

**Sunday
19 March, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of
Lent**

Year A



Readings: Sunday, 19 March, 2023

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Readings: Sunday, 26 March, 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

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.

Mercy Witness Night - Friday, 24th of March 2023, 7-8 p.m. at 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.

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*

Prayer for Life - Saturday, 25th of March 2023, Feast of the Annunciation. Mass in Reparation for Abortion at 9 a.m. 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 Parade., East Melbourne to pray and witness. All Welcome. See poster in Church Narthex for further details.

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.

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, 26th of March.** There are many spots that need filling on the roster so please add your name if you can help. Thank you!

Timetable for Lenten Prayers and Devotions

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 – 25 & 26 March, 2023

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Anthony Adewale	Volunteer
8.30 am	Cath Cuthbert	Mark Nicholls
10.30 am	Margaret Masseni	Ray Pisani
Linen Prep. (March)	Counting this week Team 2: 19.3.23	Counting next week Team 3: 26.3.23
Mary Dimech	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat Emmanuel Mifsud	Joe Gerada Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond

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

Ship Visitors Wanted – Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre in Melbourne needs more volunteer ship visitors to provide a vital service to Seafarers in need. You will go on board vessels and approach Seafarers as friends, listening to their concerns and, where possible, offering practical help. For example, providing phone cards, organising transport, emergency medicine or vaccines and arranging for Mass or Liturgy on board. Please email: leeanne.diano@stellamaris.org.au for more information.

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

Recently Deceased:

Pat La Manna

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Fr. James Nooney (1st Parish Priest, Altona);
Rosa Merola; Salvina Cachia;
Nazzareno Bartolo;
Henry & Angeles Rigonan; Chris Olszewski;
Teodorico Pido; Sofie Grzonek; Jessie Grima;
Dora Grima; Angelo Grima; Louise Bonnici;
Charles Bonnici; Maryanne Bordieri;
Michael Bordieri; Cecilia Bray

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.

This year, the Play's management is offering **free bus transport to and from the Play for the Palm Sunday performance only (2nd of April at 1.30 p.m.)**. The bus will leave from Mary Help of Christians Presbytery (97 Railway St. Nth) at 11.45 a.m. sharp and will make its way to Queen of Peace, Altona Meadows and then continue on to Templestowe.

To secure your free bus trip, you must register your name during the next few weeks. **Please contact the Queen of Peace Parish Office on 9369 6877 to register.** A \$10 deposit per person is required with your registration. This will be refunded to you when boarding the bus.

If you wish to catch the bus from Altona, please place your money in an envelope, marked 'Passion Play' with your full name, phone number and the number of people attending and place your envelope in the presbytery letterbox which is located on the left-hand side of the front security door.

Be quick as there is a limit on the number of passengers. For more information please take a post card from the Narthex.


It is not those who can pay us well that we should first seek, but rather the poor and neglected where we can find the means of supporting them.

- 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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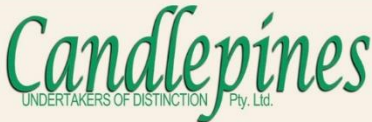
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