



SAT 28TH AND SUN 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019

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Connections

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

ST MONICA'S CHURCH
90 North East Road, Walkerville

6.00pm Saturday Vigil

AND

11.00am Sunday

(Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Corner Muller Road & Hampstead Road, Greenacres

9.30am Sunday

RECONCILIATION: Saturday Evening
5.30pm – 5.50pm
St Monica's Church

BAPTISMS: During Weekend Masses OR
2nd and 4th Sunday of Month
St Martin's Church at 11.00am

WEDDINGS: By Appointment

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH

Tuesday and Thursday at 9.00am

ST MONICA'S CHURCH

Wednesday at 9.00am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

9.00am – 3.00pm

Other Times By Appointment

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IMPORTANT PARISH DATES

SCHOOL MASS

Friday 11 November at 9.00am
at St Martin's Community Centre

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Tuesday 15 October at 7.00pm
at St Martin's School Staff Room

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Second Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm
at St Martin's Church Hall

LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP

Monday 14 October at 9.00am
at St Martin's Church Hall

FAMILY MASS

Saturday 2 November at 6.00pm
at St Monica's Church

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Thursday 10 October at 7.00pm
at the Parish Office

2019/2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Tuesday 22 October at 7.00pm
at St Monica's School

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

Monday 7 October at 7.00pm
at St Martin's Church Hall

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

(Excerpt from Father Kym's Homily last weekend)

"You may recall that two weeks ago the Parish Finance Council asked David Bland and Tasha Chye and Peter Higgs to speak to you on their behalf as part of the plan giving campaign - a campaign which our Parish Finance Council conducts every three years. During their talk our speakers were asked to address the question 'What do I value in my Parish?' Our speakers all finished their presentations by then asking you the same question, and after a few moments of reflection you were then asked to share your thoughts with those around you.

You would have noticed that attached to your bulletins for the last two weeks has been little brochure where again a number of parishioners had been asked and addressed the question of 'What do I value in my Parish?'

The reason Parish Finance Council asks us to reflect on that question is because if one was going to give to a certain charity or cause, chances are that you would ask yourself what does the charity do? How do they go about it? What are their values? And do I like what they do? From that information one would be able to make a decision - do I want to be a part of this and give of my time, and/or do I want to give financially?

So what were some of the values about this Parish that people named? Among them was a sense of welcome, belonging and friendliness; strength of the notion of volunteering and contributing; the presence of the priest/Church in times of personal trials (death); outreach programmes (SVDP and aged care homes - faith in action); presence and contributions of varying cultures; Mass and good liturgies; music at Mass; opportunities to gather as a believing community for prayer and reflection.

So while church is about bricks and mortar these reflections clearly remind me that church is primarily about people. It's about relationships and how we support one another. It's about belonging and making that spiritual journey together with others. It's about growing together, and being nourished and enriched by God's word so that we can journey with and toward one's God. It's about finding the opportunity to put one's faith into action. But where do these values come from? They come from hearing the word of God in the Old Testament, and the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament. As people of faith we are inspired by life and the values of Jesus Christ and we believe that through our Baptism we are called to live them out daily. We also believe that we are strengthened to live that word through the participation in and the reception of the Eucharist.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY (continued)

Now some of the values that we have named are tangible and some are intangible, but, like any value, it comes at a cost. We value Sr. Rita's presence - her pastoral wisdom, her gentle guidance, her leadership in the Sacramental Programme, but it comes at a cost. We value the gift that is Kathy Lawson as our Parish Secretary. She's the glue, the go to person in the absence of the priest. We value her work behind the scenes that connect people and makes things happen, but it costs. We value the many expressions of the catholic faith in the parish, such as El Shaddai, the Sri Lankan community, the Southern Ordinariate, Our Lady of Perpetual help, the Latin Mass Community. While these groups contribute, there is still a cost, but then that says something about the parishes desire and value to be missionary, outward looking, and inclusive. We value the maintenance of our buildings and haven't they changed in the last few years.

Today's Gospel is an intriguing one. It's a tale of the master and the servant, of money and of sly dealing, where the lesson is clear. As Jesus tells the story, we hear that the servant loses his job, but he knows exactly what he needs to do to get himself into another job. Therefore he secures his future by using his position to make friends with other people who will then take care of him. Sounds like smart thinking, and a good move to me.

At the end of the parable Jesus says to use your gifts and talents in a joyful and generous way with other people, in that way you prepare yourself for the heavenly highway. He calls his listener to learn that life and all we have is a gift and it's a gift to be rejoiced in and shared for the benefit of all.

So I'm not going to tell you what to give, that remains between you and God, for only you know your situation, but I am aware that times are tough and that everyone's financial circumstances do change from time to time. I am very grateful to you for your generous support in the past. I now ask that, if it is at all possible, you would review any contribution you currently make to the Parish to see whether you feel you can increase your giving or, if you do not already do so, make a commitment to give on a regular basis."

This weekend there will be another opportunity for those who were not yet able to complete a Commitment Card to do so after the Homily. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

NEWS FROM OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING

ST MARTIN'S SCHOOL

A final massive soup delivery was made to Moore Street as the School came to a close for another year of their Outreach program. Many litres of soup have been donated over the past two terms. The School will be hosting a staff soup making afternoon where the adults of the School will be able to bring produce and make soup for Moore Street.

The Student Representative Council organised a Catholic Charities PJ Day and raised \$362. Tony Johnson from Catholic Mission has visited the school to chat about how the School can make 'Soctober' come alive in 2020 in our community. They explored some ways that our Year 5 & 6 students will become more involved in this worthy cause.

