

**Sunday
16th August 2020
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year A**

Readings: Sunday 16 August 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Second Reading: Romans 11:13-16, 29-32
Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

Readings: Sunday 23 August 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Second Reading: Romans 11: 33-36
Gospel Reading: Matthew 16: 13-20



Please note: Our new parish website is www.altonacatholic.org.au

Parish Finances during the Coronavirus Pandemic:

While many of us are unable to gather for Mass, and prayers, you are invited to consider ways of supporting your local Church. We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone. **If you are able to continue supporting financially please see options to do so below...**

Option # 1 – CDF Electronic Transfer

1. Using the internet type in, copy & paste or click on this link
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2. Click on Give one time to choose either a one-time contribution or set up a recurring offering.
3. Click on other to decide the amount you would like to contribute
4. Under Additional Questions click on Presbytery to choose where you want your offering to go, either Presbytery or Parish.
5. Complete contact information
6. Complete Payment information
7. Finally click on give (green box with the amount you want to give in the center of the box.
8. If you have a Thanksgiving Envelope Number, please insert it under the heading 'Notes'.
9. Follow the last few steps.

Option # 2 - Direct debit

If you would like to set up a direct debit from your bank account please call on 9398 2964 and the office will arrange for a form to be sent to you.

Option # 3 - Bank Transfer

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Church Account BSB 083 347 a/c 644 449 954.

Reference – Your Thanksgiving Envelope Number if you have one or your full name.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

The Parish Finance Team

If you wish to collect your next set of Thanksgiving Envelopes which commenced on the 2nd August, please phone the parish office to make arrangements to pick them up. Please have your Envelope Number handy.

Recently Deceased: Fr Michael Wheeler PE
Anniversaries: Paul, Nina & Fredy Inguanez;
Polycarpio, MarieAnna & Peter Bonnici

Bulletin Deliveries: The delivery of paper bulletins has ceased for the time being. Thank you to all those who have assisted with this important service, but the new restrictions prevent us from continuing at this time. However, the bulletin will still be sent as an email attachment through the school and the parish email address lists; it is also available on the parish website.

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On the 15th August we would like to start a Rosary Novena for an end to the covid-19 pandemic and for world peace. Please pick one decade of The Rosary and undertake to say that same decade every day for nine days for Peace in the World and an end to the Covid19 Pandemic. For every 15 people who do this, a whole Rosary is therefore offered every day. The Rosary is our most powerful prayer weapon and a powerful intercessory prayer. The Rosary has stopped armies so let's get together, work together and pray this Rosary Novena together.
Let's be a small part of the solution.

ROSARY NOVENA PRAYER

Most Loving Mother Mary,

Be with your children now as we pray this novena of Your Holy Rosary

We ask that you please implore your Son Jesus to stretch out his healing hands over our world and put an end to the covid19 pandemic

Jesus said to His Apostles "My peace I give you", please ask Him to give that peace now into the hearts of world leaders that they may see their way to solve problems with wisdom, through negotiation, discussion, empathy, caring, sharing and love instead of violence and killing.

Ask him to let His Peace flow into the hearts of those: -

- ❖ Who think violence is the answer to all their wants!
- ❖ Who do not protect and cherish children!
- ❖ Who teach children to kill and that killing is lawful!
- ❖ Who are so concerned with getting worldly goods that they abuse their authority!
- ❖ Who are do concerned with making money that they forget integrity!
- ❖ Who out of their own hurt, seek to hurt others!
- ❖ Who seek escape from hurt and confusion in drugs and alcohol!
- ❖ Who think that being involved in the drug trade is acceptable!
- ❖ Who have no respect for human life!
- ❖ Who think their own ideas so right that they have the right to force that view on others by any means!
- ❖ Who think they have some right to take or destroy the possessions of others!
- ❖ Who think The Commandments are some old fashioned idea that no longer applies to them! Please ask The Holy Spirit to shower on the world
- ❖ Knowledge of God's Infinite Love
- ❖ Understanding of His Forgiveness
- ❖ Wisdom to find and do only what is right and justice
- ❖ Council to find solutions to problems rather than waste time just apportioning blame
- ❖ Fortitude to accept life's problems and pains and ask the help of Jesus and Mary instead of becoming angry and discouraged.

Let us have a world where

- ❖ Peace, Justice, Integrity, Love and Wisdom reign!
- ❖ People truly care about each other !
- ❖ God is truly King!



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