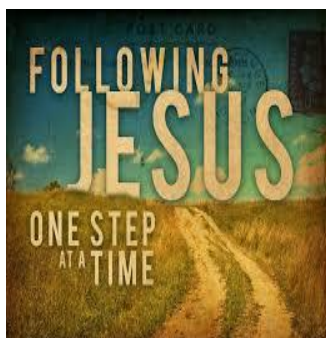


*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C*

17 August 2025



Readings: Sunday 17 August 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1–4
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49–53

Readings: Sunday 24 August 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18–21
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13
Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22–30

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

That the first shall be last and the last first is a sharp reminder to the community that discipleship requires active love, without reliance on background and privilege. It is not an easy lesson.

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants.

Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts...

*God is our father and he loves us all, in
spite of our faults.*



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!**

The next meeting of the Child Safety Safeguarding Committee is Tuesday, 26th August at 7.15pm in the Narthex. If you are interested in being part of this Committee, please join us. Hailey Elkington, Safeguarding Officer of the Western Region will be joining us at this meeting.

Billings LIFE invites you to join a special one-hour webinar during **Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2025.** If you are dreaming of growing your family join us to discover how the

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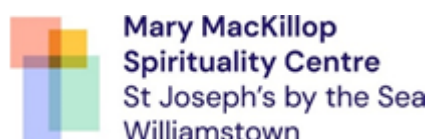
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Mary MacKillop Today – 2025 Auction & Fundraiser. Raising funds for life – changing small projects within Australia. Join us **Sunday 31st August, 2025**, 12pm to 4pm at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona. Tickets - \$55 per person, includes a two course meal, BYO Drinks. RSVP: Friday 22 August, 2025. Purchase tickets through www.trybooking.com/DDIJG or use the QR code link which is on the Poster on the Narthex Notice Board. Contact the Srs. Of St. Josephs' regional office for questions. Jan.Wadley@gmail.com 9861 9500.

Liturgy Roster – 24 August, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Stephanie Arquesa	Natasha Misquitta
8.30am	Cath Cuthbert	Mark Nicholls
10.30am	Clara Abate	Ray Pisani
Linen Roster August	Counting this week: Team 2 - 17.08.2025	Counting next week: Team 3 - 24.08.2025
Mary Dimech	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Mangiat	Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond John Shaw

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, at St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown is a wonderful haven for people who seek to nurture contemplation, explore and celebrate the wonders of the Earth and universe, nourish the body, mind and spirit, and live into new ways of being. At the centre we offer, Reflection Days and Retreats, Conference Spaces and Accommodation. Scan for more information or contact us on admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au



St John of God opening date: I am pleased to announce the opening date for the new St John of God building:

The **formal** opening ceremony will take place during the **10.30am Mass on Sunday October 5th**. Our official guests will attend that morning Mass. (to give all parishioners an opportunity to participate - shortened blessing ceremonies will take place during the 6pm and the 8.30am Mass). Before that weekend, 'Open House' days will be arranged so that you will be able to view the new buildings. Good news for the parish! Good news for those living with a disability!

Archpriest Michael Kalka

2026 Columban Art Calendars can be purchased online by scanning the QR code available on the Poster on the Narthex Notice Board

Recently Deceased:

Bishop Peter Stasiuk; David Bright;
Gianni (John) Meilak

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Loreta Calleja; Nielo Bulan; Ignatius Nhi;
Maria Hien; Dominic Phat; Louis & Nina Pisani;
Rita & Tony Caruana; Censina Gasan;
Bernadette Xuereb; Perfecto Delatorie Arquesa

Prayers for the Sick:

Genna Angelowitch; Maura McCabe

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 is \$9,683.53.

Archpriest Michael Kalka.

"...while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2
Setting **PRIORITIES** is the key to balancing everyday demands made on us with the limited amounts of time, talent, and treasure we possess. When we accept Jesus as our priority, we do not squander our gifts.



Lk 13:29

From East to West they will come to share the banquet of God's reign.



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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
Maltese/English	
Reconciliation:	2nd Friday at 4.00pm
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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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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