

**Sunday
12 March, 2023**

**Third Sunday of
Lent**

Year A



Readings: Sunday, 12 March, 2023

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Readings: Sunday, 19 March, 2023

First Reading: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Parish website:
www.altonacatholic.org.au

Free to a good home! Bricks; sleepers; concrete garden edging segments; garden benches; plant cuttings etc. Our 'vacate date' for the presbytery site is the 25th of August. So please see Fr Michael if you are interested.

Prayer Service at Port Phillip Village: Port Phillip Retirement Village has an ecumenical Prayer Service on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. The next Prayer Service is on the **14th of March, 2023**. Friends and family are welcome.

An **Information Night** for parents of children who live in Altona wishing to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Grade 3), First Eucharist (Grade 4) & Confirmation (Grade 6)**, who attend schools other than St. Mary's School in Altona, will take place on **Tuesday 14th of March, 2023 at 7.30 p.m.** in the Church Narthex. Please contact the Parish Office on 9398 2964 or email altona@cam.org.au with your contact details as soon as possible if you wish your child to receive these sacraments in 2023.

Please note the Children's Liturgy Group Meeting on Tuesday, 21st of March, 2023 has had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. We will notify you of the new date in due course.

Feast of the Annunciation - Archbishop Comensoli has requested communal prayers on that day: Saturday, 25th of March. As usual our morning Mass will be at 9.15 a.m.: so we will pray the Rosary at 8.50 a.m., before Mass, and then pray the Rosary again after Mass. All welcome.
Archpriest Michael

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." (John 4:13)

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

Mercy Witness Night - 24TH March 2023, 7pm to 8pm Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Altona. Special Guest: John Canavan. For 30 years John Canavan has been a prominent speaker on the message of Divine Mercy. John's powerful and humorous testimony on how Divine Mercy changed his life from being a professional R-rated comedian and his conversion back to the Catholic faith has been an inspiration to many. All welcome to attend.

Timetable for Lenten Prayers and Devotions

Wednesday, 15th of March at 7 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

Friday, 24th of March at 7 p.m.: Divine Mercy presentation by John Canavan

Wednesday, 29th of March at 7 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

Council of Churches - Lent Study Series

The Passion & Resurrection of Jesus in the Four Gospels & St Paul:

Commencing on February 28th for five weeks:

Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. at St Eanswythe's & St Clement's Anglican Churches, via Zoom

Thursdays at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Uniting Church, in person

Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Salvation Army, Altona, in person

Fridays at 1 p.m. at Mary Help of Christians, Altona, in person

Teaching by the Reverend Professor Dorothy Lee.

If you would like to attend the gathering on Zoom on Tuesday nights, please email kathrynbellhouse@gmail.com. Each Monday you will be emailed a Zoom link for the following evening.

Liturgy Roster – 18 & 19 March, 2023

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Anthony Adewale	Olive Chodowski
8.30 am	Asimita Banda	Carmen Inguanez
10.30 am	Ray Pisani	Brian Misquitta
Linen Prep. (March)	Counting this week Team 1: 12.3.23	Counting next week Team 2: 19.3.23
Mary Dimech	Bruce Fitzgerald Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat Emmanuel Mifsud

St John of God Building Proposal – 97 Railway Street North (the current Church Residence)

The contract between St John of God and the RCTC (Roman Catholic Trust Corporation) was signed by Archbishop Comensoli on the 23rd of December, 2022. This 60 year ground lease will allow St John of God to build accommodation for six residents living with a disability plus a full time carer. This is a fantastic outcome for our Church community and I thank all who were part of the discussions, consultations and meetings.
Archpriest Michael

Caritas Australia Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster: A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. **We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.** Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now. There is also a QR Code available on the noticeboards in the Narthex.

King of the Universe – “Come and Experience” the Embrace of Jesus Christ: Mgr. Benedict Camilleri, Rev. Tadeusz Rostworowski & The Marian Community of Our Lady Ta’ Pinu Shrine wish to invite you and your family to join them for **Holy Mass, Blessing and Inauguration of The Monument of Peace on Saturday, 25th of March, 2023 from 1.30 p.m.** Contact: Josette – 0412 360 231 or Rita – 0401 534 838. For more information please see the noticeboards in the Narthex.

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Charlie Azzopardi; Peter Farrugia;
Emanuel & Rosina Farrugia;
Bertu & Marianne Pace;
Mansuella Sultana; Lenni Sultana

The Annual Melbourne Passion Play re-enacts the journey of Jesus Christ’s life; the triumphs, the trials, the devotion and the betrayal. The Play is in its 24th year and will be performed at the Holy Cross Centre, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe, where the natural surroundings form part of the theatrical scenery as the audience moves in Christ’s footsteps. This year, the Play’s management is offering **free bus transport to and from the Play for the Palm Sunday performance only.** To secure your **free bus trip**, you must register your name during the next few weeks. A \$10 refundable deposit is required with your registration. Contact the Queen of Peace Parish Office on 9369 6877. Be quick as there is a limit on the number of passengers. Please take a post card from the Narthex.

Prayer for Life – Saturday 25 March 2023 Feast of the Annunciation. Mass in Reparation for Abortion - 9am at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Celebrant: Fr. Joseph Amal. Followed by a Rosary Procession to the edge of the 150m zone from the abortion centre in Wellington Pd. East Melbourne to pray and witness. All Welcome. See poster in Church Narthex for further details.

, **“Works that made the West: The Letters of St Paul” – Wednesday, 29th of March at 6 p.m. at the Athanaeum Club, Melbourne CBD** is a free public lecture. For a free ticket to the evening or for more information visit: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/>


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Entreat God to make us all that we should be.
- St. Mary MacKillop


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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