

24 May 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Year A



*I will pour out my
spirit on all people.*

Readings: Sunday 24 April 2026

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Readings: Sunday 31 May 2026

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel Reading: John 3:16-18

Pentecost Sunday, often celebrated as the birth of the Christian Church, is the culmination of fifty days of the Easter season. This final day of Easter highlights the unity of two core tenets of the Christian faith: the resurrection and the sending of the Spirit, which belong to one act of God in Christ. The Universal Church is for all people of all times, and its key purpose is to bring peace to all creation, a call to an ecological way of being in the world.

Novena Day Four to Saint John Paul II at St Leo's Parish

St Leo the Great Parish warmly invites clergy and parishioners from neighbouring parishes to join us for **Day Four of the Novena** to St John Paul II, as we commemorate the **40th Anniversary of his visit to our parish in 1986**.

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2026

Time: 7:00pm Mass, followed by Novena Prayers, Benediction, and fellowship

The Novena Mass will be led by Fr Victor Farrugia. All are welcome.

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>

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

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

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

*St. Mary MacKillop's Daily thoughts.....
God loves generously in us*

Liturgy Roster - 31 May 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Anthony Adewale	Olive Chadowski
8.30am	Jessica Saliba	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Julian Yacono	Ray Pisani
Linen Roster May	Counting this week: Team 2: 24.05.2026	Counting next week: Team 3: 31.05.2026
Thu Nguyen-	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat	Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond John Shaw

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

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

This Quiet Day, held in Williamstown, will be led by Ros Harris and Clara Rizi. 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



Recently Deceased:

Jon Cause; Fausto Rocco; Annette Gibbon;

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Carmen Carrabot; Paul Bransdon; John Templeton; Leon Grioli; Joan Grioli; Helen & Casimir Chodowski; Lina Fenech; Ivy Cuthbert

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.

National Volunteer Week 18-24 May 2026

THEME - YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

Your Year to Volunteer honours the contributions of volunteers and invites people across Australia to make 2026 a year of meaningful involvement, in ways that work for them. This year is a moment to thank those who already give their time and to invite others to discover how volunteering can create connection, purpose, and lasting positive change. National Volunteer Week stands as the biggest yearly tribute to volunteering across Australia. It honors the invaluable efforts of countless volunteers nationwide, and inspires people everywhere to explore how sharing their time and skills can foster belonging, meaning, and thriving communities.

A Mass Count This weekend is the last weekend of our Mass Count. 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. Thank you to all the collectors who took part in the counting.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."
Corinthians 12:4-7

Each of us has been given unique talents to share with others. Time and treasure are similar for everyone - they only differ in amounts. The gifts of our talents are the most personal aspect of our stewardship.

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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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