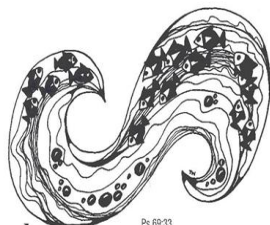


12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

21 June 2026



Ps 68:33
Let the sea and all its
living creatures praise God.

Readings: Sunday 21 June 2026

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

Readings: Sunday 28 June 2026

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:37-42

The promise of the Gospel is infinitely rich in blessing, but it also comes with the call to profess our faith in both word and deed. This comes with risk of rejection, persecution and even worse. But we are encouraged by the infinite love of God to remain true to our faith and confident that nothing is greater than the hope we have in our Lord.

Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith. **Watch John's moving testimony** and **download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Visit

www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

A Rocha is an international Christian group whose focus is on caring for the environment. On *Saturday 27th June, 9am to 12 noon*, combing with Hobsons Bay council we are planting food essential to the survival of our endangered Skipper Butterfly. Come to Truganina Coastal Park starting at the 100 Steps car park and be ready to help plant. All the essentials will be supplied, but bring hats, gloves, long trousers, shoes and socks, sunscreen etc. Everyone welcome to help. Put your care for our common home to work (there is not Planet B) and join in. For details / more info, email: Julia.jardine@arocha.org.

Anne 0418 340 174 (St. Mary's).

Quiet Day - Saturday 27 June 10am to 2pm.

This Quiet Day, held in Williamstown, will be led by Ros Harris and Clara Rizzi. It includes two sessions of group meditation, optional walking meditation and an opportunity for you to enter a personal time of stillness. You may choose to spend your time reading, drawing, sitting quietly, or praying through Lectio Divina (sacred reading) or Visio Divina (sacred gazing). You are welcome to arrive at 9.30am for a cuppa and to stay after 2pm if you would like to share your reflections/insights/comments.

Where: St Joseph's by the Sea – 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. Free parking in Cole Street. **Cost:** This is a free event; however, if you wish to make a donation to assist in covering costs, it would be appreciated. **What to bring:** Please bring your own lunch, pens and paper. Tea & coffee are provided. Books and readings will be available on the day; however, you may like to bring your own.

RSVP by 20 June: Ros:

harrisroslyn61@gmail.com or Clara:

clarariz@bigpond.com

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

**God is so good - we ought to cling to him
with love and hope. (28.4.1873)**



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Liturgy Roster - 28 June 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Anthony Adewale	Olive Chadowski
8.30am	Cath Cuthbert	Jessica Saliba
10.30am	Robyn Powell	Noella Misquitta
Linen Roster June	Counting this week: Team 1: 21.06.2026	Counting next week: Team 2 : 28.06.2026
Carmen Inguanez	Betty Fitzgerald Bill & Maureen Fogarty	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat

Novena Of Pope St. John Paul to commemorate 40th Anniversary of his visit to St Leo the Great,

Altona North.

All Welcome.

See Poster on Narthex Notice Board
for full details.

Novena Day 5 28.6.26 5pm Bishop Tinh Nguyen
Novena Day 6 28.7.26 7pm Fr. Tadeus Rostworowski
Novena Day 7 28.8.26 7pm Fr Edwin Agius MSSP
Novena Day 8 28.9.26 7pm Fr Paul Tru
Novena Day 9 28.10.26 7pm Archpriest Michael Kalka
Feast Day 28.11.26 5pm Archbishop Peter Comensoli

Catholic Mission - One in Christ, United in Mission

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children. A special collection will be taken up next weekend.



Recently Deceased:

Giovanni Vella

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Mary Grima; Anne Mackey; Charles Schembri;
Kazik Sosnovski; George & Loreta Calleja;
Felice Benigno

Prayers for the Sick:

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

Would parishioners, kindly place the Mass offering envelopes in the letter box at the office door. Thank you.

Caritas Australia Lebanon Emergency Appeal -

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

To celebrate the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**, COG Theatre is hosting a musical showcase of the life of St Francis of Assisi. We are looking for performers and technicians to add to our group. Please see flyer on Narthex Notice Board for further details.

cogtheatregroup@gmail.com cogtheatre.org

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Stewardship Love "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our stewardship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second - invite the Lord into your heart.

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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

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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