

Peace



W/C Sunday 17th September

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Sign of the Cross.

This is a reminder of Christ's
sacrifice for all of us.

A reminder that he suffered and
died to free us from sin.



Pray together.

In the name of the Father
And of the Son
And of the Holy Spirit,

Amen

Our theme this week is Peace. Our Mission asks us to live out gospel values of **justice, forgiveness** and **PEACE**. You have the ability to promote the value of **PEACE** in our community. Through our prayers and actions we can create a community of **PEACE** with tolerance and understanding for others. We can pray for PEACE in a world where there is conflict and suffering.

At Saint Monica's we are a Catholic family, diverse and different, supporting each other in all we do through prayer and service.

We seek to live out the gospel values of **justice, forgiveness** and **PEACE** recognising the potential of each person in our community.

As members of Saint Monica's, we are challenged to develop our God given talents to the full, so we are prepared to make a difference in our world.



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Matthew 18: 21-35

To be forgiven, you must forgive

In yesterday's Gospel we are told of the parable of the Unmerciful Servant. Jesus encourages us to have mercy on those who sin against us. To show love, mercy and to promote peace.



Dear Lord,
Forgive me for all the times I withhold compassion and forgiveness from others. Work in my heart and make me more like you Lord.

Give me the grace I need to see the people in my life through your eyes.

Pour out your compassion into my heart that I may reflect it to others today.
Guide me in the way of peace.

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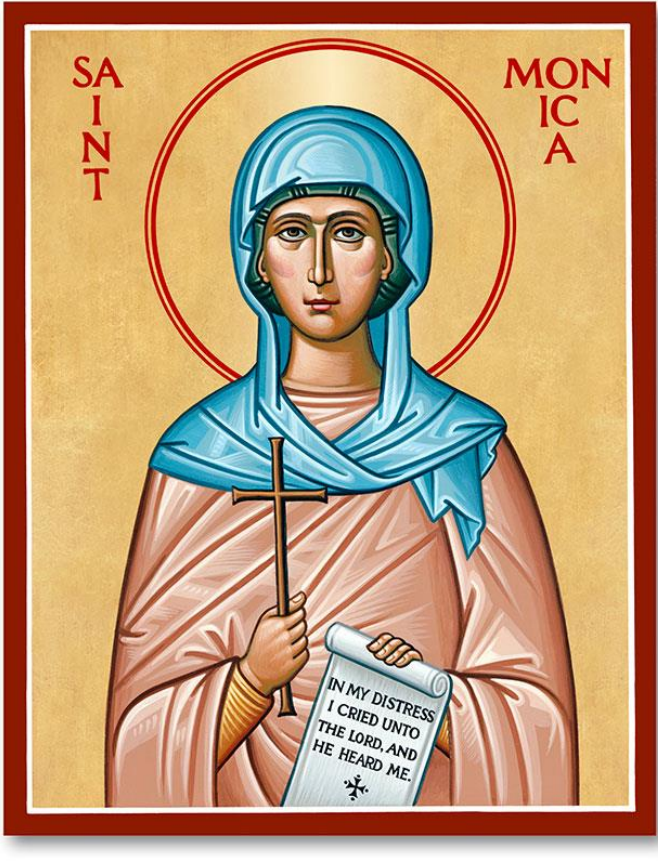
We pray today for
God to spread his
light into our world of
conflict. We take
time to reflect and
remember those
affected by conflict,
both in our own
community and
around our world.



Christ, come into our world
of darkness.
Light up our lives with your
coming.
Fulfil all our longings with
the joy of your birth.
Strengthen our resolve to
work for change to bring
about a lasting peace in our
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Tomorrow is the International Day of Peace (or World Peace Day).

It is a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

At a time when war and violence often monopolise our news, the International Day of Peace is an inspiring

God of love,
We pray for peace in our world,
and an end to war.

Instead of hatred, let there be
love.

Shelter your children and
protect us.

Guide us and keep us from
harm,

so we can build a world of love
and live our lives in peace.

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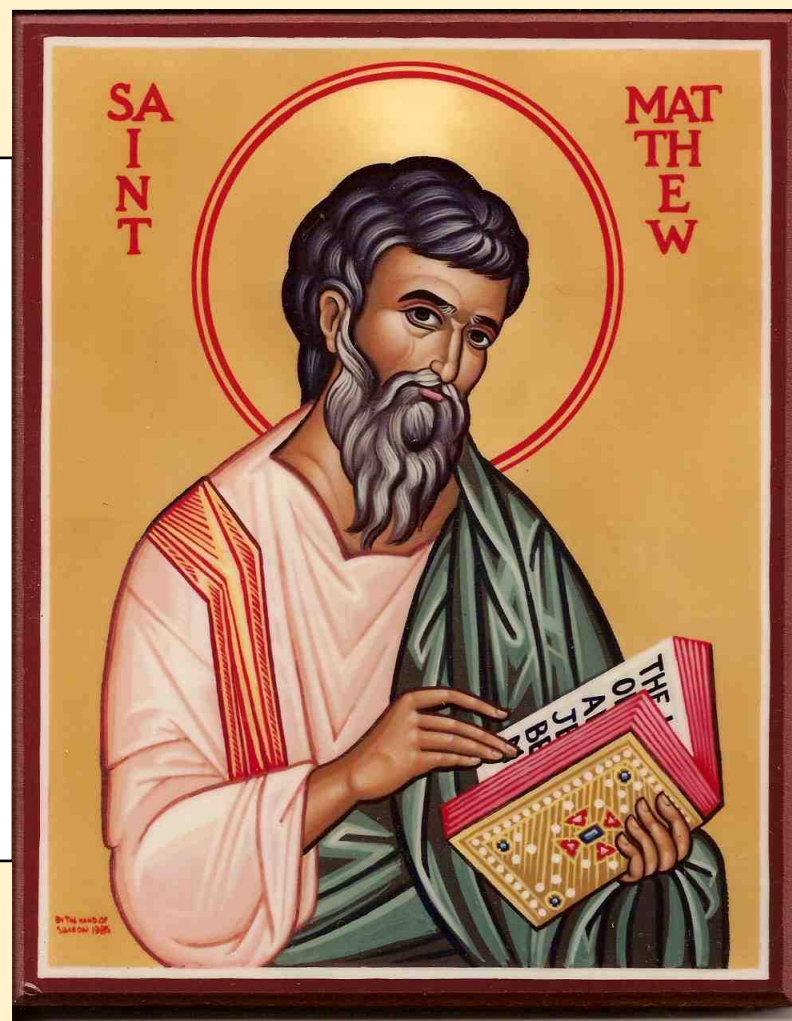
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Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Matthew, one of Jesus' apostles.

As you pray this morning consider how you can follow Saint Matthew's example of faithful service.



God who calls us to follow, may we, like St Matthew, be faithful disciples, ever trusting that it is you who leads us in our journey of faith. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

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**Season of
Creation 2023**
Let Justice and Peace Flow



Dear God,

You created the Earth, You gifted it to us. You called us to take care of your creation. Heavenly Father, give us the guidance we need to protect this planet, our home. Teach us the ways in which we need to change. Bless us with your love, so that we can come together as brothers and sisters and take the right path. We give thanks to you O Lord for your everlasting love. We ask for your forgiveness for the mess we have created and the hope that we can do better.

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