

**Sunday
29 May, 2022**

**The Ascension of the
Lord
Year C**



Readings: Sunday, 29 May, 2022

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23
Gospel Reading: Luke 24:46-53

Readings: Sunday, 5 June, 2022

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17
Gospel Reading: John 14:15-16, 23-26

Parish website:
www.altonacatholic.org.au

New Sacristans Training Session - The first training session will be on **Tuesday, 7th of June at 5.30 p.m.** for one hour only. Please ring the Parish Office with your availability. Thank you. Father Michael.

The Parish Annual Financial Statement (AFS) is available to read on the noticeboard near St Joseph's statue.

A Mass Count - This weekend is the final weekend of the annual Mass count which is important for the pastoral planning activities in the Archdiocese and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

FREE (but needs to be collected): An old fashioned couch and two armchairs. Could be used in a rumpus room or "man cave". Please see Father Michael.

Dinner for Refugee Week:

You are invited to gather with other members of the Churches in Altona

For an evening of song, food and stories

To celebrate, share and bear witness to the journeys of refugees and asylum seekers who have settled in our suburbs, and to reflect on the ongoing challenges of seeking asylum in this land.

**The Salvation Army Altona Corps
108 Queen Street, Altona
Sunday, 19th June
5 – 6.30 p.m.**

At 5 p.m. there will be a time of song and prayer, followed by a meal of Persian and Ethiopian delights.

During dinner we will have a couple of speakers sharing their stories of exile and healing.

Please offer a gold coin donation to contribute to the cost of the food.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass on:

**Tuesday, 31st of May
Thursday, 2nd of June
Friday, 3rd of June**

The Mass on Wednesday, 1st of June at 9.15 a.m. will go ahead as usual.

There will be Masses for Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, 28th of May, Friday, 5th of August and Saturday, 5th of November, 2022 at 9.15 a.m.

Ukraine Crisis Appeal: In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. **Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.** Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground - www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Revelations 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is an intentional lifestyle. Every decision you make either moves you closer to God or farther away. Choose wisely!

Liturgy Roster - 5 June, 2022

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	R. Dyt	J. Fava
8.30am	A. Banda	M. Nicholls
10.30am	M. Masseni	R. Pisani
Linen Prep. (June)	Counting this week Team 4: 29.5.22	Counting next week Team 5: 5.6.22
Carmen Inguanez	Pat & Jean Moran Will VanderInden	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre OPEN DAY (362 Albert Street, East Melbourne) – Acknowledging the Feast of the Sacred Heart:

Saturday, 18th June, 2022 10 am – 4 pm

- Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available at 11 am
- Mass in the Chapel at 1 pm
- Take a tour of the Museum
- Visit the Gift Shop
- Refreshment options available for purchase

For further information and registering for the walk and Mass call (03) 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

'Tending Our Winter Heart: Live-in Weekend Retreat', Friday 10th June, 4 pm to Sunday 12th June, 4 pm. We invite you to a contemplative retreat where you will have the opportunity to spend some personal, quality time with yourself in the quiet and beautiful surrounds of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham, Victoria. Time is offered for personal space and reflection, within a supportive environment, as well as spiritual direction if you wish. Limited rooms for couples are available. Led by Heart of Life supervisors and spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost is \$300 including accommodation and catering. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation

Email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or Telephone (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne

Recently Deceased:

Connie Farrugia (Malta)

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Teresa Cutajar; Cheryl Fagan;
Hugh O'Connor; All Souls in Purgatory

Latest update from the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding Covid-19 Restrictions (Update #58 - 22 April, 2022) can be viewed on our parish website www.altonacatholic.org.au under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

Thank you to all the new volunteers who recently joined our existing dedicated team of volunteers. The office staff are currently in the process of contacting you regarding Police Checks and Working with Children Checks. We are very grateful for your willingness to help in the life of our parish.



Thank you to everyone who helped with the 'working bee' on Wednesday afternoon.


Taster Session', Tuesday 14 June 2022, 7.30pm-9pm (AEST), via Zoom. Are you called to be a spiritual director? A pastoral supervisor? A spiritual leader? Would you like to participate in spiritual formation that develops a compassionate, contemplative, listening heart? We invite you to join our Taster Session for a facilitated reflection and more information about Heart of Life's courses. Led by the formation team at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings

via www.trybooking.com/BZAWV, or email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.


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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