

*Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time -*

Year C

16 November 2025



Readings: Sunday 16 November 2025

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

Readings: Sunday 23 November 2025

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43

We are very close now to the end of the liturgical year and the scriptures are emphasising the end-times. Our world is consumed by loss and crises so how do we respond as Christians? In this year of hope, we find a possible response in the gospel. In these times of climate change crises, we are also called to consider the poor who are bearing most of the deadliest impact of weather change.

Lectors and Special Ministers – could you please ensure that you tick your name off the Liturgy Roster (situated on the table in the Narthex) on your arrival. This will help to make the Sacristan's (especially at the 10.30am Mass) job easier, if they know you have arrived.

Thank you to those parishioners who volunteered to help out with the LITURGICAL PRESENTATION FOR SUNDAY MASS – Your time and talent is very much appreciated. If anyone else would like to Volunteer to help present our liturgy during the weekend Masses by using the church laptop, it would be very much appreciated. Training or a refresher course will be provided. If you can help, please contact Phiphi on 0421 212 129 or Lucy on 9398 2964.

"And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, [Jesus] said, 'As for these things you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be one stone upon another which will not be torn down.'"
Luke 21:5-6

Our material world, as wonderful and beautiful as it is, will one day cease to exist. It is a sobering thought, but one that helps us detach from our reliance on things and instead places our reliance on God.



Let us Proclaim Christ as Our King! Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Cardinal Mykola Bychok & Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St. Patrick's Cathedral. 2pm Prayers. Holy Mass followed by a Eucharistic Street Procession, Benediction, Consecration to Our King. Enquiries 9509 2207. www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com



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1. Explore our **GAP YEAR opportunities** for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future.

Date: Thursday 4 December 2025

Time: 6pm or 9pm

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2. Join our **TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER** Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

Venue: ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at

palms.org.au/events 02 9560 5333
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Liturgy Roster - 23 November, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Francis Arquesa	Mary Bartolo
8.30am	Asimita Banda	Mark Nicholls
10.30am	Lisa Zammit	Jessica Duffy
Linen Roster November	Counting this week: Team 5 – 16.11.2025	Counting next week: Team 1: 23.11.2025
Thu Nguyen	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono	Betty Fitzgerald Bill & Maureen Fogarty

Christmas Carols in the Park - An annual event organized by Altona/Laverton Council of Churches. Family Friendly – All Welcome – Free Entry! Come and experience His Presence. December 7th 2025 at 6pm.

Logan Reserve Altona, Cnr Pier & Queen Streets, Altona. In case of wet weather this event will be held at The Salvation Army Hobsons Bay, 108 Queen Street Altona.

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!**

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St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts

“In the end I went to sleep very happily with more loving confidence in my good God than I had felt for a long time”.



Anniversaries & Remembrances:

George & Loretta Calleja;
Carmelo & Giuseppina Meilak;

Prayers for the Sick:

Genna Angelowitch; Maura McCabe;
Trish Aitken;

2026 Fees for our 3 student priests at the Seminary in Timor Leste:

If you would like to contribute to the 2026 seminary fees for Eusebio Madeira, Tarcisio Abi, and Amorino Amaral (their photographs and biographies are on the wall outside the parish office) please place your donation in an envelope marked **TIMOR** and put your envelope in a Sunday collection basket.

Or, if you prefer, you are welcome to give your envelope to Father Deonildo, or to me.

The current exchange rate means we will need about \$1,200 (Australian) per student for the 2026 academic year in Timor Leste.

As it was earlier this year, our donation will be hand delivered (in January) to the Rector of the Seminary in Dili. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Archpriest Michael

Annual Melbourne Passion Play - Palm Sunday (29 March 2026) & Good Friday 3 Apr 2026). Now recruiting Cast, Crew, Roman Soldiers. Whether you love performing, prefer behind the scenes work or just enjoy a great show, there's a place for you. We're seeking volunteer actors, creative crew and supportive audience members to help bring this event to life. Performing Arts students are especially encouraged to join. Want to be involved as an actor or a crew member? Come to our first gathering on 16 November 2025, 12 noon at CRC, Sydenham.

For further information contact the Secretary, Dawn on 0411 957 164 or the manager Gino Gammaldi on 0422 662 451. Check our website on www.melbournepassionplay.com.au Posters available in the Narthex.

Red November: Pray for persecuted

Christians - *Aid to the Church in Need* invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **Red November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by visiting www.rednovember.org

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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

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