

# 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"*



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR A

11TH OCTOBER 2020

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 25: 6-10**

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.  
*This is the word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
Phil 4: 12-14. 19-29**

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have  
been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything  
anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.  
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One  
who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to  
share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all  
your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glo-  
ry to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.  
*This is the word of the Lord*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Mt 22: 1-14**

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The  
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a  
feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call  
those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next  
he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been  
invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my  
oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything  
is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interest-  
ed: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and  
the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed  
them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, de-  
stroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said  
to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who  
were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in  
the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding."  
So these servants went out onto the roads and collected  
together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and  
the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came  
in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not  
wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you  
get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the  
man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind  
him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where  
there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are  
called, but few are chosen.'  
*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

# 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>	Friday 10-10.30 am Saturday - 4-4.40pm or on request	
<b>MARRIAGES:</b>	Please contact the Parish Priest at least 12 months prior	
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	Please contact the Parish Office for appointment with the Parish Priest. Phone: 9630-1951	
<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
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS:</b>	8 Daking Street, North Parramatta, 2151	Website: <a href="http://www.stmonicanp.org.au">http://www.stmonicanp.org.au</a>
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-2.30pm	Phone: 9630-1951 Fax: 9630-8738 Email: stmonicanp@bigpond.com

## St. Monica's School

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## REFLECTION

### Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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### Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

### FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

October 15, St Therese of Jesus  
October 17, St Ignatius of Antioch  
October 18, Mission Sunday

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO ARE SICK. ESPECIALLY**

Paul Chiu, John Rodrigues,  
Dave & Fan Lin Wilson,  
Francis Lee, Jerry A, Michelle Barnes,  
Levi Bell, Grace Boitano,  
Gesualda Borg, Monica Teresa  
& Fernanda Carigliano,  
Veronica Coorey. Antoinette Coorey,  
Margaret Dorahy, Heidi Ellich,  
Josie Estera, Philippe Kalife,  
Tim Kelly, Mary Korunic,  
Lillian Leigh, Monique Malouf,  
Tina de Larrazabal, Rosa Santos,  
Maria Itang Tagle,  
Llave Family, Sheila Watts,  
Gloria Cherote,

### MASS INTENTIONS

Zhao Qiong Huang  
Robert & Lynus Rodrigues

# PARISH ACTIVITIES



**St. Monica is on Facebook!** Please join and get regular updates of the Parish during this current period. Please like our page : **St Monica's North Parramatta**



Sunday Mass is live streamed on Saturday at 5.00 pm (English) and Sunday at 11.30 am (Cantonese) Please add Fr Lam (**Shing-man Lam**) as a friend on Facebook to watch the Live stream Masses.

## Weekend Mass Timetable – October 2020

Saturday Evening :	5.00 pm (English)	<i>Live Streamed</i>
	6.00 pm (English)	
Sunday :	9.00 am (English)	
	10.30 am (Cantonese)	
	11.30 am (Cantonese)	<i>Live Streamed</i>
	6.00 pm (English)	

**"First come first served" for all Masses.**

## St. Monica's Sacraments

[stmonicasacraments@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicasacraments@gmail.com)



### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

School Holidays 26th September to 11th October.

Lesson 4/6 17th/18th October

Lesson 5/6 24th/25th October

Lesson 6/6 31st Oct/1st November

### First Reconciliation – 5th & 6th November

Parents please book in your preferred day and time by the 23rd of October.

## Catholic Mission Appeal 2020



There will be a special collection on the 17th & 18th October.

Please use the envelopes provided near the Sacred Heart statute if you wish to claim a tax return or you can place your cash donation directly in the special Collection basket.

All donation above \$2/- placed in an envelope are tax deductible. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## St Monica's Primary School North Parramatta



### Enrolments for 2021 (K-6) are now open!

Enrolment forms are available on our school website.

For more information please visit our school website or contact the office on 8832 4100.

[www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmonicasparra.catholic.edu.au)

## THANK YOU!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIAL HOUSING PETITION -

On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society we take this opportunity to thank our Parishioners who responded MAGNIFICENTLY last weekend in signing the petition.

We were successful in obtaining 107 signatures and no doubt this will ensure our target is met.

We would also like to express our gratitude to Fr Ephraim for his on going support in matters relating to St Vincent de Paul.

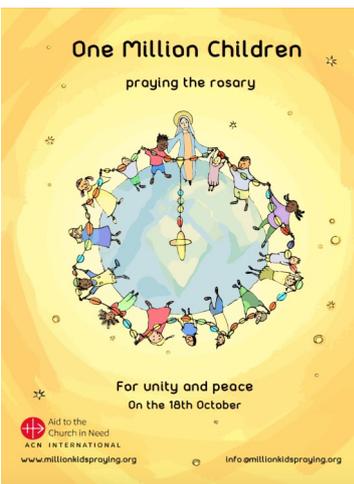
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# Youth Corner

## One Million Children Praying the Rosary

Next Sunday on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am, the Aid to the Church in Need invites all to make a conscious decision to prayer the Rosary, for the sake of peace and unity within families, communities, between countries and in the whole world. St John Paul II wrote In his Apostolic Exhortation that 'the Rosary is a prayer for peace because of the fruits of charity which it produces...by its nature as an insistent choral petition in harmony with Christ's invitation to "Pray ceaselessly", the Rosary allows us to hope that, even today, the difficult "battle" for peace can be won'.



"One Million Children Praying the Rosary" is an initiative that came about in 2005 in Venezuela when several women attending a wayside shrine felt the strong presence of the Virgin Mary whilst there were children there praying the Rosary. This story brings to mind the promise of St. Padre Pio who said that 'when one million children pray the rosary, the world will change'. Mary herself also said to the children in Fatima to "pray the rosary every day, in order to obtain

peace for the world". These words serve as a reminder to us to have faith in the simple yet powerful prayers that can come from children who the Father loves dearly and who in some ways are more open to the rosary than many adults. In light of recent times, this year's One Million Children Praying the Rosary initiative will no doubt have a focus on the worldwide healthcare crisis and will serve as a strong reminder that while we must help one another through this pandemic, ultimately the greatest help comes from God, and through Mary who intercedes on our behalf.

Lastly, it is important to note that this initiative does not call only children to pray; parents, teachers, families and friends are all encourages to pray the Rosary alongside children and actively participate in the Rosary campaign. The month of October is traditionally the month of the Rosary, and October 18<sup>th</sup> also coincidentally happens to be the feast day of St. Luke the Evangelist who was, perhaps fittingly, the only one of the four gospel writers to include stories of Jesus as a child. So remember to pop the date in your diary, and let's get praying!

For more information on One Million Children Praying the Rosary, please visit <https://acninternational.org/millionkidspraying/en/> where you can register to be a part of the campaign, and you can also find additional instruction materials on praying the rosary.

## Youth Announcements



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

FYRE youth group gatherings are online! Join us on Sat 8pm on Zoom using the link: <https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/j/93935934337>. This month we will be focusing on symbols in the Bible!

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @fyrestmonicas to keep track of the latest FYRE news and events.

### HSC Blessing

Last Sunday we had a special blessing for all students doing the HSC this year. We continue to wish them the very best and we keep you all in our prayers!