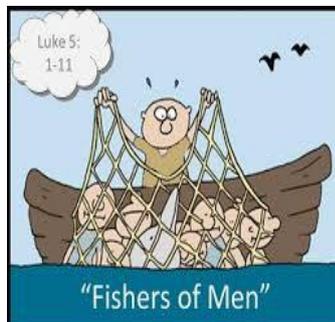


**Sunday  
6 February 2022**

**Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Year C**



**Readings: Sunday, 6 February, 2022**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 5:1-11

**Readings: Sunday, 13 February 2022**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 6:17, 20-26

**Parish website:**

[www.altonacatholic.org.au](http://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.*

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

## Liturgy Roster - 13 February 2022

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	C. Torre Franca	R. Barbara
8.30 am	C. Cuthbert	M. Nicholls
10.30 am	T. Aitken	Noella Misquitta
	<b>Counting this week Team 6: 6.2.22</b>	<b>Counting next week Team 1: 13.2.22</b>
	Joe Gerada Emmanuel Mifsud Leticia Mauricio Mary Marip	Bruce Fitzgerald Betty Fitzgerald Maureen Fogarty Bill Fogarty

**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](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific) or call **1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.**

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 **next weekend, 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.

**A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:** Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)

## Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Peter Farrugia; Emmanuel & Rosina Farrugia; Bertu & Marianne Pace; Louis & Maria Pisani; Nina & Violet Pisani; Rita & Tony Caruana; Charlie Azzopardi; Daniel Cuthbert

**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](http://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](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact).

Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)  
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**Faith Circles** is available to download for free at [www.faithcircles.dow.org.au](http://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.

*To endure all things with an equable and peaceful mind, not only brings with it many blessings to the soul, but also enables us, in the midst of our difficulties, to have a clear judgement about them and to minister the fitting remedy for them.*

St John of the Cross

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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