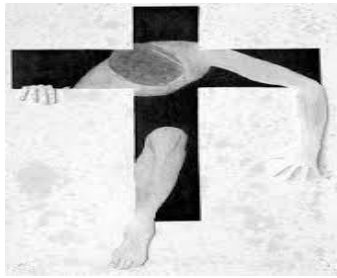


*Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C*

24 August 2025



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

Readings: Sunday 31 August 2025

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

Our Gospel calls us to be humble and takes as its cue the meal traditions of the Greco-Roman empire. Jesus extends his admonition to be humble into our care of the poor, the cripple, the lame and the blind. It is a reminder to move beyond our own meal traditions to feed as God provides.

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. **Thank you to those parishioners who contributed last weekend. The Appeal will also take place this weekend.**

St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts...

God loves us all

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.

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

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 – 31 August, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Francis Arquesa	Mary Bartolo
8.30am	Vince Camilleri	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Trish Aitken	Paul Bugeja
Linen Roster August	Counting this week: Team 3 - 24.08.2025	Counting next week: Team 4 – 31.08.2025
Mary Dimech	Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond John Shaw	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono

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



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100 Years of YCW Women in Action Luncheon
YCW (Holdings) Melbourne invites you to join us to celebrate the contributions women have made to Australian YCW as we celebrate the centenary of YCW. Hear stories from different generations of women who live out the YCW method in their everyday lives. Share your own memories and experiences of YCW with others during a delicious light lunch. Open to women AND men of YCW, their friends and interested networks.

Bookings essential:

<https://events.humanitix.com/100-years-of-ycw-women-in-action>

Sunday 31st August

Registrations at 10:30 for a 11am start
Catholic Theological College, Knox Room
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

All tickets: \$25 + \$2.17 Humanitix booking fee includes light lunch

Recently Deceased:

Sr. Cecili May O'Shea RSJ;

Stan Becker;

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Grace Thom; Frank & Maria Micallef;

Maryanne Cachia; Peter Fanning;

Charlie Muliatt (Snr); Serafin De Jesus;

George Rocco; Thampy G.K; Rajan Kakanadan;

Rita Mucciacciaro; Pericles Sefertzis

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 account is \$9,683.53.

Archpriest Michael Kalka.

Jubilee Mass - St Augustine's Church 71 Somerville Road, Yarraville **Sunday 31st August 2025 at 9.30am**

Please come join our 100th Anniversary of St Augustine's Church Yarraville We will gather for a Thanksgiving Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, followed by a time of sharing, remembering, and reconnecting as we give thanks for a decade of faith, friendship, and service. All past and present parishioners, families, friends, and neighbours are warmly welcome.

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

"For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

There is no guarantee that we'll get credit for our hard work. A steward's job is to sow the seeds, not to worry about who harvests the crop.



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Child Safety Officer:	Mr Gavin Deller 0431 184 014
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.


Privacy Principles: Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation which deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, store and disclose information including health information collected from individuals. The Catholic Parish of Altona is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

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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