

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"

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR C

12TH JUNE 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Prv 8: 22 - 31

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.
From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.
The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.
Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
– and the waters will not invade the shore –
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

This is the word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8

Response: O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? (R.)
2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. (R.)
3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. (R.)

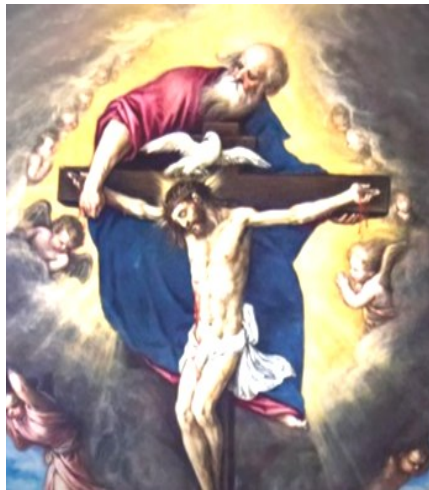
SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 5: 1 - 5

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

This is the word of the Lord



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory to the Father,
the Son,
and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is,
who was,
and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John

Jn 16: 12 - 15

Jesus said to his disciples

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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	
PARISH PRIEST/ CHINESE CHAPLAIN:	Fr. Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630 -1951	Email: shingmanlam@gmail.com
POSTAL ADDRESS:	8 Daking Street, North Parramatta, 2151	Website: http://www.stmonicanp.org.au
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COMMENTARY

Painting the Picture of God

The Feast of the Trinity of God comes about because Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity.

God is Divine pulsating, shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'. What does this mean for us?

How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? If God is threefold Being-in-Love, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary. We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice. When we live as much self-giving as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us.

Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequence! You could become more God-like!

We could pause for a moment, slowly make the Sign of the Cross which recalls our baptism: 'In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit', and promise to image that Name in our lives.

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A prayer for peace of mind and heart...

Lord Jesus,
Give me your peace.
Give me confidence
in the depths of danger.
Give me hope
when I am surrounded by fear.
Still my worries,
calm the anxieties
pressing in on me
from the world I live in.
Lord Jesus,
give me your peace.
Reassure me
that you are with me
when I seem alone.
Ease my doubting,
as You did Thomas's.
Lord Jesus,
give me your peace.
Guide my searching for peace,
so that I may not seek it
where it is not to be found,
but I may seek it in you.
Lord Jesus,
live in me
and give me your peace.
Amen.

FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

June 13, St Anthony of Padua
June 19, THE MOST HOLY BODY
& BLOOD OF CHRIST

**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 ACTIVITIES



Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Thursday from 8pm–9pm.
Every Friday following 9.15am Mass until 10.45am.



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



Christian Meditation every Thursday, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Participation via Zoom is available. Enquiries/facilitator : Patricia Brown, 0418 406 661 or email: pabrown02@gmail.com.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ST MONICA'S BRANCH meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am in the Parish Centre. Enquiries : Julie Skulander on 0411 988 361



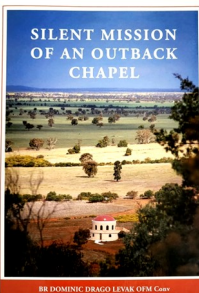
St Monica's Piety Stall (open alternate weeks)
Stall is open on Saturday 4.40 - 6.15pm
Sunday 8.40 - 10.15am



Remember the Deceased There is an open diary and pens next to the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue and you are welcome to write down the names of your deceased loved ones or family members on the day of their anniversaries and we will pray for them.



St Monica's Art Group Every Saturday, 6pm–8pm, the Art Group will gather at the Parish Centre. Mini workshops are available. Please contact Vera (WhatsApp 0402936947) for details or take a pamphlet at the main entrance of the church.

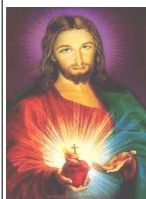


Book Promotion -

"Silent Mission of an Outback Chapel"

by Brother Dominic Levak, a Franciscan, who is ministering at Christ the King Farm Chapel at central NSW (Condobolin). His recent book is about his contemplation in extreme isolation. You can obtain a copy of his book at the main entrance of the Church today. Donation is welcome to support his mission work with the local Aboriginal people.

