

**Sunday
14 May, 2023**

**Sixth Sunday of
Easter**

Year A



Readings: Sunday, 14 May, 2023

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

Readings: Sunday, 21 May, 2023

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Parish website:
www.altonacatholic.org.au

The next Parish Morning Tea will take place after Mass on Friday, 19th of May at Velvet Bean Coffee Shop in Pier Street (opposite IGA). All welcome!



Members of the Parish Professional Standards Unit (Child Safety Standards) Committee meet on a regular basis to discuss and ensure that our Parish is compliant with the Child Safety standards required by the Australian Government and the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Our last meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd of May, 2023. Our Child Safety Officer and Coordinator is Mr Gavin Deller. Gavin's contact details can be found on the front cover of our weekly bulletin. If you are interested in becoming a member of this team, please contact the Parish Office on 9398 2964.

Position Vacant: The Catholic Parish of Williamstown is looking for a part time secretary to work 21 hours per week. Please contact Fr Greg Trythall for further information. Telephone: 9397 6066 or mobile: 0400 524 363.

Due to its success in 2022, it's back due to popular demand!

**SANTACRUZAN
at
FLORES DE MAYO
2023**

**Historical-Religious Parade, Concert,
Market & Foods
Sunday, 21st of May, 2023
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Seaworks Maritime Precinct
82 Nelson Place, Williamstown**

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our Parish!

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Mass Count: A Mass Count will take place in the church during the four weeks of May. The annual Mass Count helps to maintain an up to date picture of Mass attendance and is important for pastoral planning activities in the Archdiocese and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

*"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."
(1 Peter 3:17)*

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes and we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing - adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Liturgy Roster - 20 & 21 May, 2023

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Francis Arquesa	Olive Chodowski
8.30 am	Margaret Nicoli	Mark Nicholls
10.30 am	Josie Quiazon	Ray Pisani
Linen Prep. (May)	Counting this week Team 5: 14.5.23	Counting next week Team 1: 21.5.23
Thu Nguyen	Joe Gerada Emmanuel Mifsud Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes	Bruce Fitzgerald Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty

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, 3rd of June 2023 from 10:00 - 11.45 a.m. at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.** For more information a Vocations Website for the Archdiocese is now available. The links below are a source of additional information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO> and Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage: <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/wh-at-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

Read More: Brochure: <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate, Phone: 9412 3357 / Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

Keep young as long as you can.

- St. Mary MacKillop

Recently Deceased:

Maurice Noonan; Giordano Pellizzari

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Teresa Cutajar; Vicky Cutajar; Josip Mlinac; Laurie & Richard Sammut; Carmen Falzon; Brenton Staggart; Charlie Azzopardi; Olga, John & Vincent Micallef; Salvina Cachia; Ivy Cuthbert; Mary Bransdon; Jean O'Brien; Odette Camilleri

Joseph's Corner - Celebrating 23 years in the West: Please join us for High Tea on Sunday, 21st of May, 2023 from 2 - 5 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona to help raise much needed funds to support families affected by addiction.

Celebrating 23 Years in the West, Joseph's Corner continues to provide counselling and support free to those in need. The afternoon will provide a unique chance to learn more about what is happening on the streets of the west and the impact addiction has on family and friends.

We will be joined by **Les Twentyman OAM** (Founder of Les Twentyman Foundation and legendary youth worker), **Barry Michael** (Australian Boxing Hall of Fame) and as Master of Ceremonies, **David Mann Am KSJ FAICD** - best known as 'Mann about Town'.

Your ticket includes a selection of classic High Tea favourites including savouries and sweets to enjoy with a traditional cup of tea or coffee. Dietary Requirements will be catered for. This is a fundraiser so come prepared to bid in our silent auction, main room auction and purchase raffle tickets. Cash and card both welcome. Please click on the link to book your ticket now <https://www.trybooking.com/CHLLV> Should you have any queries or would like to know more, please telephone 0409 901 899.

Mary of the Cross Exhibition: The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (362 Albert Street, East Melbourne) is proud to present this Temporary Gallery Exhibition that explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. **The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held from April to June 2023; Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy. For more information telephone 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

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Office Hours:	Tuesday to Friday 9am – 1pm
Parish Priest:	Archpriest Michael Kalka. JP
Child Safety Officer:	Mr Gavin Deller 0431 184 014
Principal:	Mrs Sonia Riccardi 9398 4842
Mass Times:	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
Weekday Mass:	Tuesday 5pm; Wed to Sat 9.15am
	(or as advertised in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Website)
Reconciliation:	Saturday at 9.45am or by request
Maltese/English Reconciliation:	2nd Friday at 4.00pm
Anointing of the Sick and Elderly:	Once per quarter at Mass or by request
Rosary:	After the 9.15 a.m. Mass, Wednesday to Saturday
Marriages & Baptisms:	by appointment

Child Safety: The Catholic Parish of Altona is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Privacy Principles: Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation which deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, store and disclose information including health information collected from individuals. The Catholic Parish of Altona is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.


First Collection: (Loose cash) For the support of the Archbishop, sick and retired priests and our Parish Priest.

Second Collection: (Stewardship Collection envelopes, cheques, credit cards and direct debits) for the management, upkeep and running of our Parish.

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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