

***Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time***  
Year C

03 August 2025



**Readings: Sunday 03 August 2025**

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:13–21

**Readings: Sunday 10 August 2025**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 18:6–9

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 12:32–48

**Parish Mobile No. 0434 088 900**  
**Fr. Deonildo (Deo) De Andrade**  
**Priest in Residence.**

What best summarises the theme of today's readings is perhaps Paul Tillich's concept of 'ultimate concern'—that object of a person's fundamental commitment and devotion. The readings invite us to reflect deeply on what matters to us in life, what gives purpose and shape to our existence, and what claims our unconditional allegiance. They warn us against placing our hope in finite realities that cannot ultimately satisfy us; the 'false gods' that lead to disillusionment and despair, instead of the true and living God who gives life to the world.

**Christian Meditation** takes place every Thursday evening at 7pm. If you would like to join this group, please phone Lucy at the Parish Office on 9398 2964.  
**MARANATHA!**

**Help Christians in the Holy Land - Aid to the Church in Need** is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit code.[www.aidtochurch.org/holyland](http://www.aidtochurch.org/holyland) or scan the QR code on the poster on the Narthex Notice Board.

**Parents/Guardians please note:** For safety reasons, please ensure that during Mass, you accompany your child/children to the toilets and please do not leave any children unaccompanied in the Narthex area

*St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts..*

*God will take care of you.*

**National Vocations Awareness Week** – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

**Please Note:** The next meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee will need to be a combined meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday August 5th in the Church foyer. Thank you,

*Archpriest Michael*

**The local St. Vincent DePaul Group** are always looking for new volunteers to assist in work in the Parish area. If you are interested in joining the St. Vinnies team, please contact Brian Dalton on 0429 272 248

**Our next Children's Liturgy Session** is this **Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 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.

**Welcome to  
Children's Liturgy**



## Liturgy Roster – 10 August, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Anthony Adewale	Natasha Misquitta
8.30am	Margaret Nicoli	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Julian Yacono	Ray Pisani
Linen Roster August	Counting this week: Team 5 – 03.08.2025	Counting next week: Team 1 - 10.08.2025
Mary Dimech	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio	Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty

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

Please come join our 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Australian Catholics Spring Edition** is available from the Narthex, please take your free copy.

Items of interest are: Rainbows in hard times; Our apathy is chronic, our God is iconic; Diving in the Deep End; A Christian version of hope.

**Reflections & Retreats at St. Joseph by the Sea** - 16 Esplanade, Williamstown.

*The Ripple Effect Reflection Day* – Friday 15 August;  
*God, I Want You to Be, Retreat*, 7 days, commencing Sunday 17 August;

*Ecological Spiritual Awakening Journey Reflection Day*, Thursday 28 August.

*Directed Retreat*, 7 Days, commencing Monday 14 September;

*Treasuring our Later Years Reflection Day*, Tuesday 23 September;

*Ecological Spiritual Awakening Journey Reflection Day*, Thursday 25 September.

Please see posters on Narthex Notice Board for full details.

## Recently Deceased:

Fortunato Trifilo

## Anniversaries & Remembrances:

John Sultana; Laurie Sammut; John Bacon

## Prayers for the Sick:

Genna Angelowitch; Maura McCabe

**Mary MacKillop Today** – 2025 Auction & Fundraiser. Raising funds for life – changing small projects within Australia. Join us Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:Jan.Wadley@gmail.com) 9861 9500.

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.

*"Then he said to the crowd, 'Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.'" Luke 12:15*

*In the realm of faith, material possessions are a false security. They often lead to a path that ends up placing money as our first priority, while God, family, and church fall somewhere behind. The only real security in life is to place our trust in God.*



Lk 12:20

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?





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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</b>	
<b>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

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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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