

# 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"*



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES - YEAR C

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## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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 prophet Isaiah

Is 66: 10 - 14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!  
Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!  
That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast,  
that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.  
For thus says the Lord:  
Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a  
stream in spite the glory of the nations.  
At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her  
lap.  
Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.  
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.  
At the sight your heart will rejoice,  
and your bones flourish like the grass.  
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.  
*This is the word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65

**Response:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul.  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

Gal 6: 14 - 18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the  
world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not;  
what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature.  
Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the  
Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on  
my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

*This is the word of the Lord*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
and the fullness of his message live within you.  
Alleluia!



## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke  
Lk 10: 1 - 12. 17 - 20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out  
ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself  
was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the  
labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send  
labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am  
sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no  
haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever  
house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this  
house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go  
and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the  
same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for  
the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to  
house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you  
welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are  
sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But  
whenever you enter a town and they do not make you  
welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very  
dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you.  
Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you,  
that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that  
town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even  
the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to  
them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I  
have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and  
scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall  
ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you;  
rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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 PRIEST/ CHINESE CHAPLAIN:</b>	Fr. Ephraim Lam Phone: 9630 -1951	Email: shingmanlam@gmail.com
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## COMMENTARY

### The Fall of Satan

In Jewish tradition 'Satan' is the name given to the evil spirit who accuses and prosecutes human beings before God, demanding the strongest penalties, unmitigated by Mercy. Jesus had a vision in which he saw 'Satan fall like lightning from Heaven'. Who takes Satan's place?

The answer is the 'Paraclete', a Greek word for an Advocate. This is one of the roles of the Holy Spirit who pleads on our behalf for Mercy which, as Shakespeare put it, then falls on us 'as the gentle rain from Heaven'.

As disciples, we have to imitate the Paraclete, not Satan. We have to temper our drive to see 'the punishment fit the crime'. How often do we relish seeing a person squirm with no offer of a way out, no hint of mercy or forgiveness so that he or she can draw breath, undo some of the damage done, and get back on track to a better life?

We might pause for a moment to thank God that our names are not being listed by Satan in an indictment but rather, through the Holy Spirit, are being entered in the Book of the Saved so that we might 'Rejoice, for your names are written in Heaven'.

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3rd July 2022

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Aboriginal Our Father

(with permission from Diocese of Broome)

**You are our Father, You live in heaven,  
We talk to You. Father You are good.  
You are our Father, You live in heaven,  
We talk to You. Father You are good.  
We believe your Word, Father,  
We are Your children, give us bread today.  
We believe your Word, Father,  
We are Your children, give us bread today.  
We have done wrong, we are sorry,  
Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.  
We have done wrong, we are sorry,  
Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.  
Others have done wrong to us,  
And we are sorry for them, Father, today.  
Others have done wrong to us,  
And we are sorry for them, Father, today.  
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,  
Save us all from the Evil One.  
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,  
Save us all from the Evil One.  
You are our Father, You live in heaven,  
We talk to You. Father You are good.  
You are our Father, You live in heaven,  
We talk to You. Father You are good.**

## 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

Macphail Family  
Fuller Family

# PARISH ACTIVITES



**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 Pieti 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.

**Project Compassion:** those who have requested a Tax-deductible receipt can pick theirs up at the entrance to the Church.

**Rosters** for July to September for Readers, Extra-ordinary Ministers and Acolytes are available at the entrance to the Church. Please take your copy.

## Church will be CLOSED from 6th July (Wed) to 8th July (Fri)

Since Fr Ephraim will participate in the Parish Youth Camp, the church will be closed from 6th July to 8th July 2022 (Wednesday to Friday this week). All Masses and liturgies will be cancelled on these three days. It will be back to normal on 9th July 2022 (Sat).

## 09th/10th JULY ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
<b>Readers</b>	C. Meleca S. Meleca	M. Joseph S. Joseph	T. Jones O. Holsinger
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	L. Iemma M. Samson	J. Cruz A. Falamich	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Peter Handcock	Ian Goldthorpe	Adrian Cheung
<b>Cleaning</b>	Group 2 - Vera		
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Julie Skulander & Maris Strong		



## The World Meeting of Families

The World Meeting of Families was recently held from 22-26th June 2022. The World Meeting of Families was first created by Pope John Paul II in 1994 and held in Rome on 8 and 9 October that year. He decided to create this in alignment with the 1994 "International Year of the Family" declared by the United Nations so that the Year of the Family could also be celebrated in the Church at the same time. Therefore since 1994 a World Meeting of Families has been held every three years and in different places around the world.

This year mark's the 10th World Meeting and was held in Rome, Italy with the theme "Family Love: A Vocation and a Path to Holiness". During this year's World Meeting, Pope Francis and families from around the world have listened to testimonies of married couples and individuals with stories of overcoming incredible challenges and or serving others.

Family begins with the marriage between a man and woman. In his opening remarks on 22nd June, Wednesday, Pope Francis said that Catholic marriage is a gift, not just a formality or rule.

"Marriage is not a formality to be fulfilled. You don't get married to be Catholic 'with the label,' to obey a rule, or because the Church says so, or to throw a party," the pope said at the opening event of the World Meeting of Families on June 22.

"You get married," he continued, "because you want to base your marriage on the love of Christ, which is as firm as a rock. We can say that when a man and a woman fall in love, God offers them a gift: marriage. A wonderful gift, which has in it the power of divine love: strong, enduring, faithful, able to recover after any failure or fragility. In marriage Christ gives himself to you, so that you have the strength to give yourselves to each other. Take courage, then, family life is not an impossible mission," he added. "With the grace of the sacrament, God makes it a wonderful journey to be taken together with him, never alone."

"Family is not a beautiful ideal, unattainable in reality. God guarantees his presence in marriage and family, not only on your wedding day but throughout your life. And he sustains you every day in your journey," Francis said. (Catholic News Agency, 2022)

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.