

**Sunday**  
**8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**Thirty-Second Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**

**Readings: Sunday 8 November 2020**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 6:12-16  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:12-18  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:1-3

**Readings: Sunday 15 November 2020**

**First Reading:** Prov 31:10-13; 19-20  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30



**Please note: Our new parish website is**  
[www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://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.

**Updated news from the Archdiocese of Melbourne - Metro Melbourne** can be viewed on our parish website [www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://www.altonacatholic.org.au) under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

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

Beginning on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.altonacatholic.org.au) (please note there is no charge to attend but prior registration is essential).

**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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> August, to 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, please phone the parish office to make arrangements to pick them up. Please have your Envelope Number handy.

**Columban Calendars 2021 - \$8.50 each.**

Available by ringing Eileen McNamara on 9398 2944.

**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>

The Professional Standards Unit is pleased to announce the release of an activity for Children's Week and some new resources.

**Children's Week Activity: "Just as I have loved you"**

As people of faith, we strive to live by Jesus' message to his disciples: 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' (John 13:34) Jesus' commandment reminds us that we are each loved by God, who created us in his own image and likeness. We are then invited to show that same love to our neighbours - within our families, our local parish, school communities and the wider community.

**How to participate**

To celebrate Children's Week this year, we are inviting all children and young people (from the ages of 4 years to 17) to participate in an activity. We want you to share with us what the words "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34) mean to you through a drawing or artwork (mixed media).

- [Download the activity flyer & submission form](#)
- [Download activity colouring sheet \(for the little ones!\)](#)
- Along with your artwork, please include an answer (150 words or less) to the following question: *In what ways do you feel part of the parish community and how do you try to make others feel welcome?*

Entries should include the completed submission form and can be sent to [psu@cam.org.au](mailto:psu@cam.org.au) on or before **5pm on 18 November 2020**. (Parents are welcome to answer the question on behalf of their child/ren if they are too young to do so.) It is important to note that this is not a competition, but a reflection and an opportunity for adults to hear the voice of our young ones. Those who participate will be invited to an online gathering with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli following the activity.

**Recently Deceased:**

Gemma Brolly

**Prayers for:**

Charlie Azzopardi

**Jesuit Retreat - Online Individually Guided Retreat - During Isolationm,.**

This retreat offers you spacious time to pray and reflect on your life and to ponder with God on what is slowly emerging. Your spiritual director, whom you will see daily, will provide you with prayer material. Our offerings are below, if the suggested date don't suit, just let us know what you would like and one of our directors will be able to accompany you. Skype, Zoom, FaceTime or telephone, whatever works best for you.

**DATE:** 7-14 Decembe 2020

For enquiries & bookings

contact: [1300 EXAMEN](tel:1300EXAMEN)

[\(1300-392-636\)](tel:1300392636) or [info@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au)

**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](#)



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