

11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A

14 June 2026



Readings: Sunday 14 June 2026

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6
Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11
Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:36-10:8

Readings: Sunday 21 June 2026

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:26-33

In Christ, the burden of sin and the needs of our humanity are not met with cold indifference but with compassion of one who cares deeply. Like a shepherd invested fully in his flock, God wishes to provide for our most pressing needs. Jesus invites all to experience this compassion and, also, to be sharers of this deep love.

Quiet Day - Saturday 27 June 10am to 2pm.

This Quiet Day, held in Williamstown, will be led by Ros Harris and Clara Rizzi. It includes two sessions of group meditation, optional walking meditation and an opportunity for you to enter a personal time of stillness. You may choose to spend your time reading, drawing, sitting quietly, or praying through Lectio Divina (sacred reading) or Visio Divina (sacred gazing). You are welcome to arrive at 9.30am for a cuppa and to stay after 2pm if you would like to share your reflections/insights/comments.

Where: St Joseph's by the Sea – 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. Free parking in Cole Street. Cost: This is a free event; however, if you wish to make a donation to assist in covering costs, it would be appreciated. **What to bring:** Please bring your own lunch, pens and paper. Tea & coffee are provided. Books and readings will be available on the day; however, you may like to bring your own.

RSVP by 20 June: Ros:
harrisroslyn61@gmail.com or Clara:
clarariz@bigpond.com

Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith. **Watch John's moving testimony and download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card** to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world. Visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

We welcome Fr Bernie Lane from the Columban Fathers who is helping with this weekend's masses.

Please note that Mass on Friday 19 June will be at 9am

CAN YOU HELP VICTIMS OF CHURCH-RELATED ABUSE?

For fourteen years, the Lifeboat Geelong Foundation has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse from all over Australia. Generous supporters have donated a number of motor vehicles of varied value (from \$500 to \$20,000!), including cars from deceased estates or which are no longer required. Some have been directly gifted to a victim/survivor in need, while others have been sold to generate funds required to assist victims in a multitude of ways (counselling, rent, utilities and other domestic and personal necessities).

You could help this important work simply by bringing it to the attention of people who might consider donating **an unwanted motor vehicle, such as a car from a deceased estate** or which, for whatever reason, is no longer required.

Also, since the "Lifeboat Car Project" began in 2020, one single dedicated volunteer has overseen the process, which includes working with the donor to organise a Roadworthy Certificate and assisting recipients or purchasers of the vehicle with the required documentation for Vicroads. He now needs a rest – or at least some help!

So "Lifeboat" also needs a few people who are reasonably familiar with the usual car transfer regulations to assist donors of vehicles (and potential buyers) to negotiate the formal processes. If you or someone you know could help (maximum involvement with four cars per year), please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) for more information.

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

Hoping that you will be happy and full of courage.



Liturgy Roster - 21 June 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	1 st Eucharist children	Mary Bartolo
8.30am	Margaret Nicoli	Mark Nicholls
10.30am	1 st Eucharist children	Ray Pisani
Linen Roster June	Counting this week: Team 5: 14.06.2026	Counting next week: Team 1: 21.06.2026
Carmen Inguanez	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio	Betty Fitzgerald Bill & Maureen Fogarty

**Novena Of Pope St. John Paul 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 5 28.6.26 5pm Bishop Tinh Nguyen
 Novena Day 6 28.7.26 7pm Fr. Tadeus Rostworowski
 Novena Day 7 28.8.26 7pm Fr Edwin Agius MSSP
 Novena Day 8 28.9.26 7pm Fr Paul Tru
 Novena Day 9 28.10.26 7pm Archpriest Michael Kalka
Feast Day 28.11.26 5pm Archbishop Peter Comensoli.

A prayer request - You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

A Rocha is an international Christian group whose focus is on caring for the environment. On Saturday 27th June, 9am to 12 noon, combining with Hobsons Bay council we are planting food essential to the survival of our endangered Skipper Butterfly. Come to Truganina Coastal Park starting at the 100 Steps car park and be ready to help plant. All the essentials will be supplied, but bring hats, gloves, long trousers, shoes and socks, sunscreen etc. Everyone welcome to help. Put your care for our common home to work (there is not Planet B) and join in. For details / more info, email: Julia.jardine@arocha.org.
 Anne 0418 340 174 (St. Mary's).

Recently Deceased:

Kazimierz (Kazik) Sosnowski; Joan Carr;
 Medardo Garcia; Prajakta Prajose; Emmanuel Vella

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Paul Bransdon; Victor Nicoli; Giuseppe Falzon;
 Biagio & Carmen Nicoli; Vince Vinatorio;
 Holy souls of Falzon & Mifsud families; Jon Cause;
 Rose Sultana; Connie Paten; Olga & Inez Micallef;
 Irene Tanti-Billotti; George & Loretta Calleja;

Prayers for the Sick:

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

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

To celebrate the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**, COG Theatre is hosting a musical showcase of the life of St Francis of Assisi. We are looking for performers and technicians to add to our group. Please see flyer on Narthex Notice Board for further details.

cogtheatregroup@gmail.com cogtheatre.org

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second - invite the Lord into your heart.



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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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