Completion of the new two storey building is approximately six weeks away. It is hoped that some classes will commence moving into the ground floor classrooms by mid-November.

ST MONICA'S SCHOOL

With St Monica's feast day being celebrated this term, St Monica has been the focus of many of their RE lessons and liturgical celebrations. Students have been exploring her virtues and exploring ways they can live like her. The whole School also celebrated with a liturgy and later this term our annual fair will be held in her honour. Classes are busily working on produce and items to sell at the fair.

To celebrate Child Protection week students were given the provocation, 'when do you feel safe?' Responses such as with family, friends and Jesus were all popular. Our year three to six classes attended Mass for Child Protection Week. Staff also participated in professional learning with the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum, updating our scope and sequence and becoming familiar with more up to date resources.

The Tournament of The Minds team competed last weekend and were awarded Honours for their performance in the area of the Arts.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone for supported the Vinnies Hamper Raffle which was won by Tina .

MAKING CONNECTIONS IN OUR PARISH

Are you 50 plus and part of our Parish?

Then you are invited to meet and connect with others in our Parish for a social gathering every Friday afternoon from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in St Martin's Church Hall. The first gathering will be held on 4 October.



Please come along for a cuppa and let us know what you might like to do at our weekly gatherings. The hall is wheelchair friendly and everyone is welcome. Come along and connect in the spirit of friendship and fun. There will be cards and cribbage to the first meeting. If anyone has scrabble, chess or other board games, please let me know.

Please contact Margaret Galdies 0415 728 444 if you are able to assist with preparing tea and coffee for afternoon tea, have any board games you might like to donate or have any queries.



ST MONICA'S CHURCH CAR PARK

In December 2018 the Parish and St Monica's Parish School signed a 'Licence to Occupy' in relation to the shared use of the car park and green play space on North East Road. The 'Licence to Occupy' now formally outlines the terms and conditions for the shared use of the space.

During this year St Monica's Parish School received funds to upgrade the car park and green play space. The Parish will also contribute towards the works. The redevelopment work will begin in October and should be completed around November. During this time could you please be aware of any restrictions to the space.

Concept drawings are below for your information (larger drawings are located in the foyers of both Churches..

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office.



PUBLIC ROSARY

Join us for a National-wide Rosary chain
Saturday 12 October at 10.00am
St Martin's Church, Greenacres

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: Listen To What The Spirit Is Saying...

The Six Themes – and what people said around them:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

1. Missionary and Evangelising.

“...You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

This theme was inspired by the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

- The data also identified the need to reach out and communicate more effectively.
- To find new ways of living and proclaiming the Gospel in Australia today.
- There was a call for the strengthening of leadership and ministries in parishes and schools.
- Training to equip leaders for ministry.
- Pastoral support for various groups within parish and faith communities.
- A desire for a unified voice in engaging social issues such as life and religious freedom.



The September edition of the Southern Cross is available in the Church foyers.

NEW LITURGICAL AND
EUCCHARISTIC ROSTERS FOR
OCTOBER TO DECEMBER ARE
NOW AVAILABLE
IN THE CHURCH FOYERS.
PLEASE COLLECT YOURS THIS
WEEKEND.

Roster This Week: 28/29 September

Roster Next Week: 5/6 October

	6.00pm St Monica's	9.30am St Martin's		6.00pm St Monica's	9.30am St Martin's
Welcomers	Tasha Chye David Bland	Sau Thi Doan Graeme Mills June Mills	Welcomers	Tasha Chye David Bland	Sau Thi Doan Eva Hermosisima
Musicians	CD - Nico Vidal	CD	Musicians	CD - Nico Vidal	CD-Joseph D'Souza
Commentator	Mark Sorgini	Clare Mahony	Commentator	Volunteer Please	Evelyn Richards
Readers	Chaz Vidal John LePoidevin	Kelly Campbell Jessica D'Souza	Readers	Maria Laroza Chaz Vidal	Brendan Mahony Bernie Eastwood
Eucharistic Ministers	Helen Dinham Maureen Atkinson Barbara Broadbent	Peter Higgs Des Caulfield Therese Caulfield Michael Downs Gabby Hayat	Eucharistic Ministers	Christine Comas Helen Dinham	Rita Campbell Kay Stringer Michael Downs Des Caulfield Therese Caulfield
Hospitality			Hospitality	Laroza, Vidal and Malata Families	OLPH Members Graeme & June Mills

Collections: 21/22 September

First Collection \$ 704

Envelopes \$ 749

Direct Debit \$ 629

Total \$ 1378

Loose \$ 344

(Weekly Promised Amount - \$1984)

Counting Team: 28/29 September

Michael Cottrell Gerry McCarthy

Terry McCarthy

Counting Team: 5/6 October

Evelyn Richards Desley Collier

Margaret Galdies

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Next Week's Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-24; St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

Our Sick: *(To have names included, the person or their family must give consent for the inclusion.)*

Andrea Jasmine, Kevin O'Connell, Margaret Mrosek, Mary Fairney, Julie Newell, Maria Song, Tony Dwyer, Margaret Ahern, Pearl Mahony, Lyn Horner, Cheryl McCarthy, Desley Collier, Father Peter Milburn

Recently Deceased: Adelia Macolino

Anniversary Of Death:

Special Intentions: For The Repose Of The Holy Souls In Purgatory

Parish Priest: Father Kym Spurling

Pastoral Associate: Sister Rita Ruzzene

Parish Secretary: Kathryn Lawson

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Parish Finance Council: Chairperson: Gerry McCarthy

Parish Child Safe Contact: Kathryn Lawson

Vinnies Greenacres Walkerville: President: Sharon Quinn

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