

**Sunday  
13 March 2022**

**Second Sunday of  
Lent  
Year C**



**Readings: Sunday, 13 March, 2022**

**First Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

**Second Reading:** Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

**Gospel Reading** Luke 9:28-36

**Readings: Sunday, 20 March, 2022**

**First Reading:** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

**Gospel Reading** Luke 13:1-9

**Parish website:**

[www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://www.altonacatholic.org.au)

Please note that everything in this bulletin is subject to change.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no Vaccination Requirements and the wearing of masks and QR code check in is no longer required. Workers at Places of Worship (staff & volunteers) must still be fully vaccinated.

**A Request from the Altona/Laverton Council of Churches Regarding The Good Friday Walk of Witness on Friday, 15th of April, 2022:** Is there someone in our Church community who is able to pick up the Cross from Mary Help of Christians Church after the Holy Thursday Mass on the 14th of April and take it to The Walk of Witness at Cherry Lake about 10.30 a.m. on Good Friday morning; and after the Walk of Witness take the Cross back to Mary Help of Christians Church before the Good Friday Mass in the afternoon?

If you are able to help please contact Father Michael on 9398 2964 or Shirley Reynolds (Secretary, Altona/Laverton Council of Churches) on 9398 4042 or email: [shirleyreynolds01@bigpond.com](mailto:shirleyreynolds01@bigpond.com)

**'Lenten Reflections' (via Zoom), Thursday evenings, 7.30-8.30 p.m. from 3/3/22 to 7/4/22.** Join us on a Thursday evening during Lent for some reflective time. Each week there will be guided meditation, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for group sharing. **Come to one or all.** Cost: Donation. Book via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or phone 9890 1101.

**Thanksgiving Envelopes** for the next quarter are available for collection from the Narthex this weekend. Please take some time to collect yours and perhaps collect and deliver to your neighbours or anyone you know who may not be attending Mass during Covid. We greatly appreciate your help in this regard. Lucy and Grace.

**Ukraine Crisis Appeal** - In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground - [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news)

**Sacraments for Children not attending St Mary's School:** Altona Catholic families who have children attending schools other than St Mary's are invited to attend a meeting in the Church foyer at 7pm on Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Information Meeting about the future of the Presbytery, the Sargood Street Convent and the Parish Office:** Parishioners of St. Mary's Church are invited to attend a meeting in the Church foyer at 7pm on Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Mary Help of Christians, Altona Pastoral Council**

**Do you have a desire to be of service to our parish community?**

**Are you interested in the welfare of all parishioners?**

**Are you an active member of our Parish?  
Are you willing to help our parish to grow?**

**Come and join our Pastoral Council.**

**We are looking for enthusiastic parishioners who are keen to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in the world. If you, or someone you know, are interested in the Pastoral Council, please contact the Parish Office on 9398 2964 or email:**

[altona@cam.org.au](mailto:altona@cam.org.au)

## Liturgy Roster - 20 March 2022

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	C. Torre Franca	Volunteer
8.30 am	Volunteer	T. MacGibbon
10.30 am	J. Quaizon	R. Pisani
	Counting this week Team 5: 13.3.22	Counting next week Team 6: 20.3.22
	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono	Joe Gerada Emmanuel Mifsud Leticia Mauricio

**A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:** *Aid to the Church in Need* has launched a national emergency appeal for Ukraine. ACN is committed to strengthening and supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine, as we have done for the past 70 years. The immediate emergency help will support the work of the Church in Ukraine by assisting priests, brothers, and religious sisters to continue their pastoral and outreach programs. We will continue to stand by our brothers and sisters in faith as they undergo trying times and seek to bring peace to a country that is surrounded by turmoil and unrest. Can you provide aid to the Catholic people in Ukraine? They need your help! Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine)

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (Genesis 15:7)*

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



## Recently Deceased:

Father Kevin Mogg; Stephen Tuckett

## Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Robert Cuthbert; Mary Micallef;  
Sammur family

**Latest update from the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding Covid-19 Restrictions (Update #56 - 24 February, 2022)** can be viewed on our parish website [www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://www.altonacatholic.org.au) under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

## DO YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday, 2nd of April 2022, 10-11.45 a.m.** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information, a new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

**Watch:** Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

**Read More:** [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

**Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

**'Windows Onto God', Saturday 26/3/22, 10am-3pm (in-person event).** In this reflection day, we invite you to explore the windows of incarnation, darkness, abundance and self-acceptance. Incarnation, seen in the broad sense of God being in the world, takes in the joy of being alive. With this joy, there is the experience of darkness, which is also part of our human reality. Abundance picks up the theme of incarnation. It reminds us that God is lavish with his gifts and wants us to enjoy them. Self-acceptance is linked to these themes since it means accepting both the darkness and the light in ourselves. This day will be interactive and will allow time for reflection and sharing. Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or phone 9890 1101.



## 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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