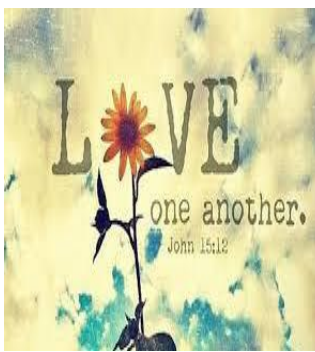


**Sunday
12 May 2024**

**Ascension
of the Lord**

Year B



Readings: Sunday 12 May, 2024

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Readings: Sunday 19 May, 2024

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20

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

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria.

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Thank you from Joseph's Corner! The amount collected on the weekend of 20/21 April was \$544.45.

Please Note the dates and times for the following upcoming Committee meetings:

May 21 Child Safe Guarding Unit 7.15pm

May 28 Parish Finance 7.30pm

Prayer Service at Port Phillip Village: Port Phillip Retirement Village in Altona has an ecumenical Prayer Service on the second Tuesday of each month at 2p.m. The next Prayer Service will be held on the **14 May, 2024**. Friends and family are welcome. Pamphlets available in the Narthex Free Rack.

Mass Count - A Mass Count will take place in the church during the four weeks of May. 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.

Temporary Mass Time Changes in May - While I am away (May 13 to 23), Fr. Deo will kindly look after some of the parish Masses. However, because he is a Uni Student he is only available at the following times:

Tue 14 – Fri 17 (inclusive) daily Mass at 5pm.

Sat 18 & Sun 19 – as usual.

Tue 21-Thurs 23 (inclusive) daily Mass at 5pm.

Archpriest Michael



A Mothers' Day Prayer...

Loving God, we pray:

*for new mothers, coming to terms with new
responsibility*

*for expectant mothers, wondering and
waiting;*

*for those who are tired, stressed or
depressed;*

*for those who struggle to balance the tasks
of work and family;*

*for those who are unable to feed their
children due to poverty;*

*for those whose children have physical,
mental or emotional disabilities;*

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

*for those who care for the children of
others;*

*for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother
has not been fulfilled.*

*Bless all mothers, that their love may be
deep and tender,*

*and that they may lead their children to
know and do what is good, living not for
themselves alone, but for God and for
others.*

Amen.



Liturgy Roster - 18 & 19 May 2024

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Francis Arquesa	Natasha Misquitta
8.30am	Asimita Banda	Carmen Inguanez
10.30am	Ray Pisani	Shirley Reynolds
Linen Prep May	Counting this week Team 2 : 12.05.2024	Counting next week Team 3: 18.05.2024
Thu Nguyen	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat Emmanuel Mifsud	Joe Gerda Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond

At heart of the solution

Dr Ed Simons



In a world marked by a growing sense of disharmony and division, it's no secret that many young people are grappling with feelings of unhappiness and uncertainty about the future.

The latest World Happiness Report 2024 confirms this, revealing young people in Australia are "the least happy age group" compared to older generations, despite being among the happiest in 2010.

I have witnessed first-hand the challenges and pressures our young people face today.

Front of mind are the impacts of social media, cyber bullying, disrupted families and dealing with the aftermath of a global pandemic.

Our schools play a critical role in reversing this trend and at the heart of it is our teachers.

One of the fundamental aspects of Catholic school life is the creation of a supportive and inclusive environment underpinned by the virtues of faith, hope and love.

Faith, in this context, encompasses trust, conviction and purpose. Hope drives ambition and resilience while love is essential for unity and empathy.

In a divided world these are not idealistic notions, but practical imperatives.

Celebrating teachers is not just about appreciating their hard work and dedication, but acknowledging the profound impact they have on shaping the lives of our young people.

When teachers feel valued and recognised it reinforces their sense of purpose and dedication to their profession.

It is our responsibility to give them the support they need to continue making invaluable contributions to society.

Dr Edward Simons is the executive director of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools, a former teacher and principal

Recently Deceased:

Bruce Fitzgerald;

Charles Simpson; Eileen Nichols; Anna Nespor

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

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Tony Smith; Giuseppina Meilak; Nina Abela;

Moira & Mary Drury; Shirley Cuthebert;

Catherine Galvin; Ivy Cuthbert; Mary Bransdon;

Jean O'Brien; Maria & Nina Pisani; Rita Caruana;

Censina Gasan; Maria Vinh; Maria Xuyen;

Charlie Azzopardi

Prayers for the Sick

Emma Kirk;

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Applications for Year 7 in 2026 are now open. [Apply online via the College website](#). The closing date for applications is **Friday 16 August 2024**. There is no application closing date for years 8-12. Vacancies are based on availability and waiting lists may apply. For all enquiries, please contact:

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	(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

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First Collection: (Loose cash) For the support of the Archbishop, sick and retired priests and our Parish Priest.

Second Collection: (Stewardship Collection envelopes, cheques, credit cards and direct debits) for the management, upkeep and running of our Parish.


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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