

1 March 2026

**Second Sunday in
Lent**

Year A



*Leave your country
for the land I will show you.*

Readings: Sunday 1 March 2026

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Readings: Sunday 8 March 2026

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 or

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Listening is both a personal quality and a communal practice sorely needed in today's world where a cacophony of voices demands discernment. The Collect for this 2nd Sunday of Lent exhorts us to listen to God's beloved Son, Jesus, following Matthew's account of God's voice commanding Peter, James and John to listen to him. When we listen to the trusted Word of God, we accept the One whom God sent, make him our own, and fully identify with him

2026 Stations of the Cross:

Friday March 6th: St Leo's, Altona North at **6pm**

Friday March 13th: St Mary's, Altona at **7pm**

Friday March 20th: St Leo's, Altona North at **6pm**

Friday March 27th: St Mary's, Altona at **7pm**

Good Friday: Cherry Lake, Altona at **Noon**

Two years already! On Monday March 2nd it will be TWO YEARS since Fr. Deonildo arrived in Altona to commence his studies. Congratulations. Amu Deo! OBRIGADU BARAK!

Receipts & Thanksgiving Envelopes for the month of March only, are available for collection from the Narthex. Please take some time to collect yours and perhaps collect and deliver to your neighbours or anyone you know who may not be attending Mass. We greatly appreciate your help in this regard.

World Day of Prayer 2026 -Focus on

Nigeria

Date:

Friday 6 March; **Location:** St. Leo's, 289 Mason

St, Nth Altona. **Time:** 10.30am; **Contact:**

Anne 0418 340 174. All Welcome!

Please take home a Project Compassion box

to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and support their mission against poverty.

OUR 2026 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

THANK YOU for your positive response to our Parish Commitment Weekend – the final weekend of our Parish Renewal Program. A special THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have already returned their completed Thanksgiving pledge commitments and Ministry responses – either at Mass last week or by return to the Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated!

If you have not yet done so, **additional pledge cards will be available at all Masses this weekend.** Please place your completed financial commitments and Ministry flyers in the special Privacy Envelope and return in the collection baskets at Mass.

Stephen Littleton, our Program Coordinator, will be following up by SMS, email, and phone to confirm intentions from parishioners who have not yet responded – so to minimise that follow-up please ensure you complete and return your commitments this weekend.

Your new pledges will **take effect on Sunday 22 March.** Confirmation letters, and where appropriate, new sets of envelopes, will be available at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 15 March.

We thank you once again for your generous response.

*St. Mary Mackillop's Daily Thoughts....
Remember that we must always expect, from
time to time to receive 'crosses' and know that
we also give them.*



Liturgy Roster - 8 March 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Stephanie Tullilo	Natasha Misquitta
8.30am	Asimita Banda	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Ray Pisani	Ray Pisani
Linen Roster March	Counting this week: Team 5 : 01.03.2026	Counting next week: Team 1: 08.03.2026
Maryanne Bartolo	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio	Betty Fitzgerald Bill & Maureen Fogarty

**Novena Of St John Paul the Great
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 1 – 28.2.26 5pm Bishop Martin Ashe
Novena Day 2 - 28.3.26 5pm Fr. Jude Johnson
Novena Day 3 – 28.4.26 7pm Fr. Kevin Dillon
Novena Day 4 – 28.5.26 7pm Fr Victor Farrugia
Novena Day 5 28.6.26 5pm Bishop Thinh Nguyen
Novena Day 6 28.7.26 7pm Fr. Tadeusz Rostworowski
Novena Day 7 28.8.26 7pm Fr Edwin Agius M SSP
Novena Day 8 28.9.26 7pm Fr Paul Tru
Novena Day 9 28.10.26 7pm Archbishop Michael Kalka
Feast Day 28.11.26 5pm Archbishop Peter Comensoli

For enquiries please contact Parish Office via
AltonaNorth@cam.org.au or 03 9391 7111

**Welcome to
Children's Liturgy**



Our next Children's Liturgy Session is this Sunday 1 March at the 10.30am Mass. If you would like to join the Children's Liturgy Team in leading the children once a month, please contact the parish office on 9398 2964. We would love to hear from you. No experience necessary.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Peter, Emanuel & Rosina Farrugia;
 Bertu & Marianne Pace; Rita Grima;
 Joan & Leon Grioli; Ines Abraham;
 Charlie Mullett; Lina Fenech;
 Carmen, Joseph & Charles Falzon;
 Joseph & Olga Micallef

Prayers for the Sick:

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

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Cast Your Net! Jn 21 - Join us in a journey of faith in a day retreat for the youth organised by The Little Sisters of the Poor 'Love and Service" (Guided by Fr. Ant Nguyen SSS) Saturday 14 March, 2026 . 9.30am to 6pm. Little Sisters of the Poor – 112B St. Georges Rd. Northcote. Please contact Sr. Maureen srmaureenmokaya@gmail.com 0416 609 878 or 9489 8444. RSVP 10/3/2026

<https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org.au>

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."
 GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

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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

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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