

**Sunday**  
**11 September, 2022**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**



**Readings: Sunday, 11 September, 2022**

**First Reading:** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 15:1-32

**Readings: Sunday, 18 September, 2022**

**First Reading:** Amos 8:4-7

**Second Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 16:1-13

**Parish website:**  
[www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://www.altonacatholic.org.au)

**OUR 2022 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM – RESULTS:**

No one could have envisaged the unprecedented and significant challenges that we experienced in 2020 and 2021 associated with the present Coronavirus. Although many of those extraordinary times are behind us, our re-engagement as a parish community is not yet at pre-pandemic levels. However, we resolved to conduct our Parish Renewal Program during which we were challenged to commit to serve our community by joining parish groups and ministries and increase our Thanksgiving income.

Pleasingly, 26 parishioners signed up to volunteer in our various groups and ministries – joining those who are continuing but did not complete a new form. Thanksgiving income has increased by 27.6% from \$1,200 to \$1,531.54 per week – pledged by 141 givers (i.e. 118 existing givers and 23 new contributors). Cash pledges totalling \$1,009.23 per week from 93 givers represent 66% of our weekly Thanksgiving income. Credit Card and Direct Debit/Payment pledges of \$522.31 per week from 48 givers represent 34% of our weekly Thanksgiving income.

Thank you very much everyone who contributed to the Program and who helped to achieve these outcomes – they will help maintain our important work and fund some plans for the parish.  
**Archpriest Michael.**

**Thanksgiving Envelopes are still awaiting collection from the Narthex. Please take some time to collect your envelopes and please collect and deliver to your neighbours or anyone you know who may not be able to attend Mass. We greatly appreciate your help in this regard. Lucy and Grace.**

**ANNUAL LEAVE –** As I will now be on annual leave until the 30th of September, two retired priests will assist with some of the Parish Masses in my absence. Father Frank Buhagiar will be here for Mass at 9.15 a.m. each Wednesday and Father Michael Morgan will be here for all four Masses each weekend. **(Please note: Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are temporarily cancelled).** *Archpriest Michael*

**Prayer Service at Port Phillip Village:** Port Phillip Retirement Village has an ecumenical Prayer Service on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. The next Prayer Service is on the 13th of September. Friends and family are welcome.

**Child Protection Week (4–10 September) and Safeguarding Sunday (11 September):** Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2022, the overarching message of “Every child, in every community needs a fair go” will be embraced for Child Protection Week. A particular focus this year will also be on the right of children and young people to grow up in environments that support them according to their needs. As we know, when children and young people grow up safe, connected and supported in their families, communities and culture, they thrive.

In the Catholic Church, Child Protection Week is highlighted through Safeguarding Sunday, on the 11th of September 2022.

*“Everything I have is yours.” (Luke 15:31)*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

## Liturgy Roster – 18 September, 2022

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	A. Adewale	O. Chodowski
8.30am	A. Banda	C. Inguanez
10.30am	J. Quiazon	R. Pisani
Linen Prep. (September)	Counting this week Team 1: 11.9.22	Counting next week Team 2: 18.9.22
Carmen Inguanez	Bruce Fitzgerald Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat Emmanuel Mifsud

**Spirituality Today and its Evolution in the Western Suburbs – Thursday, 22nd of September, 7.30–9.00 p.m. – *Growing up in the West*:** Join us for a panel discussion with Josephine Cafagna about growing up in the Western Suburbs in the 50s and 60s.

RSVP: [admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au](mailto:admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au) by the 20th of September, 2022.

Refreshments will be provided. \$10 donation welcome.

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### *A Message from Catholic Mission:*

Thank You! Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1,047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of **\$337.00** which was raised by **Mary Help of Christians** parish community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Your support this year will enable Catholic Mission to provide nutrition programs in Ethiopia, along with scholarships for rural children and pastoral care and vocational training for women in Meki. **THANK YOU.**



## Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Charlie Azzopardi; Vo Thi Loan;  
Peter Farrugia; Emanuel & Rosina Farrugia;  
Bertu & Marianne Pace

**Latest update from the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding Covid-19 Restrictions (Update #60 – 20 July, 2022)** can be viewed on our parish website [www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://www.altonacatholic.org.au) under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

## Welcome to the Safeguarding Essentials training module for all Volunteers.


The Safeguarding Essentials online training module for all clergy and volunteers is now live! This compulsory module has been developed for all volunteers of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM). The importance of training volunteers has been articulated in the Victorian Child Safe Standards, the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations on which the CAM Safeguarding and Wellbeing Policy for Children and Young People is based. This accessible and engaging resource provides clergy and volunteers with foundational knowledge and a clear understanding of their duty of care and expectations in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from all forms of abuse and harm. This will be an annual requirement for everyone and possible to complete individually online or as a group session. At the completion of the training, participants will receive a certificate of completion and the parish will also receive notification that the module has been completed successfully. If you are a volunteer at Mary Help of Christians and you can access the training by going to [www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org) To login, each volunteer will need their unique Working with Children Check ID or email address. To register, Volunteers will need to select their parish from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of service. Alternatively you may wish to wait until our parish hosts a group training session on Fr. Michael's return from annual leave.



## Our Parish Prayer



Almighty God, deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.  
Through her prayers and under her protection,  
may the light of Christ shine over our land.  
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.  
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.  
Bless especially those who care for the poor and who seek to promote  
justice and peace for all who call Australia home.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.


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