

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"

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

YEAR B

20TH JUNE 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 27: 8 - 9

The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job

Jb 38: 8 -11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

This is the word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 106

Response: Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. *(R.)*
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. *(R.)*
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. *(R.)*
4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

2 Cor 5 : 14 - 117

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that
if one man has died for all, then all men should be
dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living
men should live no longer for themselves, but for him
who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone
by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once
know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him
now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new
creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new
one is here.

This is the word of the Lord



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared
among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Mk 4: 35 - 41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples,
'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the
crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the
boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it be-
gan to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into
the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in
the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke
him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are
going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind
and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the
wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to
them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you
have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to
one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the
sea obey him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 114: 15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

St. Monica's Catholic Parish

Cnr Church Street and North Rocks Road, North Parramatta

SUNDAY MASSES:	Saturday Vigil - 5pm; Sunday - 9am, 11.30am (Cantonese/Chinese Mass) and 6pm	
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday-Friday - 9.15am	
EXPOSITION:	Every Thursday 8pm—9pm Every Friday following 9.15am Mass until 10.45am,	
RECONCILIATION:	Friday 10-10.30am, Saturday 4-4.40pm, 3rd Sunday of the month 10:15-11am, or on request	
MARRIAGES:	Please contact the Parish Priest at least 12 months prior	
BAPTISMS:	Please contact the Parish Office for appointment with the Parish Priest. Phone: 9630-1951	
ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ EUCHARIST AT HOME	Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630-1951	
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REFLECTION

The Voice which Accompanies to the Other Side

Every element of the universe, even the most destructive, is listening for the voice of Our Lord, "Quiet, be still." In this Gospel story, the waters of chaos respond to the voice of the Lord of all creation, allowing Jesus to accompany his disciples to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.

We all know of times when chaos storms into our life, when we feel we are being swamped whether from outside or from some part of our own personality. Some part of our life is facing death. We may cry out to Jesus "Don't you care?"

He *will* come to accompany us but always to "the other side". Our Lord does not indulge the fantasy of "turning back the clock". We have to keep rowing in a new direction. There is no nostalgic return to the old situation. We may well feel displaced, disoriented, but Our Lord is our companion in the unfamiliar situation we have reached.

We could take a moment to pray for Our Lord to help us in all life-threatening situations, especially in the final transit through the wrenching chaos of death. May we hear him rebuke the Prince of Darkness and Death: "Quiet, be still" as he accompanies us to the other side, to the promised land of Heaven.

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Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.



Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and
courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

June 21, St Aloysius Gonzaga
June 22, Sts John Fisher & Thomas Moore
June 24, THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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,
Margaret Dorahy, Heidi Ellich,
Josie Estera, Philippe Kalife,
Tim Kelly, Mary Korunic,
Lillian Leigh, Monique Malouf,
Maria Itang Tagle,
Tina de Larrazabal, Rosa Santos,
Llave Family, Sheila Watts,
Gloria Cherote,

MASS INTENTIONS

Antoine Tabet
Linda Michael

PARISH ACTIVITES



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



Christian Meditation Every Friday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. 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.



Catholic Women's League (St Monica's Branch) meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am in the meeting room. Enquiries : Julie Skulander on 0411 988 361



Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Thursday from 8pm–9pm. All are welcome.



St Monica's Piety Stall
Stall is open on Saturday 4.40 - 6.15pm
Sunday 8.40 - 10.15am



Collections toward Parish Toilets & Kitchenette renovation: Special envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church and collections will be taken up to August. Please place your donation envelopes in the collections boxes.

We have received \$2770/- in donations during the weekend of 12th & 13th June. And \$2122 from the Youth Group bake sale. Making a grand total of \$4892/-
Fantastic effort by our Youth Group, well done!
Your donations toward this much needed renovation is greatly appreciated. *Thank you.*

Weekday Mass Cancel

There will be **NO** weekday Mass from the 29th June (Tuesday) to 2nd July (Friday).
Exposition on 1st July (Thursday) and 2nd July (Friday) will also be cancelled.
Church will be closed during this time as Father Lam will be at Youth Camp.

Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are ready for collection at the back of the Church. If you wish to join please contact the Parish office on 02 9630 1951 or visit the Parish office (Tuesday to Friday 8.30am - 2.30pm)

Clergy Support Foundation Donations



It is not too late to make a tax-deductible donation to the clergy support foundation of the diocese of Parramatta, which supports retired priests in the diocese. Please make donations via credit card at <https://parracatholic.org/csf> or transfer directly to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Name CSF No 1 with names as reference and send

email to csf@parracatholic.org with your details for receipt to be sent. Thank you.

26th/27th June ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
Readers	G. Basha C. Meleca	B. McGettigan S. Joseph	W. Sassine M. Ellis
Acolytes	Peter Handcock	Nishan Joseph	John Hilton
Cleaning	Group 3 – Sisley & Froi		



Jesus calms the storm

In today's Gospel we hear about one of Jesus' most well-known miracles- the calming of the storm in the Sea of Galilee. It appears in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and continues to remain a significant story which is pertinent in our lives today.

The great windstorm which put the disciples in danger of sinking is synonymous with the internal and external difficulties we may face such as temptations, persecution, or stress. Jesus calming the storm is a reminder for us that God is with us even at moments when we don't even realize it; his everlasting love and mercifulness will always be there and because of this, we can overcome any storms- Matthew 19:26 sums it up quite nicely "For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible." However, it is up to us to trust in God's word. Although some of the disciples were fishermen and had years of experience of sailing, their futile efforts to try stop the ship from sinking made them panicked and afraid- and in that moment they had more fear of the storm than their trust in Jesus. Their faith was lacking, and Jesus knew this. This explains why Jesus was sleeping so soundly despite the turbulence happening outside- he wanted to use the storm to teach His disciples about faith (and also because he was exhausted and needed rest, just like we do as well. Jesus is fully God and human and we can recognize his humanity in this story too).

It is common for our faith to be lacking and at times like these, we should refer to such passages to remind us of the power of faith because of the many great things we can accomplish with it. This is especially relevant for the problems we are powerless to prevail on our own. God encourages us to humble ourselves and continually call upon him to act- he is omniscient, all-knowing and all-powerful, but we need to do our part in praying and asking for guidance. As God says in Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you things great beyond reach of your knowledge."

It is important to consider where our faith stands when we encounter obstacles- especially over this past year, with COVID-19, lockdown and the growing number of deaths across the world it is understandable to feel some distress and uncertainty- but where is our faith in these troubled times? Are we putting more faith in these difficulties than in the mercy and grace of God? There is nothing God cannot heal and overcome.

Youth Announcements



St Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

Face to face/ in person youth group has resumed at 10:30AM in the community room! Feel free to come along. Our sessions will continue to focus on books of the Bible from both Old and New Testaments- in June we are looking at the book of Mark! Also follow us on Instagram @fyrestmonicas to keep track of the latest FYRE news and events!

Youth Camp 2021: Mission Impossible

We are happy to announce that our most anticipated event of the year- **Youth Camp**- will be back on again in June! It will be during the Term 2 holidays from the 29th June (Tuesday)- 2nd July (Friday) at Wedderburn Christian Campsite and is open for anyone in Year 5 and above! Unfortunately, forms were due in **last week (13th June)** but if you have any questions please ask Cheryl Wong (0481 507 169) or Rebecca Cheung (0449 055 395). **Big thank you** to all those who have handed in your forms! We hope you are just as excited for the camp as the leaders are : D