

# 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"*

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -

YEAR B

04TH JULY 2021

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 47: 10 - 11

Your merciful love, O God,  
we have received in the midst of your temple.  
Your praise, O God, like your name,  
reaches the ends of the earth;  
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

Ez 2: 2 - 5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

*This is the word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122

**Response:** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,  
pleading for his mercy .

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens:  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of his mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich,  
with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

## SECOND READING

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

2 Cor 12 : 7- 10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these  
revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was  
given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat

me and stop me from getting too proud! About this  
thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it  
to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough  
for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I  
shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my  
special boast so that the power of Christ may stay  
over me, and that is why I am quite content with my  
weaknesses, and with insults, hardships,  
persecutions, and the agonies I go through for  
Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am  
strong.

*This is the word of the Lord*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord

is upon me;

he sent me to bring

Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
Mk 6: 1 - 6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples  
accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath  
he began teaching in the synagogue and most of  
them were astonished when they heard him. They  
said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this  
wisdom that has been granted him, and these  
miracles that are worked through him? This is the  
carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of  
James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters,  
too, are they not here with us?' And they would not  
accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is  
only despised in his own country among his own  
relations and in his own house'; and he could work  
no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people  
by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their  
lack of faith.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 33: 9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

# 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 Thursday 8pm—9pm Every Friday following 9.15am Mass until 10.45am,	
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Friday 10-10.30am, Saturday 4-4.40pm, 3rd Sunday of the month 10:15-11am, 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
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## REFLECTION

### Home town crowds and 'mighty works'

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

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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.

### 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

#### 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, Sheila Watts, Tina de Larrazabal, Rosa Santos, Llave Family, Gloria Cherote,

### MASS INTENTIONS

## PARISH ACTIVITES

All parish Masses and activities are cancelled due to lockdown. Please go to our parish facebook for the most up-to-date announcement.



**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 a total of \$8787 in donations to date (our target is \$70,000).** Please continue to support us. Your generous donations toward this much needed renovation is greatly appreciated. **Thank you.**

# Youth + Corner

## Social media and Cultivating Gratitude

Social media is a big part of most people's lives, especially for youths. In fact, 86% of people aged between 18-29 use Facebook, while 67% of people from the same age group use Instagram. While this is a huge amount on its own, these statistics don't account for how much time each person spends (though a quick google search will yield those results, if you are interested), or the types of people and pages the youths in this demographic follow or interact with.

Social media is great because it lets you stay connected with people on the other side of the world – friends who might have grown apart get the chance to maintain that friendship. It also lets you see through the eyes of others who live completely different lives to you – whether they be celebrities, sportsmen, artists or so on, there really is no limit. And while this is amazing, it also means that these people are constantly influencing you. This isn't always a bad thing, but often times many of us subconsciously compare our lives to the images and events of others that we see posted online. And the thing is, when you do this, you compare your everyday life to someone else's highlight reel. Of course, the days where you study, go to work and so on are not going to seem as exciting as the pictures of that one person who went skydiving. The important thing is to know that what we see online isn't the whole story; these people also have days that aren't Instagram worthy, and conversely, we also do things go places in our lives that would make others envious. It's just that these exciting events do not happen every day. There's a balance to it.

While it is important to be grateful for experiences that take us out of the norm, it's also important to be grateful for what we have. Whenever you feel down, thinking that someone else is living the life you want, remember that everything you have is a gift from God. This is a process known as cultivating gratitude, and while there are many ways to do it (once again google can help you with that), the end result is the same; it helps you to see everything you have, and to realise that even the ordinary days are a gift. Everyone's life is different, and everyone's life is Instagram worthy in a different way, it is just up to you to realise that.

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## Youth Announcements



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

Youth group will be online again this coming Saturday night at 8PM on Zoom. Feel free to come along 😊 Our sessions will continue to focus on books of the Bible from both Old and New Testaments- in July we are looking at the Acts of the Apostles! The zoom link is attached- <https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/j/5735998128?pwd=bm1XMnJtT0hnNW9GQ09xc1EzQkpHUT09> We will keep you updated on whether online youth group continues on our Instagram page @fyrestymonicas!

### **Youth Camp 2021: Mission Impossible**

Unfortunately, due to the recent lockdown Youth Camp has been cancelled this school holidays- we are looking at rescheduling sometime later in the year, but will keep you all updated! Hope everyone stays safe, and God bless <3

## 10th/11thth July ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
<b>Readers</b>	C. Meleca S. Meleca	P. Fleming B. Hooker	W. Sassine M. Ellis
<b>Acolytes</b>	Patrick Senjak	Peter Mooney	John Hilton
<b>Cleaning</b>	Group 2 – Vera		