

**Sunday
24 October 2021**

**Thirtieth Sunday In
Ordinary Time
Year B**



Readings: Sunday, 24 October 2021

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

Readings: Sunday, 31 October 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Parish website:

www.altonacatholic.org.au

Please note that everything in this bulletin is subject to change.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A song of celebration and praise features in the reading from Jeremiah. Joy is encountered as the loving God reaches out and calls his people from "the ends of the earth" back to their home and back to Godself.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

This reading from Hebrews continues to contrast the priests of Israel with priesthood found in Jesus. Both are called by God to act on behalf of humanity, but Jesus is like no other before him because his authority is found in being God's son; thus he is the eternal mediator for humankind.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus may be blind, but he is able to see with eyes of faith. He recognises the power and intent of Jesus where others miss it.

Melbourne's Redemptorist Community will livestream its annual St Gerard's Feast Day Blessing on Facebook for the second consecutive year due to COVID-19. Families are invited to send in their intentions (prayers) for the Redemptorist community to include in their prayer services and Masses. Details: www.majellan.media/majellan-day/ People can view on Saturday from 11am by following Majellan Publications' Facebook page.

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 you can do so by Bank Transfer to St. Mary Help of Christians Parish Church Account:

BSB: 083347

Account: 644 449 954

Reference: Your Thanksgiving Envelope Number (if you have one) or your full name.

If you would like to support Fr. Michael directly, these are the bank details:

St. Mary Help of Christians Parish House Account:

BSB: 083347

Account: 644 390 868

Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.



Lockdown Light - Week Eight:



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

As we slowly emerge out of lockdown, aware that many aspects of life - including our parishes are only able to open up gradually, here's one last edition of Lockdown Light for your coming week.

Podcasts for Christian living: Parenting teens

In this podcast, well known Catholic speaker Jason Evert discusses how to keep an open and ongoing dialogue with your children around topics related to love, dating and other serious issues as well as tips for internet and phone safety. Listen here: www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving8

Getting to know your Bible: The Acts of the Apostles - The Church Begins

Getting Started: In this interesting video introduction to the Book of Acts, The Bible Project provides an overview of Pentecost and the beginning of the early Church. Watch at: www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted8

Going Deeper: In this video, Bishop Barron speaks about the spread of the Gospel during the early Church, challenging us to share in the same work as St Paul and the early Apostles in proclaiming the message of Jesus to the world. View here: www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper8

A message from Aid to the Church in Need

Australia: *That Catholic Shop* is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit: www.thatcatholicshop.com.

The CHOSEN
Season 1

Come and Join us on Zoom to encounter the story of Jesus and His First Followers.

Date: 18 Oct - 6 Dec (8x Mondays)
Time: 7:30 - 9:15pm
Cost: *God's shout*
Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUMYR>

Recently Deceased:

Pasquale Di Sabatino; Scott Bennett

Anniversaries:

Agnes Borg; Jean O'Brien; Elizabeth Magliocco; Gloria Rapson

Prayers Offered For The Sick:

Laurie Sammut

Latest update from the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding Covid-19 Restrictions (Update #51 - 20 October) can be viewed on our parish website www.altonacatholic.org.au under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need

Australia: As we approach the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit: www.aidtochurch.org/Masses

Catholic Theological College

2021 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 4th November
at 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

Professor Eleanor Bourke
Truth Telling & the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission

Bookings and Info:
ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Enq:
sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au
or
Phone 9412 3333
Venue: online

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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