Special Masses in June



Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

23rd June, Thursday
7:30pm—Mass in Cantonese
24th June, Friday
9.15am & 7.30pm - Mass in English



Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

25th June, Saturday
9.15am - Mass in English

18th/19th June ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
Readers	J. Whippy M. Whippy	A. Espiritu J. Jacob	V. Cruz D. Cruz
Extraordinary Ministers	J. Knight L. Iemma	J. Skulander B. Hooker	
Acolytes	Patrick Senjak	Peter Mooney	John Hilton
Cleaning	Group 2 - Vera		
Morning Tea	Angela & Michael Falamich		

Youth Corner

St Joseph

In December 2020, Pope Francis wrote an apostolic letter called *Patris Corde* (with a Father's Heart) which proclaimed 2021 to be the Year of St Joseph. St Joseph, the husband of our Lady Mary and the adoptive father of Jesus is often overlooked, but we can learn a lot from his qualities and life experiences. Pope Francis describes St Joseph as a 'daily, discreet, unnoticed, hidden presence, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.'

Pope Francis also reflects on the qualities that make St Joseph admirable: 1) Joseph trusted God enough to obey Him, even in difficult situations. For example, after Jesus was born, an angel appeared, telling Joseph to wake up, flee from Bethlehem and take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. This obedience to God the Father was Joseph's virtue that was modelled to the child Jesus. The virtue of obedience would be important in helping Jesus fulfil His salvific mission. In this way, Joseph helped the salvation of humanity by being a father figure to Jesus.

Joseph also made considerate, compassionate, courageous decisions. He had the courage and compassion to accept Mary as his wife. In Matthew 1:18-24, Mary was revealed to be pregnant with Jesus, and was betrothed to Joseph. Joseph initially wanted to spare Mary public disgrace and divorce her discreetly, but an angel told him not to be afraid, and explained that Mary was given a child by God who will save people from their sins and urged Joseph not to be scared to marry Mary. Because of this, Joseph agreed to marry Mary and also took on paternal responsibility for Jesus. He continued to care and look after Mary and the child Jesus when they had to flee to Egypt and became refugees in a foreign country. His care for Mary and Jesus demonstrated his love for them. In this sense, Joseph is a symbolic patron saint for exiled people, the vulnerable, the poor and afflicted.

Joseph was a chaste person who was an 'earthly shadow' of the Heavenly Father for Jesus. He was not possessive and did not seek power and control but loved his family in a way that respected their own freedom. He was not self-centred but focused on the lives of Mary and Jesus and found happiness in self-giving. Joseph was a quiet figure and lowly in heart, and he was also courageous, obedient to God and compassionate. These qualities make him a holy person who deserves to be imitated, and from whom we can seek intercession, so that we can also be instilled with virtues such as mercy and courage and be given guidance to live out virtues in our everyday lives.

- Rachel

Youth Announcements



St Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

We have resumed face to face youth group! Feel free to join us in the community room at 10:30AM! Over the next few months, we will be looking at the foundations of our faith/Catholicism, and in June we are looking at Morality, led by Cheryl and Sam! See you there 😊

Youth Camp: Mission Impossible 2022

Youth Camp is back on this year (for real this time!) from Tuesday 5th July to Friday 8th July in Gerringong. Apologies for all the pushbacks these past two years so thank you all for your patience 😊 The theme will still be the same and we will be going over some of the challenges we youth might face in our modern society today, and how we can best tackle them. Please note forms were due LAST SUNDAY, but if you are still interested in coming along, you are more than welcome to see Cheryl Wong (0481507169) or Rebecca Cheung (0449055395) for questions/forms/final payments. We hope you are as keen as the leaders are!!

WYD Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

Next Sunday (18th June) we will be having a sausage sizzle to raise funds for our St Monica's team heading to WYD in 2023! We will be selling tickets outside the church today but you are also free to buy on the day too. It will be \$5 for a sausage sizzle + drink 😊 Thanks in advance for all your support!