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Marian Procession and Peace Rally 2022

Finally, the sun shone and the people came! The Adelaide Catholic Church came out in numbers to pray to Mother Mary for peace.

For the last three years the Marian Procession and Peace Rally has been indoors, but 2022 has changed all that. Held at the Adelaide Showgrounds in the main arena, the procession was a shining example of South Australia's vibrant Catholic community, parishes and multicultural groups - all participating in the colourful procession with many wearing the traditional dress of their home country.

Students from Christian Brothers College carried the statue of Mary; whilst students from Mercedes College and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College also participated representing Catholic Schools in Adelaide.

In his homily, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan spoke of the sincere love all Catholic's have for the Blessed Virgin Mary and asked those present to pray for peace as a collection was taken for the Caritas Ukraine Appeal.

The Ukrainian Church carried the Banner with Ukrainian Icon, Vyshhorodska Mother of God, with all Parishes, Communities and groups following behind the Statue of Our Lady in a prayerful procession.

Walking just under 2.4 kilometres (young and old) the Church prayed the 5 decades of the Glorious Mystery – reciting the prayers of the Rosary in unison with moments of beautiful silence among 1500 attendees.



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Ukrainian Easter Tradition



When many Catholic Ukrainians fled their homeland after the Second World War and came to countries like Australia, they brought with them the rich traditions of their culture and faith.

The Exposition of the Shroud in the Church of Sts Volodymyr and Olha at Woodville.

Here in Adelaide there are two Ukrainian Catholic communities – at Woodville and Wayville. Prior to the building of these churches, Ukrainian Mass was held at St Patrick’s Church in Grote Street. The Ukrainian Catholic Church follows the Julian calendar, which means that most years, including 2022, it celebrates Easter Sunday a week later than the Gregorian calendar date. On Saturday evening, parishioners bring their Easter baskets and lay them on the ground next to candles for a blessing.

The baskets include horse radish, either as a root or grated with beetroot as a relish to represent the “bitter sweet” death and resurrection of Christ, decorated eggs (pysanky), baked sweet bread (paska), ham, Polish sausage, salt, cream cheese and butter. With a strict “vegan” diet adhered to on Good Friday, the blessed contents of the baskets are enjoyed after Easter Sunday Mass.

Divine Mercy Celebrated in Adelaide

With at least 8 Churches across Adelaide holding a special Mass with adoration and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, this feast is very important to the Catholics of Adelaide.

In 2002, the Pope entrusted the whole world to Divine Mercy when he consecrated the International Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, a suburb of Krakow in Poland.

In 2007 the Polish Church was given the Shrine of the Divine Mercy and features on the outer Church of Resurrection in Unley.

Our Lord told Saint Faustina

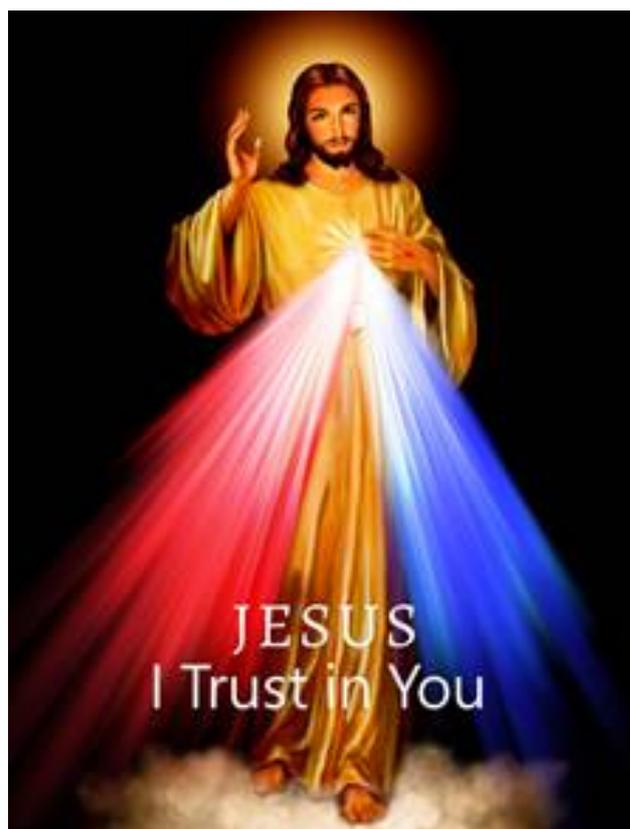
‘I desire that the whole world know my infinite mercy. (Diary 687)

‘I desire that My mercy be worshiped, and I am giving mankind the last hope of salvation; that is, recourse to My mercy. (Diary 998).

In response to our Lord’s call to spread the Mercy of God, one Parishioner / Mr Cherion Koiparampil and fellow church members mounted a special framed image of the Divine Mercy Image of Christ with Red and white Light streaming from His heart depicting the Blood and Water of God’s infinite Mercy.

Divine Mercy Ministry SA, along with the community members of the Shrine of the Divine Mercy supported this drive around Adelaide on the Feast Day, 24th April, with the Divine Mercy image mounted on a ute.

The purpose was to spread awareness of the Feast and message of Divine Mercy; and provide an opportunity for all people who saw the image drive through the streets and carparks of Adelaide, to open up a conversation about Jesus.



Corpus Christi – the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, commonly called Corpus Christi, has been celebrated for several centuries all over the world. Christians have taken to the streets to publicly glorify Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Corpus Christi Feast was established in memory of the Last Supper and the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The true and real presence of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine is based on the words of Jesus himself who said: “This is my body.....This is my blood” (Mk 14, 22, 24).

