

**Sunday
30 January 2022**

**Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Year C



Readings: Sunday, 30 January, 2022

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4- 5, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel Reading Luke 4:21-30

Readings: Sunday, 6 February 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel Reading Luke 5:1-11

Parish website:
www.altonacatholic.org.au

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

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. There will be no Vaccination Requirements but please continue to QR check in. **PLEASE NOTE:** Workers at Places of Worship (staff & volunteers) must still be fully vaccinated.

THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR ST POPE JOHN PAUL II: You are invited to join in and concelebrate this special event with His Most Rev. Bishop Martin Ashe on **Sunday, 20th of February, 2022 commencing at 2 p.m.** followed by The Unveiling and Blessing of the Monument by His Most Rev. Bishop Martin Ashe, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne (Western Regions).

On this day, Pope John Paul II will be officially declared **Co-Patron Saint of Ta Pinu All Nations Marian Shrine at Bacchus Marsh, our unique Marian Centre in Victoria, Australia.**

Answer the Blessed Virgin's call: "COME" so that standing up together in Joy, Peace and Harmony as a 'truly bonded Marian family', you will be able to accept this humble invitation to join in and concelebrate with His Most Rev. Bishop Martin Ashe.



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.

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous..."
(1 Corinthians 13:4)*

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others?

At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Humility helps us become less "self-centered" and become more "God-centered" for the sake of others.

Liturgy Roster - 6 February 2022

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	R. Dyt	J. Fava
8.30 am	A. Banda	T. MacGibbon
10.30 am	C. Abate	B. Dalton
	Counting this week Team 5: 30.1.22	Counting next week Team 6: 6.2.22
	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono	Joe Gerada Emmanuel Mifsud Leticia Mauricio Mary Marip

Are You Called to be a Pastoral Supervisor? Heart of Life's **2022/23 Emmaus Supervision Program** (part-time, in-person or via Zoom) commences in Feb 2022. Developed in response to the demand for professional supervisors for those in individual ministry, e.g. clergy, chaplains, spiritual directors, pastoral carers etc., the program forms competent, experienced professional supervisors. It draws on the encounter of the two disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) and is open to those with at least five years' experience in their particular ministry who are drawn to support the ministry journey of others. For more information, please see the Emmaus page on the Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation website at www.heartoflife.melbourne, or contact us at secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or telephone 9890 1101.

In the spirit of our shared mission, our Parish community is invited to take part in the **2022 CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL** which will take place on **the weekend of the 13th of February, 2022**. This special annual collection is conducted in all parishes across the Archdiocese of Melbourne for the important purpose of maintaining our Catholic chaplaincies. The Chaplains of the Archdiocese of Melbourne support thousands of Victorians every year. They faithfully meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the vulnerable, isolated and marginalised in our community by providing pastoral and spiritual support. Our Parish's participation and donations will help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need.

Recently Deceased

Sister Janet Mead, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks,
Oksana Tychenok, Don Burnard

Anniversaries:

Fr Paul Keenan, Carmen Nicoli, Louis & Maria
Pisani, Nina & Violet Pisani, Rita & Tony
Caruana

Prayers Offered For:

Laurie Sammut

Latest update from the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding Covid-19 Restrictions (Update #55 - 23 December 2021) can be viewed on our parish website www.altonacatholic.org.au under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students - Mercy Connect Melbourne:

Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact).

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Telephone: 9326 1895

Faith Circles is available to download for free at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au These weekly Gospel reflections are useful for your prayer and family discussion and can build your relationship with God and your local Church community.

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call **1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.**

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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