

Sunday
1st November 2020
Solemnity of all Saints
in Ordinary Time
Year A

Readings: Sunday 1 November 2020

First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

Readings: Sunday 8 November 2020

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:12-18

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-3



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

Important Notice:

We have now re-instated our daily Mass timetable with a maximum of **ten (10)** people at any ceremony. Please use the parish mobile **(0434 088 900)** to book by 4pm the previous day.

Finding Christ in a COVID Christmas - being offered by the *Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal*.

Beginning on Thursday 20th October 2020 and offered over four weeks, these Advent formation sessions are looking to bring the season to life in their local communities in this time of uncertainty with COVID restrictions. **In the first two weeks**, guest speaker Ria Greene will offer an overview of the Gospel of Mark (Year B of the liturgical cycle) and the Advent readings. **In the third week**, musician and liturgist Fiona Dyball will explore developing a suitable seasonal repertoire as we begin to celebrate a new liturgical year, then **in the final session** the *Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal* will explore the practical implications for parish services in the current Covid-19 climate. These sessions will all be held virtually via zoom. Further details of the speakers, session times and registration can be obtained on our website www.altonacatholic.org.au (please note there is no charge to attend but prior registration is essential).

Columban Calendars 2021 - \$8.50 each.
Available by ringing Eileen McNamara on 9398 2944.



All Saints Day - Sunday 1st November
All Souls Day Mass on Monday 2nd
November will be at 9.15am

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 go to our new website www.altonacatholic.org.au and use one of the three options available ie CDF Electronic Transfer; Direct Debit or Bank Transfer.** Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

The Parish Finance Team

Thanksgiving Envelopes: If you wish to collect your Thanksgiving Envelopes dated *2nd August, to 29th November, 2020*, please phone the parish office to make arrangements to pick them up. Please have your Envelope Number handy.

NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
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METRO MELBOURNE:

As of 11.59pm, Tuesday 27 October

Faith communities:

Outdoor religious ceremonies permitted up to 20 people, in addition to those required for the service.

Indoor religious ceremonies can be held with up to 10. There has been no indication that the faith leader is additional here and we need to get confirmation on this. (Note: Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is an either or, or alternating, for example).

Weddings permitted up to ten people outdoors.

Funerals permitted up to 20 mourners. This limit doesn't include babies under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral.

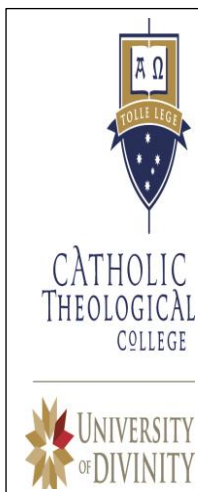
Full details can be viewed on our parish website www.altonacatholic.org.au under the heading 'documents'.

Proclaim: The Ready, Set, Pray! Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home video series has been created to provide an engaging space for families to encounter Jesus through the Sunday gospel.

Each week includes an invitation for families to create and gather in their own prayer space, to sing, hear the Gospel, pray and respond creatively through an activity. This weekly resource follows the familiar Children's Liturgy of the Word format provided in many parishes – but moved to an online setting. It can be used by families in their homes, and also by teachers and catechists. The series consists of 10 weekly sessions of 15-20 minutes duration, commencing from Sunday 18th October and continuing each Sunday until Christmas. We hope this experience of gathering for prayer will encourage families in this time when they cannot gather for parish celebrations of Eucharist. It is produced by Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

<https://bit.ly/ReadySetPray> **Ready, Set, Pray!**
Children's Liturgy of the Word @ Home

The **eSafety Commissioner** has recently published a free e-book resource '**Online safety for grandparents and carers**' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>



Catholic Theological College, 2020 Knox Public Lecture. Thursday 5th November at 7.00pm. Sheree Limbrick. Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for cultural change. Bookings and Info: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture. Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Phone 9412 3333

Anniversaries:

Marie Anne Bonnici, Marie Murphy,
Leslie Bransdon,

Prayers for:

Jean O'Brien

'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), Cert. Spiritual Direction), this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise. Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916> For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

Word on Fire are offering a free screening of their acclaimed **Catholicism Series** - 10 wonderful videos, over 500 minutes of content, to celebrate its 10 year anniversary. This is great opportunity for parishes to celebrate their Catholic Faith. Just follow this link: https://catholicismseries.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3Or0H9ADhDKVTPnBRmWHJDamczLn85N6W1VmQmczdol_qRG8fMsEKkKA

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.




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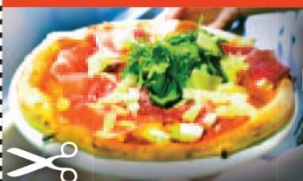
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