

**Sunday
20 March 2022**

**Third Sunday of Lent
Year C**



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

Readings: Sunday, 27 March, 2022

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Parish website:

www.altonacatholic.org.au

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

Stations of the Cross will take place in the Church at 7 p.m. on Friday, the 1st of April and Friday, the 8th of April.

Can You Help Us Celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week/Easter? If so, please place your name & phone number next to the ministry you are able to assist with on the Roster in the Narthex. This will allow us to prepare a roster which involves as many people as possible. We need to know who will be available for each ministry by **Sunday, the 3rd of April**. **There are many spots that need filling on the Roster so please add your name if you can help.**

Would you like to learn to Operate the Overhead Projector at any of the weekend Masses? If you are interested in helping there will be a meeting in the Church at **7.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 31st of March** to learn how to operate the overhead projector. Please call the Parish Office on 9398 2964 for more information or if you have any queries.

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 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

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 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the 22nd of March.

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 7 p.m. on Thursday, the 24th of March.

*"...He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'
(Luke 13:7)*

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts, and return them with increase. Remember, we are called to be generous with all of our gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

Liturgy Roster - 27 March 2022

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	R. Barbara	J. Fava
8.30 am	V. Camilleri	M. Nicholls
10.30 am	A. Watson	B. Dalton
	Counting this week Team 6: 20.3.22	Counting next week Team 1: 27.3.22
	Joe Gerada Emmanuel Mifsud Leticia Mauricio	Bruce Fitzgerald Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty

Come and join us for
morning tea next Thursday
March 24 at Pier 71
around 10am to celebrate
Fr. Michael's birthday.



THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR ST POPE JOHN PAUL II: You are invited to join in and concelebrate this special event with His Most Rev. Bishop Martin Ashe on **Saturday, 30th of April 2022 with Holy Mass at 2 p.m.** followed by The Unveiling and Blessing of the Monument by His Most Rev. Bishop Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne (Western Regions).

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

Recently Deceased:

Mary Berry (Malta)

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Father Brendan Torr; Father James Nooney;
Cecilia Bray; Jessie Grima; Frank Rocco;
Antonio & Antonia Rocco;
Wendy & Mel Baldwin
Peter Farrugia; Emanuel & Rosina Farrugia;
Bertu & Marianne Pace

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 under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

Flood Appeal - Society of St Vincent De Paul

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au - [Flood appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works \(vinnies.org.au\)](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or by calling: Queensland: (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales: (02) 9568 0262.

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



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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