

*Twenty-second*

*Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year C*

31 August 2025



**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

**Readings: Sunday 7 September 2025**

**First Reading:** Wisdom of Solomon 9:13–18

**Second Reading:** Philemon 9–10, 12–17

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 14:25–33

**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.

**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!**

**Our next Children's Liturgy Session will be next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025** at the 10.30am Mass. If you would like to join the Children's Liturgy Team in leading the children once a month, please contact the parish office on 9398 2964. We would love to hear from you. No experience necessary

**The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign -**

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church. You can also make a gift online at [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign). I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.

*St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts...*  
*Bear with and help one another*

**\*\*\* Please note: there will be no Mass on Friday September 5th.**

### **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.*

### **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.

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.*



## Liturgy Roster - 7 September, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Anthony Adewale	Natasha Misquitta
8.30am	Margaret Nicoli	Brian Dalton
10.30am	Anna Watson	Noella Misquitta
<b>Linen Roster September</b>	<b>Counting this week: Team 4 – 31.08.2025</b>	<b>Counting next week: Team 5 – 07.09.2025</b>
Maryanne Bartolo	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio

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*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 14:13-14*

*Our gifts were not given to be bargaining chips in which we expect repayment (e.g. tax breaks, return invitations, or recognition). Preoccupation with repayment is not stewardship, but a search for reward.*



## Recently Deceased:

Pericles Sefertzis

## Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Frank Bond

## Prayers for the Sick:

Genna Angelowitch; Maura McCabe

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

## ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 24 September 2025

beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM

**Attendance will be by invitation.** Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au)

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

## Caritas Australia: Gaza Pledge (closes this Sunday 31 August 2025)

By September 9, changes to registration processes for international NGOs threaten to drastically reduce the already insufficient flow of food, water, and medicine into Gaza. While Caritas Australia's locally embedded partners remain unaffected, Caritas Australia has launched a pledge to acknowledge the devastating impact of any further reduction in aid to Gaza. To learn more and sign the pledge: [caritas.org.au/gaza](https://caritas.org.au/gaza).

Support through signing and sharing the pledge - **closes this Sunday 31 August 2025.**



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<b>Office Hours:</b>	Tuesday to Friday 9am – 1pm
<b>Parish Priest:</b>	Archpriest Michael Kalka. JP
<b>Child Safety Officer:</b>	Mr Gavin Deller 0431 184 014
<b>Principal:</b>	Mrs Sonia Riccardi 9398 4842
<b>Mass Times:</b>	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
<b>Weekday Mass:</b>	Tuesday 5pm; Wed to Sat 9.15am
(or as advertised in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Website)	
<b>Reconciliation:</b>	Saturday at 9.45am or by request
<b>Maltese/English Reconciliation:</b>	2nd Friday at 4.00pm
<b>Anointing of the Sick and Elderly:</b>	Once per quarter at Mass or by request
<b>Rosary:</b>	After the 9.15 a.m. Mass, Wednesday to Saturday
<b>Marriages &amp; Baptisms:</b>	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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