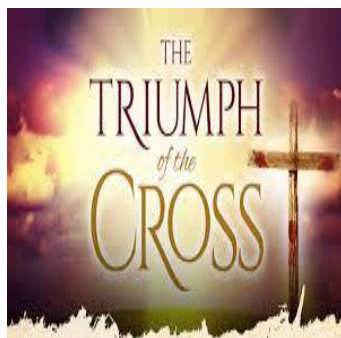


## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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14 September 2025



### Readings: Sunday 14 September 2025

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

### Readings: Sunday 21 September 2025

First Reading: Prophet Amos 8:4-7  
Second Reading: Timothy 2:1-8  
Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

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

**Safeguarding Sunday:** This weekend we observe **Safeguarding** 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!**

### **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.

### **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*

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**Venue:** Online- Scan the QR or register at [palms.org.au/events](https://palms.org.au/events)

**Date:** Thursday 30 October 2025

**Time:** 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT

**MARCH FOR THE BABIES:** Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne.

Wear pink and blue for the Babies!  
[www.marchforthebabies.com](http://www.marchforthebabies.com)

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual March for the Babies, and, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008.

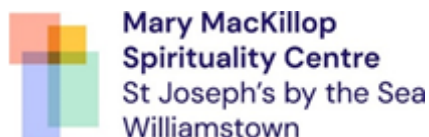
*St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts...*

*If our intention is pure and we have love in our hearts we shall have God with us.*

## Liturgy Roster - 21 September, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Stephanie Arquesa	Olive Chadowski
8.30am	Cath Cuthbert	Mark Nicholls
10.30am	Julian Yacono	Ray Pisani
<b>Linen Roster September</b>	<b>Counting this week: Team 1 – 14.09.2025</b>	<b>Counting next week: Team 2 – 21.09.2025</b>
Maryanne Bartolo	Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat

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*"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." John 3:14-15*

*The days of worshiping idols in the desert are not as far away as we might think. Today's idols are houses, cars, clothes, technology, power, and wealth. To have eternal life, we must believe in Jesus and follow His commandments.*



## Recently Deceased:

Maria Sutherland

## Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Maria Anastasia Laiy Lie Jin; Vincent Micallef; Alfred & Antonia Moon; Sarah Langley

## 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.**

## Marriage Encounter weekend in October:

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

**October 3-5:** Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill) **October 10-12:** St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

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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.






## 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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