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Parish - Altona**

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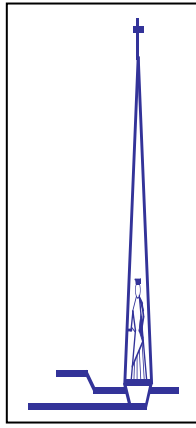
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PARISH NEWS

1st August, 2010

Year C

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Serving the Parish and the Community

Parish Priest: **Fr Clem Cafarella**

Pastoral Associate: **Richard Hallett**

Spiritual Formation

& Direction: Sr Yvonne Harte

Justice of the Peace: Gino Gammaldi

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
Monday 8.00am
Tuesday 9.00am
Wednesday & Friday 10.00am
Thursday 6.30pm
Saturday 9.30am

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 10.00am, 6pm - 6.15pm
Maltese Reconciliation - First Friday
of the Month 4 -5pm.

Holy Hour -

First Mon. of the month at 7.30pm

INTRODUCTION

We are starkly reminded of a challenging priority: "What does it profit anyone to gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of their soul?" This beloved text for so many firebrand preachers is echoed in today's Gospel.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2. 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities" is a well known phrase. It begins the opening chapter of this Book of Wisdom that is meant to pose the question: "Is there any point in being wise and planning for the future?"

Second Reading Colossians 3: 1-5. 9-11

St. Paul gives the positive answer, since we have life in and through Christ, our priorities come from our belief in heaven. Hence, on a practical level, we must avoid those self-focused attitudes which show a disregard for others or deny God's place in our lives.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Following on a request to settle a dispute about inheritance, Jesus tells a parable to show that planning is in vain unless we put first things first. Security is not in what we own but what we believe in.

Centacare Catholic Family Services 75th

Anniversary Church Appeal 31 July & 1 August, 2010.

An Annual Appeal for Centacare Catholic Family Services will take place at all Masses this weekend. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it next Sunday or post it direct to the Centacare Catholic Family Services.

A Glimpse into the Life of Mary MacKillop

The first of the four part series on the life and spirituality was well attended. Some of the comments were:

"The Sessions have been most informative"; "I enjoyed learning more about Mary MacKillop's life"; "The video presentation gave me further insights into this wonderful woman".



Please feel welcome to attend the next two sessions which will be on **Wednesday August 4 at 1.30pm to 3pm** and repeated at **7pm to 8.30pm**. The final session will be on **11th August, 2010** with a special prayer service in honour of Mary MacKillop's Canonisation. Parishioners who are unable to attend the sessions may contact Sr. Yvonne to receive the reading material provided at each session.

Christian Meditation

Takes place in the Chapel on Thursday evenings from 7pm-8pm. All welcome. "MARANATHA"

Monthly Holy

Hour - All welcome to share in our Holy Hour on **Monday 2nd August at 7.30pm** to pray for peace & reconciliation in the world. Rosary, Exposition & Prayers through the intercession of St. Pio will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **All Welcome.**

READINGS for 8th August

First Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2. 8-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 32-48

Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal - Next week

we will be conducting a parish Appeal for the Mary MacKillop Canonisation. The Sisters of St Joseph have appealed for assistance from parishes across Australia in order to raise sufficient funds to cover essential expenses associated with the Canonisation. I encourage everyone to support this Appeal.

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th, 70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 22nd August at 11.00am** by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

To register contact the Life, Marriage & Family on: 9287 5579 or lmf@cam.org.au. Alternatively register online at: www.lmf.cam.org.au

Registrations close on Friday 13th August.

St. Mary's Ladies Auxiliary - A

reminder to members of the luncheon at the Altona RSL this **Tuesday August 3rd at 12noon**

All welcome to stay for a cup of tea/coffee after all Masses this weekend. New Parishioners especially welcome.



News from Mount St Joseph Girls' College

- During Term 3 this year we will be running an Open Morning on **Thursday the 26th of August**, between 9 and 10 am. It would be great to see you there. Also, applications are now open for students to submit enrolment applications for Year 7, 2012. This is an exciting time for the grade 5's and we look forward to hearing from those of you who are looking forward to joining us at MSJ.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenny Hendricks - College Registrar - on 8398 2000 or at jhendricks@msj.vic.edu.au

Southern Stars Social Club for Single Catholics 25 to 50 age group. New members welcome. Enquiries Peter 9885 2167.

Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/sstarssc/>

LITURGY ROSTER – 8th August, 2010

	Lectors	Special Ministers	Offertory
6.30pm	L. McGannon	P&M Tran P. Eastwood	1 st Communion children
8.30am	V. Taylor	N. Misquitta B&N Misquitta	C. Cuthbert Volunteers
10.30am	G. Svilans A. Berardinelli	J&M Yacono M. Restall	1 st Communion children
	Altar Servers	Children's Liturgy	Piety Store
6.30pm	B. Singleton; A. Ryan; D. Suric		M. Dimech
8.30am			E. McNamara
10.30am	R. Rozario; B. Barkaric; F. Arquesa	No children's Liturgy	D. Coleman

CHURCH CLEANING: Team 2: 04.08.10

A. Fiteni; C&E Emmanuel

COUNTING THIS WEEK:

Team 11: 01.08.10

F&J Jumpertz; B.Ford

COUNTING NEXT WEEK:

Team 1: 08.08.10

B. Fitzgerald; B. Fogarty

Recently Deceased: Cikku Gatt; Sunta Caruana (Canada); Catherine Aileen Littler

Anniversaries: Louise Bonnici; Lorraine Van de Graaf; Tony Cassar; John Sultana; Francesco Cugliari; Mario Cutajar; Marlene Simpson; Carmen Buttigieg; Kurt Gatt; Angelo Grima; Joe Grech.

Mass Offered For: Charles Bonnici; Mary Cassar; Jacinta Anniversary intentions; Dean Hudson; Anthony & Domenica Dimech; Paula Sultana; All Souls

Humour - A businessman, who frequently enjoyed a midweek game of golf, would instruct his secretary to tell all callers that he was 'away from his desk'. One day a member of his foursome forgot which course they were due to play at.

When he rang his friend's office, the only thing that the loyal secretary would tell him was that her boss was 'away from his desk'.

'Please tell me,' said the exasperated golfer 'is he five miles away from his desk or ten miles away from his desk?'



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