

**29th July 2018
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year B**

Dear Parishioners,

As the Parish Priest of Altona it is my responsibility to care for you to the best of my ability. I am delighted to have that honour and privilege. However, there may be times when you will be admitted to a hospital or a nursing home for some extra medical care and attention. If that happens, you will then be, temporarily, in the care of the local Catholic Chaplain. For example, if you are admitted to Werribee hospital you will be cared for by the priests of Werribee; if you are at Royal Melbourne Hospital you will be in the care of the priests at Parkville; if you are at Marina Nursing Home in Altona North you will be looked after by Father Paul Tru. Please ask me for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly **before** you go to the hospital or nursing home, or please ask for the **local** Chaplain once you have been admitted to that hospital or nursing home.

While we all want to maintain good spiritual, and physical, health we never know the future. The priests in each area are always happy to help, but it is much easier if we are all aware of the protocols for hospital and nursing home chaplaincies.

Blessings, Archpriest Michael

A Mass of Reception for Archbishop-Elect Peter Comensoli will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday 1 August 2018 at 7pm. Following the Mass, there will be hospitality extended to all in Central Hall, Brunswick St Fitzroy. Bishop Comensoli has indicated his hope that each parish will be represented with parishioners accompanying their priests to the ceremony.

Fundraising Dinner 2018 – Friday 31st August. Commences 7pm with appetisers. Mount St Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone St., Altona. Tickets \$50pp (3 course meal, BYO drinks). Call MMHC (03) 9926 9300. RSVP Friday 26 August 2018. Mary MacKillop Foundation. Supporting small life changing projects. www.mackillopfoundation.org.au

READINGS: Sun 29th July 2018

First Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel Reading: John 6: 1-15

READINGS: Sun 5th August 2018

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17. 20-24

Gospel Reading: John 6: 24-35

Please note there will be a Communion Service next Wednesday 1st August at 9.15am.

There will be a Mass of Anointing for the Sick this Friday 3rd August at 9.15am. All welcome.

Thanksgiving Envelopes – There are still many envelopes left in the Narthex for collection. Please take some time to collect yours if you have not already done so. Thank you.

A Meeting for all Counters will take place on Friday, 3rd August 2018 at 5pm in the Narthex for approximately 1hr. If you are unable to attend, please contact the parish office.

Wednesday August 8th (Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop):

The school will be at 9.15am morning Mass on this day to celebrate the life of Mary MacKillop who was born here in Melbourne. It is also the 37th anniversary of my Ordination by Archbishop Little.

Tuesday August 7th morning Tea:

So may I suggest that we gather for morning tea after our Tuesday (7th) morning Mass over at the Railway Café to help me celebrate my anniversary. *Archpriest Michael.*

Pilgrimage 2018: I leave Australia on Monday September 3rd for this pilgrimage to Israel. I would be delighted to carry your prayer requests, to leave either at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth or at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. Please **do not seal** your envelope and write the word Nazareth or Jerusalem on the front. I will then place your envelope in the appropriate petition box before the Mass I celebrate in either Church. However, I will need all your prayer request envelopes by September 1st, please. This is one way of joining with the prayers of all the pilgrims I will be leading.

Archpriest Michael

Liturgy Roster 5th August 2018

	Lectors	Special Ministers	Offertory
6.00pm	M Cheung T Fanning	M Dyte P McCourt B Brady	C & M Dimech
8.30am	J Quiazon	S Sunny B & N Misquitta	A Axisa Volunteer
10.30am	V Peers S Arquesa	M Restall N Misquitta E McNamara	Children's Liturgy
	Altar Servers	Children's Liturgy	Counting
6.00pm			Team 1: 29.07.18 B Fitzgerald B Fogarty
10.30am		C Spiteri A Playnsek	Team 2: 05/08/18 L Mauricio, Raquel Arquesa, C Manguiat J Micallef

CHURCH CLEANING Team 3: 08.18

C Cuthbert, S Crosby,, L Calleja, M Bordieri

Volunteers needed to join this group!

Please ring the parish office you can spare 1hr per month.

THANK YOU to all parishioners who donated towards the Joseph's **Corner Appeal**.

The amount collected was \$757.00. Joseph's Corner provides an amazing support to those families who have someone caught up with addiction. Since its foundation in 2000 the need for their counselling support has grown, thus the need to support this important ministry in our deanery financially.

Please note that Notices for insertion in the bulletin and names of deceased persons need to reach the office by 12 noon on Wednesday. Thank you.

Rosters – Please note all rosters have now been sent out via email or post. If you have not received yours yet, please contact Lucy at the Parish Office on 9398 2964.

Recently Deceased: Trevor Hales, Violet Jeffkins

Anniversaries: Louise & Charles Bonnici, Vittorina Bugna, John Bacon, Joe Hart, Carmen & Arthur Gatt,

Masses Offered For: Josephine Grima, Rita & Tony Caruana, Louis & Maria Pisani, Joseph & Carmen Falzon, Charles Micallef, Francis Chetcuti, George Calleja, Gatt, Zerafa & Cassar families

RCIA – Anyone interested in learning about the Catholic faith is welcome to attend our meetings. We meet every second Thursday at 7.30pm in the Narthex (church foyer). Daytime meetings are also available. Contact the Parish Office on 9398 2964.

Marian Movement of Priests will meet in the Chapel at 12.25pm on the fourth Thursday of the month, beginning Thursday 26th July. Enquiries – Lorraine 9398 3961. All Welcome. 9398 3961.

Priesthood Anniversaries for 2018 – Fr. Clem Cafarella who served as parish priest of Altona for twenty-four years will be celebrating his Diamond Jubilee and Fr. Paul Tru, Parish Priest of St. Leo's, Nth Altona will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee.

Christian Meditation Takes place every Thursday at Mary Help of Christians. If you are interested in joining this group, please phone Lucy at the Parish Office.

MARANATHA

On the Notice Board

- **Annual Greek Festival** - Sunday August 19, 2018. 12pm to 5pm 272 Millers Rd. Altona Nth.

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to bring life to **“the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard.”** Your donation to **‘Mary MacKillop Today’**, next weekend will support thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia with education, health, finance and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities for generations to come. Please consider making a small monthly donation with our Regular Giving Program and help bring Mary MacKillop's charism to life. marymackilloptoday.org.au