

10 May 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Year A



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

Readings: Sunday 17 April 2026

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

In the second half of the Easter season, our focus shifts from the resurrection appearances to the ongoing presence of the risen Jesus through the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the Farewell Discourse of the Fourth Gospel, Jesus speaks not only of his Passion but of the time following his Ascension. Once again, the disciples face a real absence; they will no longer encounter him as they once did. Yet, Jesus promises that this absence makes way for a far greater presence: the Holy Spirit, the gift of God par excellence. We need not despair, for the Spirit – the unshakable faithfulness of God – accompanies disciples of every age. Even when all other comforts fail, the Spirit remains the continuing presence of the risen Jesus, dwelling both with us and in us.

Please mark this date on your calendar - The next Child Safety Training Session will be on Tuesday 12th 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.

The day a Pope came to Altona North - In 1986, Pope John Paul II came to Melbourne and visited the suburban parish of St. Leo the Great in Altona North and its little school. There the leader of the Catholic Church sat down with a class of 9 & 10 year-olds, cross legged in front of him and answered their eager questions. Read the full article on the link below. Also available on our parish website.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/the-day-a-suburban-parish-and-school-hosted-a-pope>

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

A Mothers' Day Prayer...

Loving God, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,

and that they may lead their children to know

and do what is good, living not for themselves

alone, but for God and for others. Amen.



Mother's day

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.



Liturgy Roster - 17 May 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Stephanie Arquesa	Mairead Kirk
8.30am	Margaret Nicoli	Jessica Saliba
10.30am	Robyn Powell	Noella Misquitta
Linen Roster May	Counting this week: Team 5: 10.05.2026	Counting next week: Team 1: 17.05.2026
Thu Nguyen-	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio	Betty Fitzgerald Bill & Maureen Fogarty

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 -

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St Michael's Troops - SATURDAY, 23 MAY, 2026 -

Do you long for authentic brotherhood and a space to grow deeper in faith alongside other men? St Michael's Troops is an event for men aged 18-35 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ. This morning event in Melbourne includes Holy Mass, physical activity, a talk, and a shared BBQ. Join us, and bring a mate. Register now at <https://fitforthe kingdom.com.au/events/st-michaels-troops--096fdddc>

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

Remember that we must always expect, from time to time, to receive 'crosse' and know that we also give them'. 14.4.1882

Recently Deceased:

Joseph Sultana

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Peter, Emmanuel & Rosina Farrugia;
Bertu & Marianne Pace; Rita Grima; Saviour Gauci;
Mary Bransdon; Ivy Cuthbert; Jean O'Brien;
Anthony & Dominic Dimech; John & Paul Sultana;
Carmen Falzon; Rosa Camilleri; Olga Micallef;
Maryanne Cachia; Giuseppina Meilak;
Laurie & Erisilia Sammut; Nina Abela;
Doug Trembath

Prayers for the Sick:

Trish Aitken; Maura McCabe;
Anne Playnsek;

Alfred & Jane Farrugia; Teresa Tran Thi Ve

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

Archbishop Comensoli says in his Easter Message, we are called not only to receive Christ's light but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.' Along with our parishes, communities and families across the Archdiocese, you are invited to join Archbishop Comensoli at the **Archdiocesan Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 7 June 2026, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Feast of Corpus Christi). Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7 June 2026 Begins 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East**

Melbourne. Concludes at Federation Square. Like the disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, this afternoon will be a moment of unity for the whole Archdiocesan community as we bear witness to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, into the heart of Melbourne. We invite you to organise a group to attend from your community, whether it is your parish, school or movement. Bring your banners! Further details can be found melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi.

6th Sunday of Easter - "... sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." 1 Peter 3:15

Actions speak louder than words. Let your stewardship be your reply. Stewardship involves a change of heart, embodied not just in a single action, nor even a series of actions, but in a way of living.

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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.

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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