

# 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"*



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- YEAR A

08TH NOVEMBER 2020

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.  
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Wisdom Wis: 6: 12-16**

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.  
By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.  
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes  
herself known to them.  
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.  
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;  
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.  
She herself walks about looking for those who are  
worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as  
they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.  
*This is the word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Response:** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Thessalonians**

**1 The 4: 13-18**

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those  
who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about  
them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe  
that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the

same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring  
them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own  
teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's  
coming will not have any advantage over those who have  
died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel  
will call out the command and the Lord himself will come  
down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be  
the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive  
will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to  
meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for  
ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort  
one another.

*This is the word of the Lord*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when  
the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Mt 25: 1:13**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps  
and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were  
foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones  
did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the  
sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.  
The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and  
fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The  
bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all  
those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps,  
and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us  
some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they  
replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you  
had better go to those who sell it and buy some for  
yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the  
bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with  
him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The  
other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said,  
"open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you  
solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you  
do not know either the day or the hour.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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.

# 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 Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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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

Margaret Knox  
Mary Varghese

# 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**  
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.

## St. Monica's Sacraments

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



### Registration dates for 2021 :

**Confirmation** 20/21 February  
(The child is eligible to receive this sacrament if he/she has received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and is in year 5 or above)

**First Holy Communion** 29/30 May  
(The child is eligible to receive this sacrament if he/she has received the sacrament of First Reconciliation and is in year 4 or above)

**First Reconciliation** 31 July/1 August  
(The child is eligible to receive this sacrament if he/she has received the sacrament of Baptism & is in year 3 or above)

**\*\*A copy of the Baptism certificate is required at the time of registration**

## 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)



### 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.



**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, aluminium 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

## 14th/15th November ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
<b>Readers</b>	S. Meleca C. Maxwell	B. Hooker C. Cheung	T. Jones D. Cruz
<b>Acolytes</b>	Peter Handcock	Nishan Joseph	John Hilton
<b>Cleaning</b>	Group 2 Vera		

# Youth + Corner



## MOVEMBER

The month of November is traditionally dedicated to the charity fundraiser known as "Movember" where the global community band together to raise both funds and awareness of Men's health issues, in particular mental health, suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. Despite now being a global movement, Movember actually began in Australia in 2003 when two mates, Travis Garone and Luke Slattery, were discussing how to bring moustaches back in fashion over beers at a bar. Inspired by a friend's mother who was fundraising for breast cancer they decided that the moustache would be a symbol of men's health, just as the pink ribbon was for breast cancer. They gathered a group of friends and set in place the rules for Movember that year. The following year, the Movember Foundation was created, and they made their first contribution to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) through the funds raised. The Foundation would later go on to partner with BeyondBlue to help fund programs around addressing men's mental health and suicide prevention. As of 2019 there were 20 countries pledged to the cause, with over 6 million "Mo Bros and Mo Sisters" participating and 1,250 men's health projects funded since 2003.

### What does Movember involve?

During the month of Movember, men dedicate themselves to growing a moustache. The rules are simple. As a Mo Bro, you start with clean shaven face, and end the month with a proud moustache. The next time someone's asks about your moustache, you can strike up conversation around why you are growing it and hopefully help to raise awareness and donations in support of addressing the important health issues Movember tackles.

### How can I participate if I don't want to/can't growth a moustache?

Do not fear – the Movember organisers have thought it through. While Movember is typically read as MO-ember, it can also be read as MOVE-mber. That's right, you can also participate in this worthwhile cause by pledging to run or walk 60km over the month of November. Why 60 you ask? That is the number of men we tragically lose every hour to suicide across the world.

We the youth of St. Monica's are participating in Movember this year. If anyone would like to join (it's not too late!) or donate to support this worthy cause we would be immensely grateful. We have youths who have committed to growing the mo, and youth who will be completing the 60km walk run! **If you wish to donate, please go to the link below or scan the QR code :) If you wish to join us, please contact Cheryl (0481 507 169) or Gabriel (0401 639 771). Thank you!**



- FYRE Youth Group

<https://movember.com/t/fyre-st-monica-s?mc=1>

## 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!