

**Sunday  
10 October 2021**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
Year B**



**Readings: Sunday, 10 October 2021**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:17-30

**Readings: Sunday, 17 October 2021**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 53:10-11

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:35-45

**Parish website:**

[www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://www.altonacatholic.org.au)

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

**First Reading**

**Wisdom 7:7-11**

This reading is a meditation on the value of God's wisdom: more to be esteemed than earthly power; more valuable than all of the world's riches, loved more than physical health or beauty.

**Second Reading**

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

Today's reading has the striking image of God's word as a double-edged sword: probing more deeply into our souls than anything else. Can we open ourselves to let the word of God enter our hearts and minds?

**Gospel Reading**

**Mark 10:17-30**

Today's gospel reading is an urgent reminder that our pathway to the Kingdom of Heaven is much easier for us if we are whole-heartedly free from anything and everything which might get in the way of our response, be that riches, be that family, be that power or prestige.

**PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER**

Come Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all our people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord bread for our journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, Pray for Us.

St. Mary MacKillop, Pray for us.

**Please note: Due to the latest Government Restrictions, there will be NO MASSES until further notice.**

*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***

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***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:***

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***Thank you for your understanding and consideration.***

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."  
(Mark 10:25)*

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

## Lockdown Light - Week Six:

*A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...*

To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop the kettle on and check out the recommendations below.

### Podcasts for Christian Living: The Irreplaceable Role of parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role - to protect and provide - we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a)

### Getting to Know Your Bible: Understanding Mary in the Bible

*Getting Started:* Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6)

*Going Deeper:* How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant - the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6)

**Please click this link for the latest edition of *Along the Track* – [Joseph 2: With a Father's Heart](#)**

**For previous editions of *Along the Track* please – [Click here](#)**

### A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:

*That Catholic Shop* is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com).

### Recently Deceased:

Sr Mary Preston rsj; Sr Margaret Daly rsj; Robin Milligen; Fr Noel Oliver (former Parish Priest, Williamstown)

### Anniversaries:

Paula & John Sultana; Anthony & Domenica Dimech; Dean Hudson; Olga Micallef; Ersilia Sammut

### Prayers Offered For:

Charles Fava


### Prayers Offered For The Sick:

Laurie Sammut


**Latest update from the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding Covid-19 Restrictions (Update #47 – 10 Sept)** can be viewed on our parish website [www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://www.altonacatholic.org.au) under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

### A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: One Million Children Praying the Rosary:

ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)



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*"The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served.  
Love is the true miracle, and to the one who loves come both wonder and joy."*  
Hugh Black



## 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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