

*Twenty-third*

*Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year C*

7 September 2025



Readings: Sunday 7 September 2025

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 9:13–18

Second Reading: Philemon 9–10, 12–17

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25–33

Readings: Sunday 14 September 2025

First Reading: Numbers 21:4–9

**Fr. Deonildo (Deo) De Andrade**  
**Priest in Residence.**

Today's readings encourage us to recognise our dependence on the generosity and love of God – and they challenge us to prioritise following Jesus in our lives.

Next weekend we observe **Safeguarding Sunday, on the 14<sup>th</sup> September**. We will gather on Safeguarding Sunday, a day to pause, to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

**Christian Meditation takes place every Thursday evening at 7pm. If you would like to be part of this group, please phone Lucy at the Parish Office on 93982964. MARANATHA!**

**Our next Children's Liturgy Session is this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025** 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



**Happy Father's Day**

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or ... divorce ... who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become, the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.



**Official Opening Day For The New St John of God Building:**

The blessing, and opening, of our new Specialist Disability Accommodation will be during the 10.30am Mass on Sunday October 5th. Light refreshments will be served in the church foyer at the conclusion of the ceremony. **Please bring a plate to share on that Sunday.** (we will have a number of invited guests present). If you are able to assist with serving tea and coffee, please contact the parish office and leave your details. Thank you.  
*Archpriest Michael.*

**Joint Parish Council and Parish Finance Committee meeting:**

These two committees will meet together on **Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.3pm**. The only agenda item will be the preparations for the opening day.


*St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts...*

*Bear with the faults of others as you hope God will bear with you.*

## Liturgy Roster - 14 September, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Stephanie Tullilo	Mary Bartolo
8.30am	Asimita Banda	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Ray Pisani	Paul Bugeja
<b>Linen Roster September</b>	<b>Counting this week: Team 5 – 07.09.2025</b>	<b>Counting next week: Team 1 – 14.09.2025</b>
Maryanne Bartolo	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio	Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty

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*"So then, none of you can be my disciple who does not give up all his own possessions." Luke 14:33.*

*All that we have is actually God's. The renunciation is realizing we are only caretakers of what we have and not owners.*



## Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Joseph Falzon; Charles & Joseph Micallef;  
Connie Paten; Carmelo Meilak;  
Richard & Laurie Sammut; Daniel Cuthbert; Eric  
& Leslie Bransdon; James O'Brien;  
Charles Azzopardi; George & Loreta Calleja

## Prayers for the Sick:

Genna Angelowitch; Maura McCabe

**Please note: there will no morning Mass or Confessions on Saturday September 13th. The rest of that weekend will be as normal.**

## ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting  
Tuesday, 23 September 2025

beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

**Attendance will be by invitation.** Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au)

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

Once again, I ask that Parishioners consider making a donation directly into our new **'MHOC Church Roof Repairs' account: BSB 083 347 a/c 444 803 007**. This dedicated account is held at the National Australia Bank and will only be used to make the required loan repayments for the Church roof repairs and the new Church office. **Alternatively, you are welcome to place your donation in an envelope marked 'roof repairs' with your name on the envelope (optional).** Thank you to all those who have made donations. The current balance owing on our roof repair account is \$9,683.53.

Archpriest Michael Kalka.





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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Tuesday to Friday 9am – 1pm
<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Archpriest Michael Kalka. JP
<b>Child Safety Officer:</b>	Mr Gavin Deller 0431 184 014
<b>Principal:</b>	Mrs Sonia Riccardi 9398 4842
<b>Mass Times:</b>	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
<b>Weekday Mass:</b>	Tuesday 5pm; Wed to Sat 9.15am
(or as advertised in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Website)	
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Saturday at 9.45am or by request
<b>Maltese/English Reconciliation:</b>	2nd Friday at 4.00pm
<b>Anointing of the Sick and Elderly:</b>	Once per quarter at Mass or by request
<b>Rosary:</b>	After the 9.15 a.m. Mass, Wednesday to Saturday
<b>Marriages &amp; Baptisms:</b>	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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**First Collection:** (Loose cash) For the support of the Archbishop, sick and retired priests and our Parish Priest.



## 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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