

“The Three Amigos” Fr. John Hannon, Fr. Martin Ashe & Fr. Tony Feeney at Bishop's Episcopal Ordinations on Saturday 31st July.

## POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION AUGUST—The Church

Pope Francis in his special prayer intention for the month of August invites everyone to work for a transformation of the Church— a work that begins with “ a reform of ourselves” through an experience of prayer, charity and service, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

“ A reform... does not consist in words but in attitudes that have the courage to face the crisis, to assume reality whatever the consequences may be. And every reform begins with oneself. The reform in the Church was made by men and women who were not afraid to enter into crisis and let themselves be reformed by the Lord,” the pope said.

“ Let us remember that the Church always has difficulties,” the pope said, explaining that the Church goes through crises because she is alive: not like the dead who do not go through crises.

The pope invites all to pray for the Church, “ that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.”



**As of 8.00pm, Thursday 5 August 2021, the following ‘snap lockdown’ measures will be applied across Victoria, and will extend for seven days or until otherwise notified.**

- **Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors:** everywhere except your own home.

- **There will be 5 Reasons to leave home:**

- shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required; within 5km);
- caregiving or compassionate reasons;
- authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate (if you can work from home, you must work from home);
- exercise (up to two hour two hours, with one other person or members of your household; within 5km);
- receive a vaccination.

- **Private and public gatherings will not be permitted:** Single person bubbles will be allowed.

- **PRAYER and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:** No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

- **FUNERALS:** (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

- **WEDDINGS:** (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).

- **AGED CARE:** No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons.

- **HOSPITALS:** No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child.

## ROSTERS CONDITIONAL ON EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14/15 August

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
6.00pm Sat 14 August	Paul Duffy Therese Wilson	Dineshie Fernando
8.30am Sun 15 August	Maria Canazi Asela Savino	Stella Maurici
10.30am Sun 15 August	Antonina Briggs Natalia D’Cruze	Les Butler
5.30 pm Sun 15 August	Jacinta Beckley Maurice Passuello	Theresa Vu

## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities, to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)



### Current Job Vacancies

- Parish Secretary, Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore
- Senior Relationship Manager, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund, East Melbourne

Details at <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>  
[hadmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)

**Part-time General Office Assistant**, Mondays 9am-3pm, with potential for Tuesdays also, at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. To assist with social media, Zoom support, administrative and general duties. Job description and applications (by 28 August 2021): contact the Secretary,

### ST. MONICA'S

## Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Thursday 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start  
Symons Centre

Many people have felt the need to return to God with faith and hope. The meeting will consist of songs of praise, scripture reading, a spiritual talk on the Nature of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and prayers for the needs of the people. We invite the next generation to step up to foster their life in the Holy Spirit. Enquiries: Adrian 0403 512 936.

Date	Topic	Speakers
19 August	AGM	All

## Fan the Flame

Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

PlenaryCouncil  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**'Set your hearts on his kingdom first,  
and on his righteousness,  
and all these other things will be given you as well'**  
*Matthew 6:25-34*

The Church signifies and builds up the shared life of God's kingdom. This calls all members of the Church to continual conversion from self-serving egoism to self-giving love and a willingness to "bear each other's burdens" (Gal 6:2).

(Instrumentum Laboris #83)

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

### August

- \* **6th** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- \* **8th** Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)
- \* **10th** Parish Pastoral Council via Zoom
- \* **15th** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Tuesday 17th August

## Italian Prayer Group

10.00am in the Symons Centre  
with Fr. Frank Buhagiar

Italian Liturgy of the Word enquiries – contact Giuseppe on 0438 319 817

Other enquires: contact Maria on 9370 2047

### PARISH ZOOM MOBILE SCRIPTURES REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Tony

Friday at 7pm

[Click here for Link](#)

(Meeting ID: 914 0120 3888 )



### COVID MARSHALS NEEDED—

All parishes must now use the Victorian Government QR Code Service and have COVID marshals to help people check in at Masses . When restrictions lift we need willing and able volunteers so services can continue without interruption. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the parish office or email Fr. Andrew via [stmonicaspastoralteam@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicaspastoralteam@gmail.com) ASAP. All volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check registered with St. Monica's Church.



**Support My Parish** In these challenging times the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Archdiocese of Melbourne have partnered to build an online parish payment portal, *CDFpay for Parishes*. This site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments – you can set-up a recurring payment, if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The Moonee Ponds site is live and found at

<https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=96>

This week we have the readings for next Sunday  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

**FIRST READING (Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10)**  
**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

**The word of the Lord.** — *Thanks be to God.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.  
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:  
forget your own people and your father's house.

So will the king desire your beauty: **(R.)**  
He is your lord, pay homage to him.  
They are escorted amid gladness and joy;  
they pass within the palace of the king. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING (1 Cor 15:20-26)**  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL (Lk 1:39-56)**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
and my spirit exults in God my saviour;  
because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.  
Yes, from this day forward all generations will call  
me blessed,  
for the Almighty has done great things for me.  
Holy is his name,  
and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who  
fear him.  
He has shown the power of his arm,  
he has routed the proud of heart.  
He has pulled down princes from their thrones and  
exalted the lowly.  
The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich  
sent empty away.  
He has come to the help of Israel his servant,  
mindful of his mercy  
— according to the promise he made to our ancestors  
— of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants  
for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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

