

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 A

04TH JUNE 2023

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 Exodus

Ex: 34: 4 - 6. 8 - 9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

DN 3

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**
(R.) Glory and praise for ever!
2. Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**
3. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**
4. You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**
5. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**
6. You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 13: 11 - 13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 3 : 16 - 18

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not
be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be
saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'

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

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| 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 |
| ASSISTANT PARISH PRIEST | Fr Pio Jang | Phone: 9630 -1951 | Email: stmonicanp@bigpond.com |
| POSTAL ADDRESS: | 8 Daking Street, North Parramatta, 2151 Website: http://www.stmonicanp.org.au | | |
| OFFICE HOURS: | Tuesday-Friday 8.30am-2.30pm | Phone: 9630-1951 Fax: 9630-8738 | Email: stmonicanp@bigpond.com |

St. Monica's School

School Principal: Lisa Crampton Phone: 8832 4100 Fax: 8832-4199 Email: stmonicasnparra@parra.catholic.edu.au

COMMENTARY

Painting the Picture of God

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short.

God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational.

'You are made in the image and likeness of God'? Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence.

We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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Diocese of Parramatta Prayer Synod.
"Behold, I am doing a new things"
Isaiah 43: 19

O, God, who always walks with us on the journey of life, we call upon you to lead us forth united.

Bless and guide our Diocesan Synod. Keep us anchored in your love.

Open our hearts as we listen and discern. Reveal to us the way we are called to go out into the deep.

Give us the courage to pursue the mission with bold humility.

May we experience renewal in our local Church today, and for generations to come. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, who in the power of the Holy Spirit continues to guide your Church, to the fullness of your kingdom now, and forever. Amen

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

St. Monica's Sacraments
stmonicasacraments@gmail.com



Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Parent meeting via zoom:

Wednesday, 7th June at 7pm

- 1st Lesson - Saturday, 17th June at 4pm
- 2nd Lesson - Saturday, 24th June at 4pm

School Holiday Break 3rd July to 14th July

- 3rd Lesson - Saturday, 29th July at 4pm
- 4th Lesson - Saturday, 5th August at 4pm
- Reconciliation & Rehearsal 12th August at 2pm
- First Holy Communion Mass, 20th August 3pm

FEAST DAYS & COMMEMORATIONS

June 5, St Boniface
June 9, St Ephrem

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

Please refer to the notice board at the entrance.

PARISH ACTIVITES



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

St Monica's Parish Rosary Group Every Wednesday, from 10.00am to 12.00pm in the Parish Centre. Enquiries : Lynn McBride : 0423 696 961

Christian Meditation Every Thursday, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. 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
Last 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
Contact : Julie Skulander on 0411 988 361

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.

Tap & Go is now available for donation for ongoing Church building maintenance fund. Machine is placed near the Statute of Saint Joseph. Envelopes are also available on the tables at the entrance to the Church if you wish to donate via cash/credit card. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Bible Brekkie Every FIRST and LAST Sunday of the month, 10.15am - 11am, at the Blue Room. Fr. Ephraim will talk about interesting topics from the Bible. All are welcome.

Write the WORD 2022-2024
To anticipate the celebration of the 130th anniversary of this parish, everyone is invited to join in "Write the WORD" to increase our familiarity of the Holy Scripture. For details you can take a leaflet at the main entrances of the church, or call the Parish Office (9630 1951), or send an email to write.the.word.2024@gmail.com

"Behold I am doing a new thing" Isaiah 43: 19
For further information on the **Diocese of Parramatta Synod** please check out the website on www.parracatholic.org/synod2023

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2024
Father Lam is organizing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from the 8th of January to the 18th of January 2024.
Further details are available on printouts at the entrance to the Church.
If you are interested and need further details please email the Parish office : stmonicanp@bigpond.com or call : 02 9630 1951 (Thurs & Fri 9am to 2pm)

SOAP Reflection 4th June

Scripture- "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Observation- One of the most fundamental yet challenging truths to understand as a Catholic is the true identity of Jesus Christ - and to some further extent, his true mission. Whilst Jesus is arguably the most well-known person to have existed, he is perhaps also the most misunderstood. Too much of modern society, God is seen as a punitive ruler who casts harsh judgement upon those who do not comply with His will. In this almost autocratic portrayal of God, the action of sending his Son into the world takes on a more disciplinary complexion rather than the one of love, which we know to be true. However, the seed of doubt which sin plants in our mind is persuasive, and we often flee from God when we should instead cling to His light. After all, Jesus' mission is not one of a debt collector, but of a doctor - as he himself declares to the Pharisees in Mark 2:17, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Application- Though we are all made in the image and likeness of God, our identity is cleaved by sin which taints our soul and wrestles us from His love. Our conscience is a gift, and the shame and guilt we feel in doing wrong is a powerful reminder that we are called for something greater than the selfish and empty promises of sin. In this coming week, let us remind ourselves that even at our weakest, God loves us still - if anything, it is in our most vulnerable moments that Jesus is there with us, ready not to condemn, but to invite us to his Father's house again. When we fall to compulsions of sin, let us return hastily to Jesus' arms with contrite heart, and renounce our wrongdoings once again.

Prayer- Heavenly Father, I thank you for sending your only Son, Jesus Christ, whom you love, to save me from the eternal consequence of my sin. I pray that you will grant me the fortitude and courage to renounce sin and to walk by your side in life, seeking to do your will. Please help me to remain true to my baptismal vows and to return to you when I fall short of the person you call me to be. I pray this in your Son's name, Jesus Christ. Amen

- Ryan

10th/11th June ROSTERS

| | 5pm Vigil | 9am | 6pm |
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| Readers | J. Whippy M. Whippy | S. Jacob J. Pinto | E. Ellis O. Holsinger |
| Extraordinary Ministers | M. Woolridge L. lemma | JJ. Cruz J. Skulander | |
| Acolytes | Patrick Senjak | Peter Mooney | Adrian Cheung |
| Cleaning | Group 1 - Chinese Chaplaincy | | |
| Children's Liturgy | Tresa/Jesuina | | |
| Morning Tea | De Araujo & Pinto Families | | |
| Counting | Group 5 - Peter & Kris Handcock | | |

Youth Announcements



St Monica's Youth Group (FYRE)

Youth group continues for another month in the community room, starting at 10:30AM! Feel free to drop by for some games and friendly chats 😊 In June we will be doing a recap of the past topics, led by Ryan and Cheryl!

Youth Camp 2023

Youth camp is back on again in the Term 2 holidays, from the 4th-7th July (Tuesday to Friday)! This year's theme will be Family Movie Night, with our topic focusing on families- permission forms will be handed out soon. If you have any questions/concerns so far, please let Hazel (0478209349) or Cheryl (0481507169) know 😊 Get excited!

Altar Serving Expressions of Interest

If anyone has received their first Holy Communion and is interested in becoming an altar server at the **9AM mass**, please contact **Gabby Fleming** (gabbyfleming2007@gmail.com)