

Sunday
13th September 2020
Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year A

Readings: Sunday 13 September 2020

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9r

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Readings: Sunday 20 September 2020

First Reading: Ezekiel 27:30-28:7

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9r

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35



Please note: Our new parish website is
www.altonacatholic.org.au

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 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

Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion. All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. For a full list of topics click onto the link titled 'Engaging Your Catholic Faith' on our new webpage, www.altonacatholic.org.au

COVID-19 Survey: How did you worship during COVID-19? A national survey of adult practising Catholics is currently underway (to 5 October 2020). Anonymous, brief online survey, Monash University. For more information:

https://monash.azurewebsites.net/Forms/SV_43f3xmKU1xa0S1

St. Simon the Apostle Parish, Rowville is offering daily Mass (except for Monday) livestream & on Demand with Fr. Kevin Dillon as celebrant (former St. Mary's assistant priest). www.stsimonsparish.com.au



This weekend, **Sunday 12/13th September** the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Child Protection Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding **Mary Help of Christians Parish, Altona**, is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. Access prayers and resources at www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday

Thanksgiving Envelopes: If you wish to collect your new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes which commenced on the 2nd August, please phone the parish office to make arrangements to pick them up. Please have your Envelope Number handy.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

Thank you - Overall, Project Compassion throughout Australia this year raised \$7.9 million. Melbourne contributed \$1.216 million this year. Many of our contributors are dealing with the economic effects lockdowns and restrictions, including unemployment and loss of business, which makes the contributions even more exceptional. All of us in Caritas are deeply, deeply grateful for your dedication to this part of the Catholic church's work with those in need.

Are you a Spiritual Leader? – The Spiritual Leaders Program is a one-year, part-time program held on Friday mornings (and some Friday afternoons). It is suitable for people in outreach ministries, spiritual formation, and various positions of leadership such as priests and ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, community and spiritual leaders, chaplains, pastoral carers, and those in health and education. The program, which commences in Feb 2021, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. Fee-Help may be available. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Brochure and application form at www.heartoflife.melbourne or tel 03 9890 1101.

Let's spice things up with virtual dances

Get your body moving and feel the joy of Hobsons Bay's cultural diversity through our virtual dance program. Try a fun and free dance class from around the world in the comfort and safety of your home. For all body types, shapes and sizes, beginners through to advanced, everyone will find some spark of joy in this collection of dance classes. **What:** Bollywood virtual dance program; **When:** Thursday starting 17 September or Saturday starting 19 September; **Time** 5pm (for four weeks); **Where:** Online via Zoom; **Cost:** Free (limited places available); **Contact:** Laverton Community Hub on 9932 3011 or **Register via** <https://form.jotform.com/LavertonCommunityHub/2020-Registration-Form>

What: Hula Hawaiian virtual dance program

When: Wednesday starting 16 September

Time: 5pm (for six weeks)

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free (limited spaces available)

Contact: Laverton Community Hub 9932 3011 or

Register via

<https://form.jotform.com/LavertonCommunityHub/2020-Registration-Form>

Recently Deceased:

Benvenuto Rossi, Ivan Viale,
Bridget O'Halloran RSJ; Molly Colletta

Anniversaries:

Joseph Nguyen, Domenico Cao, Eustaquia Superio, Ernesto Aquilar, Cath McMahan, Catherine and Judith Foy, John and Catherine Mullens, Nicholas and Catherine Kalka,
Dr. Bill McCoy

Mass Offered For:

George Calleja, Charlie Azzopardi, Cathy Dean RSJ

**Holy Trinity Anglican Church,
Williamstown - Virtual Art Gallery 2020.**

Calling all artists, photographers & craft creatives! Holy Trinity will open the 'doors' of its Virtual Art Gallery online on October 13, 2020. An opportunity to share your art or craft work with a wider audience. All work will be offered for sale on line. A commission of the sale will go to Holy Trinity funds. Once you have registered, just send in jpg images of your photographs, drawings, paintings, collages or craftwork to office@htw.org.au (maximum of four works per artist. Invite your artistic friends and family to register to display their work for sale. To register please email the following information to office@htw.org.au by 15 September and use 'HTW@ Gallery' as the subject. Information required: Name; Address; Email; Phone; Type & Title(s) of Art or Craftwork; (pricing and all details to be arranged after registration). You will then be contacted.

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

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