Sunday 21 November 2021

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B



Parish website: www.altonacatholic.org.au

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

PLEASE NOTE:

You no longer have to ring to book in to attend Mass. Please always show proof of your double vaccination; then sit behind the red tags and wear a mask inside the Church. The doors will be locked once Mass begins. Thank you for your patience and kind Fr Michael assistance.

First Reading

Daniel 7:13-14

The kings that Israel knew came and went. Daniel envisions a new king that will be of a different kind, one whose reign will never end and whose subjects will include people of the whole world.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:5-8

Christ's authority is complete. No time or place is beyond his presence. This eternal Christ has established a kingdom not by might and power, but by his blood.

Gospel Reading

John 18:33b-37

The interaction between Jesus and Pilate reveals Christ as King, but a king not from this world. We are invited to encounter the King by listening to his voice as it reveals truth into our lives.

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.

Readings: Sunday, 21 November 2021 First Reading: Second Reading: **Gospel Reading:**

Daniel 7:13–14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37

Readings: Sunday, 28 November 2021 First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Second Reading:1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At this time, Mass for the un-vaccinated is available at St. Leo's and Queen of Peace churches. Please contact those parishes for further details. Fr Michael

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 you can do so by Bank Transfer to St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Church Account: BSB: 083347

Account: 644 449 954

Reference: Your Thanksgiving Envelope Number (if you have one) or your full name.

If you would like to support Fr. Michael directly, these are the bank details:

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish House Account: BSB: 083347 Account: 644 390 868

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world'." (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the

greater glory of God.

Liturgy Roster - 28 November 2021		
	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	C. Torrefranca	M. Dyt
8.30am	A. Banda	J. Gerada
10.30am	J. Quaizon	T. Aitken
	Counting this week Team 6: 21.11.21	Counting next week Team 1: 28.11.21
	Joe Gerada Emmanuel Mifsud Leticia Mauricio Mary Marip	Bruce Fitzgerald Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: As November is the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerinas. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. То arrange vour Masses visit: www.aidtochurch.org/Masses

'Advent Anticipation' (in-person reflection event), Saturday, 27th of November 2021, 10 a.m. - 3.30 **p.m.** We invite you to join us for a day of prayer, offering time to make space for anticipation and hope. This is an opportunity to pay attention to yourself in the midst of many demands. Led by Gail Crisp and Cathy Beaton. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. \$60. Book and Cost pay via website: www.heartoflife.melbourne or email: info@heartoflife.melbourne or ph: 9890 1101.



Recently Deceased: Salvatore (Sam) Romita; Anthony Galea; Felix Ocoma Anniversaries: Rita Azzopardi; Mary Grima

Latest update from the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding Covid-19 Restrictions (Update #53 - 18 November) can be viewed on our parish website <u>www.altonacatholic.org.au</u> under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

'Advent with Mary MacKillop': The Education Team at MMHC will be delivering an online Advent reflection program consisting of 4 onehour sessions that will be held on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. on the 24th of November and the 1st, 8th and 15th of December. The sessions will be based on the Advent readings and will be combined with reflections on St Mary of the Cross. Each session will incorporate aspects of the program *Blessed*. To register click here. Access to sessions will be via a Teams link provided by MMHC after registering, where participants would be able to join using a computer, tablet or smart phone. It would be much appreciated if you would consider donating \$7.50 per session or \$25 for the 4 sessions.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: ACN continues to highlight the persecution of Christians through Red Wednesday which will take place on Wednesday, 24th of November. On this day Cathedrals throughout Australia and the world will hold Masses and prayer vigils and be lit in red to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith. To learn more and get involved visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday

In dioceses around the world, a period of local consultation has begun as part of a twoyear process culminating in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. The Church in Melbourne joins the rest of the world in embarking on an intentional process of mutual listening that will span two years and engage people in a journey of communion, participation and mission. Please join in the diocesan consultation sessions being held in the coming week:

DISCERNMENT FOCUS - MISSION:

Tuesday, 23rd of November, 2 – 3.30 p.m. and Thursday, 25th of November, 7.30 – 9 p.m. (repeated sessions). Sessions will be hosted online (via zoom) and registration is essential: <u>https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXX</u>

Visit the <u>Melbourne Catholic Website</u> to learn more or provide an individual submission.

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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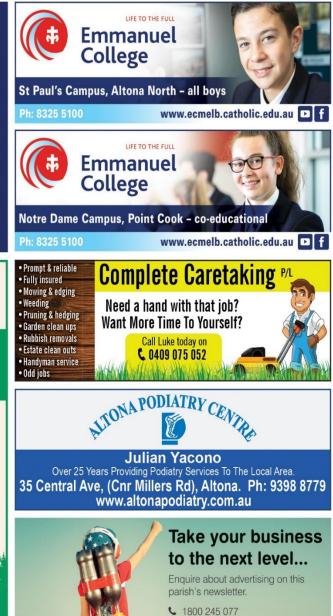
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