

**Sunday
14 August, 2022**

**Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Year C



Readings: Sunday, 14 August, 2022

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-53

Readings: Sunday, 21 August, 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:22-30

Parish website:
www.altonacatholic.org.au

OUR 2022 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

It's still not too late to complete a pledge card and Parish Groups and Ministries Form.

Thank you very much once again to parishioners who returned their completed pledge commitments and Parish Groups and Ministry forms last weekend and to our Parish Office. As follow-up contact is still being made with some parishioners, we will finalise our Renewal Program soon.

All new pledge commitments take effect on Sunday 28 August. Confirmation letters and new sets of envelopes (for cash givers) will be available at Mass next weekend, i.e. Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 August.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal: This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelopes which will be in the church this weekend or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9287 5513.

Masses for the Feast of the Assumption (Monday, 15th of August) will be at 9.15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

From Archbishop Michael:

Now that I have completed 41 years of Ministry (August 8th), may I ask a remembrance in your prayers as I begin my 'year 42' here in the Altona Parish? Also, I wish to thank you for the past 4 ½ years.

At my invitation, the **West Welcome Wagon** (a western suburbs refugee service) will use our Parish Hall on Saturday August 27th for the majority of that day. If you meet any of the visiting refugees, please make them welcome.

As I have a commitment to St Monica's College Epping on Friday August 26th there will be no parish Mass on that day. Over the past two and a half years, they have had to cancel the event on multiple occasions because of the various COVID 'lockdowns'.

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." (Luke 12:51)

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.



Liturgy Roster - 21 August, 2022

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	A. Adewale	O. Chodowski
8.30am	C. Cuthbert	C. Inguanez
10.30am	T. Aitken	S. Reynolds
Linen Prep. (August)	Counting this week Team 3: 14.8.22	Counting next week Team 4: 21.8.22
June Smith	Joe Gerada Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond Ray Dyt	Pat & Jean Moran Will Vanderlinden

When Irish Eyes Are Smiling!

An invitation to parishioners to join me on the 2023 Maria Forde Winter Wonderland Tour of Ireland (January 1 to January 14, 2023). Enjoy two weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside of Northern and Southern Ireland in the comfort of a luxury coach and experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy live Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality, beautiful accommodation and the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour group (20 people maximum). If you are concerned about travelling alone, rest assured that you will be supported and made welcome by an Irish driver, fellow guests, and myself. For an itinerary, please copy or click on this link: <http://www.mariaforde.com/2023-tour-of-ireland>
To book your seat, or for more information, please call Debbie at Emerald Travel on 9690 2123 or email Debbie at debbie@emeraldtravel.com.au

Maria Forde.

Tour director Maria Forde has been leading Celtic tours since 2004. Born of Irish parents, Maria is an Education officer in Spirituality at Sandhurst Catholic Education, a chaplain and a spiritual director. Maria is also a successful singer-songwriter. www.mariaforde.com

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Recently Deceased:

John Pisani; Matushka Anne Hopko;
Lorraine Arbuckle; Maureen Dyt

Anniversaries and Remembrances:

Frank Armani; Christine Beaty;
Henry & Angeles Rigonan; Joseph Mifsud;
Grace Thon; Mary Sultana; Frank Micallef;
Maryanne Cachia

Latest update from the Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding Covid-19 Restrictions (Update #60 - 20 July, 2022) can be viewed on our parish website www.altonacatholic.org.au under the heading 'Covid 19 Restrictions'.

Knowing Jesus Daily Devotional Videos commencing Monday, 15th of August:

This FREE Daily Devotional series "Knowing Jesus" is presented by Bruce Downes, who is also known as The Catholic Guy. People have registered to receive prayerful, inspirational resources in every state of the USA and in over 180 countries around the world and these are both Church attenders and those who are searching.

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Marriage Encounter Weekend - An Opportunity to Spend a Weekend Improving your Communication:

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **19 - 21 August, 2022** in the comfort of your own home or a non-residential parish based weekend: **22 - 23 October, 2022** in Niddrie. (Book early to avoid disappointment.)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James on 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
Website: wwme.org.au

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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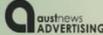


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