

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

11 October, 2026



Readings: Sunday 11 October 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Readings: Sunday 18 October 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

As we come towards the end of Matthew's gospel we are assured of the love and forgiveness of our God, both now and in the future. How do we respond to the call of the kingdom?

Archpriest Michael Kalka (looking forward):

2026: October 11th - concludes 46 years of **full-time** ministry.

- Continue to help in these western suburbs when the Parish Priest is unwell or in need of a holiday.
- Continue to help the Timorese community;
- Continue to learn;
- Continue to serve.

Learn more about God's plan for my future **part-time** ministry.....

Archpriest Michael Kalka (looking back):

Ordained a Deacon in St Mary's Williamstown on October 11th, 1980

Ordained a Priest in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on August 8th, 1981

Assistant Priest

1981: North Reservoir

1982: Avondale Heights

1985: Altona North

1986: November 28th - John Paul 2 visits Altona North

1987: Geelong

1988: Croydon

Parish Priest

1993: Castlemaine

1999: Gladstone Park

1999: July 11th - appointed Caritas Director for the Ukrainian Catholic Church with particular responsibility for Ukraine and Timor Leste.

2004: Bundoora

2009: Kew

2012: appointed Archpriest (Monsignor)

2018: Altona

2026: October 11th - retire from full-time ministry.

Welcome to all our visitors this weekend! Together we acknowledge Fr. Michael's 45 years as a priest and together we thank God for his service, prayer and dedication.

Fr. Michael's new contact details:

P.O. Box 174, Werribee. 3030

or through the Altona Parish office contact numbers:

9398 2964 and 0434 088 900

Archpriest Michael

Morning Tea with Fr. Samuel – Enjoy a cuppa and get to know Fr Samuel as he begins his priestly ministry among us. Sunday October 18 after the 10.30am Mass, in the narthex. Please bring a plate to share.

The next group Child Safety Training Session will take place in the Narthex on Tuesday 13 October, 2026, after the 5.00pm Mass. Please attend this session if you are a volunteer who has not done a compulsory training session in the last 3 years. The session will be conducted by Gavin Deller, our Child Safety Co-ordinator. Please phone the parish office on 9398 2964 with your intention to attend.

Timorese Mass to remember the SANTA CRUZ Massacre in 1991 will be at **10.30am on Sunday November 15th, 2026.** (a shared lunch will follow). Please bring your own plate.



Liturgy Roster - 18 October 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Anthony Adewale	Natasha Misquitta
8.30am	Margaret Nicoli	Brian Dalton
10.30am	Liza Zammit	Jessica Saliba
Linen Roster October	Counting this week: Team 2: 11.10.2026	Counting next week: Team 3: 18 .10.2026
Allison Hogan	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat	Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond John Shaw

The link below takes you to an interesting Article listed in Melbourne Catholic:

[From Bishops to Bulldogs: Timorese sisters win... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

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Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au)

or

Damian Coyne (0400 170 374 or dkcoyne@hotmail.com)

for more information.

St. Mary MacKillop's Daily thoughts...

We must be faithful and look for rest and peace
only in Heaven

09.09.1871

Recently Deceased:

George Falzon

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

George & Loreta Calleja; Rosa, Concetta, Leonardo & Enrico Mancini; Giuseppina & Giovanni Niro.

Prayers for the Sick:

Trish Aitken; Maura McCabe; Cheryl Boyle;
Anne Playnsek; Alfred & Jane Farrugia
and one special intention

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Date: Mon 19 Oct 2026
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00pm
AEDT
02 9560 5333
palms@palms.org.au

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are sceptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are sceptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month - be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.



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Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday 10am – 2pm
Parish Priest: Archpriest Michael Kalka. JP
Priest in Residence: Fr Deonildo de Andrade
Child Safety Officer: Mr Gavin Deller 0431 184 014
Principal: Mrs Sonia Riccardi 9398 4842
Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 5pm;
Wed to Sat 9.15am
(or as advertised in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Website)
Reconciliation: Saturday at 9.45am or by request
Anointing of the Sick and Elderly: Once per quarter at Mass or by request
Rosary: After the 9.15 a.m. Mass, Wednesday to Saturday
Marriages & Baptisms: by appointment

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