

# 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"*



ALL SAINTS DAY

- YEAR A

01ST NOVEMBER 2020

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

*The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.*

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Apocalypse Rv: 7: 2-4, 9-14**

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

*This is the word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. (R.)
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St John**

**1 Jn 3: 1-3**

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

*This is the word of the Lord*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,

and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**Mt 5: 1-12**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak.

This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

# 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

### The Beatitudes ... A Call to Action

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God.

There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge.

We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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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

November 09, THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

November 10, St Leo the Great

November 11, St Martin of Tours

November 12, St Josaphat

**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

Gabriella Wehbe  
Joseph Sajih Wehbe  
Hinid Wehbe  
Hasna Takchi  
Mouris Takchi  
Elias Hkeik  
Sam Takchi

# PARISH ACTIVITES



**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.*



**Christian Meditation** commencing Friday, 6 November 2020 Every Friday from 6.30 pm to 6.55 pm Qigong, and 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Meditation. Enquiries/facilitator : Patricia Brown, 0418 406 661 or email: pabrown02@gmail.com.



**St Monica's Parish Rosary Group** Every Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.



**All Souls Day** 2nd November (Monday)  
9.15 am (English)  
7.00 pm (English) -Live Streamed  
8.00 pm (Cantonese) -Live Streamed

### Weekend Mass Timetable – November 2020

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

### St. Monica's Sacraments

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

#### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Lesson 6/6 31st Oct/1st November

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



### 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)



**Collection of Re-cyclable** for St Vincent de Paul charitable works. Please continue to bring and leave **during weekend Masses ONLY** your plastic/glass bottles, aluminum cans, car batteries, copper & brass items at the area where the clothing bin was located for pick up, to provide funding for St Vincent de Paul charitable works. Contact : Ian Goldthorpe on 0414716005



#### RE-OPENING OF SVDP RETAIL STORE

St Vincent de Paul Store at North Parramatta is now open for business, opening hours as follows:

Mon - Fri: 9am - 4.30pm

Sat - 9am - 3pm

Sun - 10am - 3pm

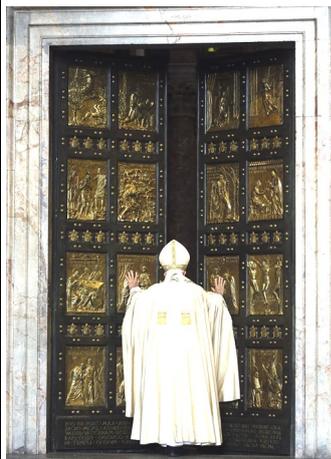
Donations gladly accepted and they look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future to browse their many offerings. Please pass this information onto family and friends.

### 07th/08th November ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
<b>Readers</b>	K. Handcock T. Webhe	A. Dolahenty B. McGettigan	W. Sassine E. Ellis
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andre Kurkcu	Jeff Lau	John Hilton
<b>Cleaning</b>	Group 1 Chinese Chaplaincy		

# Youth Corner

## Holy Doors



Confession is incredibly important for those who wish to live a faith-filled life, one which is true to the path Jesus showed us.

However, it may sometimes be difficult to find the time to go to confession, and the daily rush of life might prevent us from seeking out this spiritual necessity. And though attending confession is already a small price to pay for the forgiveness of sins, wouldn't it be convenient if we could just be forgiven by something as simple as walking into Church?

Well, did you know that there are specific doors, known as Holy Doors, which grant a person a plenary indulgence merely by walking through them and praying? I know I did not. These doors are special as they signify Christ himself – only through Christ can we find salvation – and by stepping through a Holy Door, we choose to walk the path of Christ. Walking through them imparts us with graces and leads to a remission of our sins, in much the same way as when we attend confession and are forgiven for our transgressions.

Now you may be thinking something along the lines of 'wow that seems too good to be true,' and while they do impart forgiveness, merely walking through them is not enough. For one, you need to actively wish to repent. Like in the confessional, you need to contemplate your sins and look deep within – you need to actively want to do better in the future – anything short of this, and you won't receive any special graces by walking through a Holy Door. For all intents and purposes, you'd just be walking through another door.

On a more geographical note, Holy Doors aren't actually that common, which may be why not many people actually know about them. There are only a handful of these doors around the world, though a few of them can be found in Rome and Italy, with perhaps the most famous being found in Saint Peter's Basilica. And what's more, these doors are only opened during a Holy Jubilee year, so just because you can travel to one of them, does not mean you will be able to enter through a Holy Door. All said, the opportunity to travel through a Holy Door is a wonderful one, but pilgrims should also consider their faith, and how they want to improve their relationship with Christ in order to receive the greatest benefit.

- *Rashane*



### 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>

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