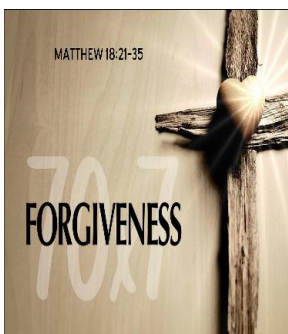


23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

13 September, 2026



Readings: Sunday 13 September 2026

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Readings: Sunday 20 October 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Forgiveness, and the call to forgive, is under serious challenge in our contemporary world, yet for the faithful Christian we are called to forgive for no other than reason than we have first been forgiven. Our Scripture readings today present a challenging call for all who claim the name of Christian.

Sunday September 13th - I have been invited to attend the Centenary celebrations at the Altona Anglican Church at 10.30am. So, Fr Bernie Lane will lead our 10.30am Mass. *Fr. Michael*

Archpriest Michael's farewell:

As Archpriest Michael concludes nearly 9 years at MHOC, you have 4 ways to make a contribution to his farewell on October 11th:

1. Place your donation in an envelope with his name on the front and place it in any collection basket.
2. Give him your donation in person.
3. Offer your contribution through the special collection on the weekend of October 3rd/4th.
4. Remember to bring a plate to share on October 11th.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Parish Council Members

Please don't forget to collect your Thanksgiving Envelopes this weekend. It would be helpful if you could deliver envelopes in your street or surrounding streets, this would save us on postage costs.

Child Safeguarding Documents for parishioners who are volunteers (new or existing) please look for your **Safeguarding Envelope** situated with the Thanksgiving envelopes, on the righthand side, in alphabetical order.

St. Mary MacKillop's Daily thoughts.....

Really God is so good!

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Safeguarding Sunday 2026 - The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September each year – at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. This year the theme is Love Protects and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety. Prayers for Safeguarding Sunday 2026 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 13 September 2026.

Comprehensive and engaging online training

opportunity for anyone wishing to serve as an *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion* in the parish or any currently serving ministers who are interested in deepening their understanding of this wonderful ministry. Commitment involves five x 1 hour live Zoom classrooms per week (on a Monday evening starting 26 October), plus additional study done in your own time with material hosted online. Cost is \$110. See Father or contact the parish office if you are interested. For more information, see www.acu.edu.au/pastoral.

Do you want to learn how to proclaim the Word of God at Mass with confidence, skill

and conviction? Join the online training program which starts on Wednesday evening, 7 October at 7pm. Includes four 1 hour Zoom classes with extra work done in your own time over four weeks. Cost is \$90. See Father or contact the parish office if you are interested. For more information, see www.acu.edu.au/pastoral.

Liturgy Roster – 20 September 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Anthony Adewale	Natasha Misquitta
8.30 am	Jacquelyn Le	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Anna Watson	Paul Bugeja
Linen Roster September	Counting this week: Team 3: 13.09.2026	Counting next week: Team 4: 20.09.2026
Maryanne Bartolo	Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond John Shaw	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono

Another article from Australian Catholic University featuring Fr Deonildo de Andrade is available on line on this link [Blessed beyond words](https://www.impact.acu.edu.au/Study-and-learning/Blessed-beyond-words) or type in your browser the link below:
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We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: November 6-8th, 2026, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.e.org.au

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to the live the life that He intended for you.

Recently Deceased

Rosaria Grech (but always know as Lucy)

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Charlie Azzopardi; Victor Nicoli;
Biagio & Carmen Nicoli; Giuseppe Falzon;
Vince Vincitorio; George Calleja; Maryse Fidele;
Leslie & Eric Bransdon; Daniel Cuthbert;
James O'Brien; Catherine Foy; Judith McDonald;
Joseph Falzon; Charles & Joseph Micallef;
Connie Paten; Grace Thom

Prayers for the Sick:

Trish Aitken; Maura McCabe;
Anne Playnsek;
Alfred & Jane Farrugia

If you have a communion pyx that belongs to the church, would you kindly return it asap. Thank you

The next anointing Mass will be at 9.15am on Saturday, September 12th, 2026.

There are six Rose Bushes and some Wall Plaques in the Memorial Garden, if you would like to order one. Please contact Alex Genovese on 0409 699 009 for all enquiries.

Prayer Service of Lament – 15 September 2026

at St. Patrick's Cathedral Grounds, East Melbourne: 4pm.

Emergency Earthquake Appeal – Colombia. Help provide emergency relief, restore vital community services, and bring hope to children and families as they recover. Salesian Missions Australia. Please see posters on Narthex Notice Board with QR code for donations.

St. Joseph by the Sea, Williamstown – Please see flyers on the Narthex Notice Board, regarding upcoming retreats during September; October & November, 2026.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES - Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 10th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.



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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

Child Safety: The Catholic Parish of Altona is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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