

# St. Monica's Parish

North Parramatta

*"Our mission is to build up an active parish community with the Eucharist as the centre, foster deeper prayer and spirituality and reach out as a witnessing community"*



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD –YEAR A

5TH APRIL 2020

## St. Monica's Catholic Parish

Cnr Church Street and North Rocks Road, North Parramatta

<b>SUNDAY MASSES:</b>	Saturday Vigil - 5pm; Sunday - 9am, 11.30am (Cantonese/Chinese Mass) and 6pm	
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES:</b>	Tuesday-Friday - 9.15am	
<b>EXPOSITION:</b>	Every Friday following 9.15am Mass until 10.45am,	
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday - 4-4.40pm or on request	
<b>MARRIAGES:</b>	Please contact the Parish Priest at least 12 months prior	
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	1st Sunday of the month at 2 pm by arrangement	
<b>ANointing OF THE SICK/ EUCHARIST AT HOME</b>	Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630-1951	
<b>PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/ CHINESE CHAPLAIN:</b>	Fr. Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630 -1951	Email: shingmanlam@gmail.com
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<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-2.30pm	Phone: 9630-1951 Fax: 9630-8738 Email: <a href="mailto:stmonicanp@bigpond.com">stmonicanp@bigpond.com</a>
<i>St. Monica's School</i> School Principal: Lisa Howell Phone: 8832 4100 Fax: 9683-4984 Email: <a href="mailto:stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au">stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>		

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Masses in the parish have been cancelled. There is no public liturgies until further notice.

### Prayer for Protection from Coronavirus by Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



St. Monica is on Facebook!

Please join and get regular updates of the Parish during this current period.

Like

Please like our page : **St Monica's North Parramatta**



Sunday Mass is live streamed!  
Please check our Facebook.

For Donations (Sunday Offerings) to our Parish please call the Parish office on 9630 1951

St. Monica's Parish, North Parramatta  
Holy Week Liturgies Life-streaming Timetable  
(English)

9<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Holy Thursday)  
7:30pm Mass (English + Cantonese)

10<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Good Friday)  
3pm Passion of the Lord

11<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Easter Vigil)  
6pm Mass

12<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (Easter Sunday)  
9am Mass

To watch livestream please add "Shing-man Lam" as your friend on Facebook.

To watch reviews please like "St. Monica's North Parramatta" on Facebook.

北巴拉瑪打聖莫尼加堂 / 天主教華人牧民處  
粵語聖週禮儀直播表

2020年4月9日 (聖週四)  
晚上7時半 彌撒 (英粵雙語)

2020年4月10日 (耶穌受難聖週五)  
下午5時 基督苦難禮儀

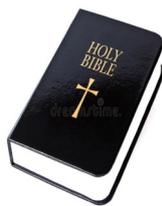
2020年4月11日 (復活前夕)  
晚上8時 彌撒

2020年4月12日 (復活主日)  
早上10時半 彌撒

收看直播請加 "Shing-man Lam" 作Facebook friend。

收看錄影請 like "St. Monica's North Parramatta" 在 Facebook。

## Youth + Corner



### YG March Recap: How to Read the Bible

(PS. Now's as good a time as ever!)

For Catholics, the Bible is generally regarded as the source of our Faith which details God's action in the world and the wisdom that he has bestowed upon us. But who wrote this giant book which contains 73 smaller books (46 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament)? Well in the simplest sense God wrote it through human hands. Over time, scribes recorded legends that occurred to them and passed on this information to future generations to record. This form of recording became more prominent during Jesus' era where hundreds of people would record the coming of the Messiah and particularly the works he had accomplished to reveal his divinity. As such, a careful selection of these recordings would be progressively put together to form the Bible we come to know today. This selection happened through the authority of the Church which distinguished which texts were canon (core) and therefore inspired by God, thus distinguishing the most effective method to know our Lord and saviour. In essence, the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John were written to different audiences to reveal the divinity of Jesus. Matthew wrote to the Jews to introduce Jesus as King of the Jews, Mark wrote to Romans who were unfamiliar with Christianity, Luke wrote for the Gentiles and portrayed Jesus as a perfect man with divine qualities, and John's gospel depicted God as a man who had come to bring the good news. The formation of the Bible is complex but reading it and actually understanding it can also be challenging. As we all may understand, the Bible can be full of complicated language, teachings and stories that can be difficult to understand, especially for those who are new coming into it. As you go to pick up and read the bible, the most common question you may ask yourself is "Where to start?". As there is no clear answer, some common suggestions have been to "Start where you feel", and "Read it straight from beginning to the end". Both have some merit as the teachings are more important than the order that you read it. But to have a better understand of what you are reading, there are a few things to keep in mind to get the most out of your readings.

- 1: It is most important to understand the basics of what you're reading such as who is in the passage, where it is set and the context of the passage.
- 2: Picture the scenes in detail to get a better grasp on what is happening in the passages
- 3: Consider the aspects of the passage such as the emotion, disposition, motivation, direction, environment and words used in the passages to dive deeper into the reasonings of what is happening.
- 4: Draw conclusions as to why these passages have been included into the Bible, as each should add to the foundations to your faith and connection to God.

- Adrian and Sam  
(Youth Group Session Leaders)

### Youth Announcements



#### St. Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

St. Monica's youth group will not be congregating at 10:45am on Sundays until further notice. Follow our youth group on Instagram @fyrestmonicas for more updates.

Although all masses are cancelled until further notice, online masses will be posted on Facebook on Saturday evenings (join the group on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/105707033257/>) and confession will be available by calling the Parish office on 9630 1951.

#### Good Friday Night Walk (10th April) - Cancelled

Catholic Youth Parramatta has announced that the popular Palm Sunday Procession and Good Friday Night Walk will not be taking place this year. At this time we encourage all to practice good hygiene, social distancing and to keep praying! This challenge we face is great, but our God is greater (: