

# 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"*



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES - YEAR C

10TH JULY 2022

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;  
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Dt 30: 10 - 14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

*This is the word of the Lord*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68

**Response:** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
2. As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)
4. For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

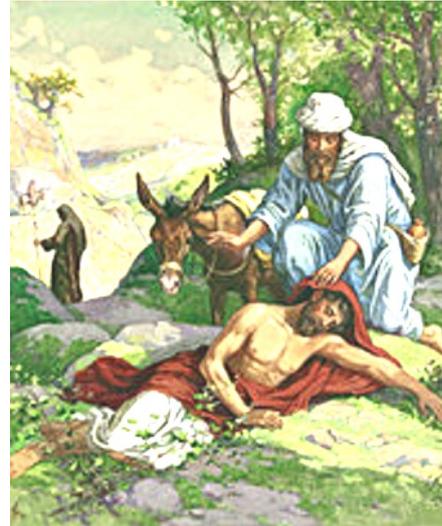
## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Col 1: 15 - 20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.  
*This is the word of the Lord*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke

Lk 10: 25 - 37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

# 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
<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

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## COMMENTARY

### The Neighbourliness of Global Citizens

The lawyer asked a self-serving question: 'Who is my neighbour?' He could then set the limits, the boundaries of those close enough to merit his concern. Jesus replies with a story to show that the better question is: 'To whom should I be neighbourly?'

The answer is: To any person who is wounded in any way – physically, psychologically, socially, economically. And we have to do so overcoming the labelling, even bigotry, which can conveniently put a person outside the range of our concern. When we act like the Samaritan, we deserve the title 'Catholic' which means universal.

Pope Francis says that Christ is constantly inviting us, as he invited Thomas, to touch His wounds which are to be found in the wounded of our own time.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that we live in an age of technology which can enable us to be truly Catholic global citizens practising Mercy Without Borders. 'Do this and you will live.'

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### Thanksgiving Blessing

O God,  
We thank you for this earth, our home;  
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
for the ocean and streams,  
for the towering hills  
and the whispering wind,  
for the trees and green grass.  
We thank you for our senses by which  
we hear the songs of birds,  
and see the splendor of fields of golden  
wheat, and taste autumn's fruit,  
rejoice in the feel of snow,  
and smell the breath of spring flowers.  
Grant us a heart  
opened wide to all this beauty;  
and save us from being so blind  
that we pass unseeing when even the  
common thornbush  
is aflame with your glory.  
For each new dawn is filled  
with infinite possibilities  
for new beginnings and new discoveries.  
Life is constantly changing  
and renewing itself.  
In this new day of new beginnings with  
God, all things are possible.  
We are restored and renewed  
in a joyous awakening to the wonder that  
our lives are and, yet, can be.

Amen.

(Walter Rauschenbusch)

### FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

July 11, St Benedict  
July 15, St Bonaventure

**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  
Ester, 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

Mrs. Delphine Rodrigues  
Mr. Joe Moses

# 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 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.

## 16th/17th JULY ROSTERS

	5pm Vigil	9am	6pm
<b>Readers</b>	J. Whippy M. Whippy	S. Jacob S. Younes	M. Novak D. Llevado
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	K. Handcock J. Knight	J. Skulander B. Hooker	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Patrick Senjak	Peter Mooney	John Hilton
<b>Cleaning</b>	Group 2 - Vera		
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Angela & Michael Falamich		



## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for July

This month, the Pope's intentions are dedicated to the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

These intentions are put forward through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, which addresses the challenges facing humanity in modern society today and assists in the mission of the Church. It gives Catholics all around the world an opportunity to pray together, specifically the issues identified by the Pope- considering we are called to be apostles in our day to day life, this allows us to walk this spiritual path towards Christ.

In July specifically, whenever you sit down to pray or meditate or if you simply don't know what to pray for- extend your gratitude and prayers to the elderly- these people are your parents, your godparents, your grandparents, your great grandparents, teachers, aunties, uncles, even the strangers you see on the street. Each one of them have experienced hardship and difficulty in their own way, and have been able to overcome these obstacles to be where they are today. Yet, children and young adults seem to care little about these people, and disregard the possibility of living an uncertain future, placing too much emphasis on the moment and striving to stay youthful ourselves. We should never forget the elderly are still considered daughters and sons of God, and thus should be cared and treated with the same love and respect.

So during this month in particular, spend some time reflecting on the elderly who are important and close to you- maybe make it a goal to sit with them and simply talk about their day and lend an ear; or keep them in your prayers- that God may give them strength, courage and perseverance in their everyday lives and may they continue to find joy and hope in the little things; and that local communities can actively care and provide for them.

## 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 😊