Corpus Christi Feast was established for the entire Catholic Church by Pope John XXII in 1317.

From the beginning, four altars were built along the procession route, symbolising the four Gospels and the four sides of the world where it is preached. Each part of the Gospel is read – with the first one, according to St. Matthew about the last supper, that is referring to the institution of the Eucharist; on the second – a fragment of the Gospel according to St. Mark, concerning the multiplication of the bread; at the third – according to St. Luke, who tells about the guests invited to the feast; on the fourth – according to St. John, speaking about the sacrament of union.



Corpus Christi celebration by the Polish community

In Poland Corpus Christi ceremony was first introduced by Bishop Nankier in 1320 in the diocese of Krakow and since then thousands of people in every parish are taking out the Blessed Sacrament to the streets to publicly glorify Jesus Christ. In Poland Corpus Christi has been established by law as a day off from work. Pope John Paul II was a big promoter of this celebration, saying:

“Wherever it is possible in the judgement of the diocesan Bishop, a procession through the public streets should be held, especially on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ as a public witness of reverence for the Most Holy Sacrament, for the “devout participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic procession on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is a grace from the Lord which yearly fills with joy those who take part in it” – Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Letter, Ecclesia de Eucharistia

Here in Adelaide Corpus Christi has been celebrated by the Polish community for over 150 years. This year Fr. Henryk Zasiura SCHr celebrated the Holy Mass at the Resurrection Church at Unley during the absence of the Polish chaplain Fr. Michal Skiba SCHr who currently is on leave in Poland. Fr. H. Zasiura after the Eucharist, was leading the community in the procession to the four altars, carrying a monstrance which at its centre holds the living presence of Jesus Christ.

It is a tradition that each of the altar was specially build for this purpose by a different organisation/prayer group. At each of the altars, a fragment of one of the four Gospels about the Eucharist was read.

This solemn procession was attended by lots of Polish people in Adelaide, some of them dressed in the folk national costumes. In front of the Blessed Sacrament children dressed in their First Communion clothes were throwing rose petals. The procession was accompanied by banners, feretrons, paintings, people were singing well known hymns in honour of the Blesses Sacrament.

It was a beautiful celebration, which will stay in people’s memory for a long time.

Sr Slavica's celebrates Golden Anniversary of Religious Life



Sr Slavica Turcic of the Adorer of Christ and Pastoral Coordinator for the Croatian Catholic Community in Adelaide celebrated her 50th Anniversary of Religious Life on Sunday the 1st of May. Bishop Greg O'Kelly at St Patricks Church, Grote Street Adelaide, celebrated her special jubilee Mass with the Croatian community, fellow Sisters, Family and Friends. Sr Slavica is a blessing to all the catholic Croatian Community in Adelaide. In the absence of a Chaplain, her hands a full, ministering to this community! On behalf of the Catholic Multicultural Office we wish Sr Slavica many many blessings today and to come.

From the Burmese Community: Father Peter

On the Sunday the 8th May, 2022 the Burmese Community celebrated a highly anticipated Mass at St Finbar's Church in Salisbury North, with a much enjoyed community dinner that followed.

With no chaplain for the 150 large Burmese Catholic Community in Adelaide, it was a very special occasion to have Father Peter Zin from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate Mass with this community. Quite a few families that have migrated to Australia from Burma do not speak fluent English, so it is very comforting to be able to attend the sacrament of reconciliation in their mother tongue.

The community that meets every week for prayers, greatly appreciated celebrating Mass together and were most grateful to God and Fr. Zin for this blessing. Whilst here, Father Zin visited many families blessing their homes and ministering to them. The Burmese Catholic Community expressed their gratitude to the Archdiocese of Adelaide for supporting this anticipated event.



Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Boat People



The Vietnamese Catholic Community in SA chose Mary with the title of Our Lady of the Boat People when it was first founded in 1979. This title reminds the Vietnamese Catholics of their sea travels many years ago in search of freedom. During their journeys, as they came across all sorts of difficulties, they turned to Mary to ask her to intercede for them before God. Now that they have settled in Adelaide and lived a new life, they are still boat people of faith, as they are still travelling with the Church on the sea of life towards Heaven. So, every year, the first Sunday of May is reserved to honour Mary as Our Lady of the Boat People. This year, the feast was celebrated on 1 May 2022. After Mass, people gathered around the Marian Garden to pray and to offer flowers to Mary with loving devotion.



Recent Events

- 2/05/2022 - Feast of Our Lady of the Boat People - Vietnamese Community
- 13/6/2022 – The Feast of St Anthony – the Albanian Community
- 13/6/2022 – The Feast of St Anthony – the Syro-Malabar Rite Community
- 26/6/2022 – The Feast of St Alphonsa – the Syro-Malabar Rite Community

Upcoming Events

- 1/7/2022 – Feast of St Thomas the Apostle – Indian Community
- 27/6/2022 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 9 Day Novena – Syro-Malabar Rite Community
- 15/08/2022- The Feast of the Assumption of Mary and Independence Day of Slovenia- Slovenian Community
- 15/08/2022- The Feast of the Assumption of Mary and Independence Day of India- Syro Malabar Community
- 22/08/2022 The Feast of St Stephen of Hungary- Hungarian Community

2022 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly - Coming Soon (21st/ 22nd of October) - Be Prepared



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