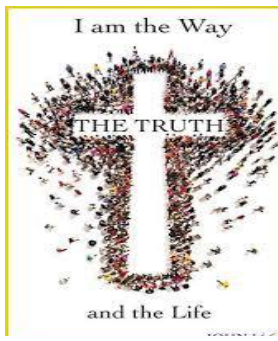


**03 May 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Year A*



**Readings: Sunday 03 April 2026**

**First Reading:** Acts 6:1-7  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9  
**Gospel Reading:** John 14:1-12

**Readings: Sunday 10 May 2026**

**First Reading:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17  
**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3:15-18  
**Gospel Reading:** John 14:15-21

As we move towards the end of the Easter Season, we are invited to reflect on the nature of who we are and the foundations of our identity as Church in the person of Jesus Christ. It can be challenging to see our true identity, yet only by embracing our true identity can we take our place as the true disciples of Jesus and continue with the mission with which we have been entrusted.

**A Mass Count** will take place in the church during the four weeks of May. The annual Mass Count helps to maintain an up to date picture of mass attendance and is important for pastoral planning activities in the Archdiocese and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

**Gardens** - Over recent months, many will have noticed the works being carried out in the front garden of the church by a group of dedicated volunteers. Completed tasks include the removal of invasive ivy that had been choking, or was in the process of choking, several trees. Following an arborist's assessment, a number of trees were also removed after being deemed at risk of falling. In addition, the separating brick wall was dismantled as it had developed a significant lean and posed a potential hazard to students and parishioners. In the coming weeks, the garden will be replanted, top-dressed, and mulched, with the aim of creating a welcoming oasis for all to enjoy. The Parish acknowledges and sincerely thanks those members who originally established the gardens many years ago. Their dedication, hard work, and lasting legacy are greatly appreciated. We also thank you for your understanding and patience during these works.

**Our next Children's Liturgy Session is Sunday 3 May, 2026 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.

Welcome to  
Children's Liturgy



**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal** This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate:

- Using the appeal envelope available in our parish
  - Online - [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)
- Phone - (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

**Safeguarding** - In recent times, some parishioners may have noticed the installation of new noticeboards and signage in the Narthex. These additions reflect our ongoing commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all members of the Parish. Additionally, the television is now fully operational and available for a range of uses, including the display of important Parish information during Mass, as well as other presentation opportunities. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne recognises our Parish as a leader in safeguarding and has invited us to share our insights and experiences in this vital area. This is a wonderful acknowledgement of the Parish's strong commitment to keeping people safe, as well as the dedicated efforts of the Safeguarding Committee. Please keep an eye on the Parish Bulletin and your emails for upcoming training opportunities and compliance requirements for volunteers.

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



## Liturgy Roster - 10 May 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Stephanie Tullilo	Olive Chadowski
8.30am	Vince Camilleri	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Lisa Zammit	Ray Pisani
<b>Linen Roster May</b>	<b>Counting this week: Team 4: 03.05.2026</b>	<b>Counting next week: Team 5: 10.05.2026</b>
Thu Nguyen-	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio

**A Defibrillator is now located in the Sacristy**

**Tap & Go Machine is now available in the Narthex for anyone wishing to make a donation to the church by credit/debit or Eftpos. 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](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

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**Event Details: Date:** Sunday 3 May 2026;  
**Time:** 2pm to 5pm.  
**Venue:** Mount St. Joseph Girl's School, 133 Maidstone St. Altona. 3018  
**Ticket Price:** \$40 per person.

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

*I feel more trust in God than ever.*

### Recently Deceased:

Fr. Peter Foley

### Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Pacifico Obispo Jnr; Agata & Anton Ostaric;  
John Bonnici;  
Victor Nicoli; Giuseppe Falzon; Biagio & Carmen Nicoli; Vince Vincitorio; Gladys Rafferty;  
Maisie Nilon; Shirley Cuthbert

### Prayers for the Sick:

Trish Aitken; Maura McCabe;  
Anne Playnsek;  
Alfred & Jane Farrugia; Teresa Tran Thi Ve  
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**Please note that Mass on Thursday, 7 May will be at 10am instead of 9.15am.**

**The next Mass for Anointing of the Sick will be on Friday, 8 May at 9.15 a.m.**

**The next Timorese Community Mass at Altona** will be on **Saturday 16 May at 11am.** All Welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

**Please mark this date on your calendar – The next Child Safety Training Session will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 5.45pm in the Narthex, followed by a light supper. 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 ring the parish office on 9398 2964 with your intention to attend the session and let us know if you intend to stay for supper, also please let us know if you have any special food requirements.**

*5th Sunday of Easter "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."  
1 PETER 2:7* *Every*  
*person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.*

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**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.

**Privacy Principles:** Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation which deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, store and disclose information including health information collected from individuals. The Catholic Parish of Altona is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

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