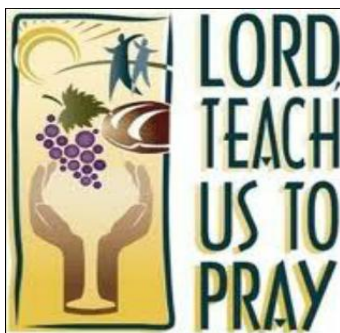


*Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C*

27 July 2025



Readings: Sunday 27 July 2025

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Readings: Sunday 3 August 2025

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

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Fr. Deonildo (Deo) De Andrade
Priest in Residence.

Today's readings teach us much about prayer. Abraham engages with God in frank openness, and Jesus gives us the example of 'the Lord's prayer' and teaching to constantly put our needs to God. Abraham is portrayed as a venerable old man married to an equally venerable old woman and on this world day of prayer for grandparents and the elderly we commit to respect the aged.

The Child Safety Safeguarding Committee welcomed two new members at their meeting on Tuesday 22nd July. They are Alex Genovese and Robyn Powell. Welcome!

Each month the Parish Child Safety Safeguarding Committee meet and work on Parish policies and procedures in response to the rules set out by the Royal Commission. This important work is designed to keep children and young people safe in our community. The 'Unit' is made up of volunteers from within our Parish community and new members are always welcome. Please contact the Parish Secretary if you would like to find out more.

If you are a current volunteer and are not yet fully compliant, would you please contact the parish office so that we can assist you.

Our next Children's Liturgy Session is on Sunday, 3rd August, 2025 at the 10.30am Mass. If you would like to join the Children's Liturgy Team in leading the children once a month, please contact the parish office on 9398 2964. We would love to hear from you. No experience necessary.



Please Note: The next meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee will need to be a combined meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday August 5th in the Church foyer. Thank you,

Archpriest Michael

The next Healing Mass will be on Friday 1st August at 9.15am.

Christian Meditation will recommence on Thursday, 26th July at 7pm. If you would like to join this group please phone Lucy at the Parish Office on 9398 2964. MARANATHA

The local St. Vincent DePaul Group are always looking for new volunteers to assist in work in the Parish area. If you are interested in joining the St. Vinnies team, please contact Brian Dalton on 0429 272 248

Mary MacKillop Today – 2025 Auction & Fundraiser. Raising funds for life – changing small projects within Australia. Join us Sunday 31st August, 2025, 12pm to 4pm at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona. Tickets - \$55 per person, includes a two course meal, BYO Drinks. RSVP: Friday 22 August, 2025. Purchase tickets through www.trybooking.com/DDIJG or use the QR code link which is on the Poster on the Narthex Notice Board. Contact the Srs. Of St. Josephs' regional office for questions. Jan.Wadley@gmail.com 9861 9500.

Australian Catholics Spring Edition is available from the Narthex, please take your free copy. Items of interest are: Rainbows in hard times; Our apathy is chronic, our God is iconic; Diving in the Deep End; A Christian version of hope.

Liturgy Roster - 3 August, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Francis Arquesa	Mary Bartolo
8.30am	Vince Camilleri	Mark Nicholls
10.30am	Ray Pisani	Paul Bugeja
Linen Roster July	Counting this week: Team 4 – 27.07.2025	Counting next week: Team 5 - 03.08.2025
Phi Lu	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio

St John of God opening date: I am pleased to announce the opening date for the new St John of God building:

The **formal** opening ceremony will take place during the **10.30am Mass on Sunday October 5th**. Our official guests will attend that morning Mass. (to give all parishioners an opportunity to participate - shortened blessing ceremonies will take place during the 6pm and the 8.30am Mass). Before that weekend, 'Open House' days will be arranged so that you will be able to view the new buildings. Good news for the parish! Good news for those living with a disability!

Archpriest Michael Kalka

Reflections & Retreats at St. Joseph by the Sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown.

The Ripple Effect Reflection Day – Friday 15 August;

God, I Want You to Be, Retreat, 7 days, commencing Sunday 17 August;

Ecological Spiritual Awakening Journey Reflection Day, Thursday 28 August.

Directed Retreat, 7 Days, commencing Monday 14 September;

Treasuring our Later Years Reflection Day, Tuesday 23 September;

Ecological Spiritual Awakening Journey Reflection Day, Thursday 25 September.

Please see posters on Narthex Notice Board for full details.

Help Christians in the Holy Land - Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit code. www.aidtochurch.org/holyland or scan the QR code on the poster on the Narthex Notice Board.

Recent Deaths:

Pappan; Penny Mifsud; Kevin Dowd;
Peter Whitty; Francis (Frank) Caruana;
Peter Lowe

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Charles Micallef; Joseph Falzon; Stan Lemmon;
Tony Abela; Peter Jensen; Paul Ellul;
Maureen Anne Dyt; Chris Olszewski;
Angeles & Henry Rigonan; Sofie Grzonek;
Henry Krol; Ellen Anthony; Leslie Bransdon

Prayers for the Sick:

Genna Angelowitch; Maura McCabe

Jubilee of Youth - Hope Night

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah 20:11

Live Music; Keynote talk; Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; Confession available.

Music – Kyle Correya;
Guest Speaker – Gary Pinto

7pm, Saturday 2nd August at St Andrew's Church, 105 Greaves St North, Werribee. Ages 11 to 25. See Poster on Narthex Notice Board for QR scan.

Expressions of interest organising team, cast, crew, marketing to get involved in unforgettable **Mary Magdalene The Musical** on Feb/March 2026. Information afternoon tea & extracts of musical will be performed. on July 26. For more info and registration of your interest cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or www.tybooking.com/DBRJU/

"Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples". Luke 11:1

Scripture tells us Jesus prayed before every major action in His life. We should strive to follow Jesus' example by always praying first. In that way, we can ensure we are doing God's work and not our own.





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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.

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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