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## Migrant and Refugee Sunday

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The Archdiocese of Adelaide celebrated the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with Holy Mass at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm on Sunday 25 September. This annual multicultural Mass is one of the Diocese's most important celebrations for our church communities in Adelaide and consequently was livestreamed. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for the celebration was "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees".

This year, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan encouraged parishes to celebrate this special occasion by inviting parishes to link with their local multicultural communities – resources were sent out to parishes encouraging them to:- Link with their local multicultural community; share/display their migration stories; share a multicultural meal; to display a map showing the rich cultural heritage of their parish community; and to gather for prayer and reflection with links to relevant prayer resources.

The central celebration at 2pm in the Cathedral was beautiful, celebrated by the Archbishop, with 8 priests and deacons, including chaplains of cultural communities, concelebrating the Mass. The congregation was made up of people from many cultures; some came in their national costumes, others in spirit, representing the faith they have brought to Adelaide to make up our diverse multicultural church.

## The Feast of St Daniel Comboni

The African Community celebrated the Feast of St Daniel Comboni at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sunday 9 October, 2022, at 2.30pm.

And what a joyful event it was!

The Kizito Choir uplifted the Cathedral congregation with such holy and joyful worship, led by very passionate choir masters, Simon Mpenda, Andrew Dunia and Archangelo Sangu.

The main celebrant, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, clothed in his St Daniel Comboni chasuble, celebrated this special feast to honour the Italian Saint who was pivotal in tackling injustice and slavery in Sudan. Priests, Fr. Anthony Adimai, moderator of the Adelaide Cathedral, Fr Michael Musyoka Kyumu, Fr Denis Ssemuju, Fr Mwaura Gicheha, Fr Dominic Okwadha along with Deacon Alfred Donat, concelebrated the Mass with great gladness.

Two young readers, Jolie Hazizimana and Evelyne Sangu, proclaimed the readings with great poise; with Deacon Alfred very skilfully proclaiming the story of the 10 lepers from the Gospel of Luke.

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## Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace and Unity



On the 10th of September, 2022 the Archbishop of Adelaide, along with other Christian leaders from our Churches in Adelaide united for an afternoon of Prayer, Reconciliation, Unity, Peace and Harmony with the African Community in Adelaide and in Africa.

Denominations including the Catholic, Anglican, and Uniting Churches, the South Sudanese Christians fellowship, the Pentecostal Church, and the City International Christian church all participating in this prayer service. This ecumenical service brought more than 100 people together to sing and pray at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2.30pm on Saturday afternoon.

Its origins began in 2018, when the South Sudanese Community came together to celebrate the National Day of Prayer for Peace. It was evident this was something that resided in the hearts of many Africans as people from other African countries came. This year a group of leaders coordinated by Mr Clement Kuek, Manager of African Services at Centacare in Adelaide, initiated a more formal ecumenical prayer service. It is hoped this will continue as an annual event.

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## Tamil Community - The Feast of Valainkanni (Our Lady of Good Health)



The Feast of Vailankanni was celebrated by the Indian community on 11th September 2022 at Annunciation Church, Hectorville. The whole celebration was organised by the Tamil Community under the guidance of Fr Anthoni Adimai, the Chaplain to the Tamil Community. The flag hoisting Mass was held on Friday, September 2, 2022, at 7 p.m., followed by the Rosary.

Nine consecutive days of novenas were held in various houses by families and many faithful devotees joined in the prayerful worship. The statue of Our Lady of Vailankanni was delivered to the host families. Homes were open to all for the Rosary and novena services, followed by hospitality. Throughout the Novena days, the families prayed the rosary as a family and it was streamed online for those who were unable to attend.

On Sunday September 11th, 2022, at 2.30 p.m., the celebration commenced with a solemn procession of the statue of Our Lady of Vailankanni through the school grounds. The Feast day was attended by between 200 to 250 people. The rosary was recited in many Indian languages. The Rosary was followed by the litany to Our Lady as the statue was processed into the church. The main celebrant was Monsignor David Cappo, who was joined by eight Indian Priests. The mass began with the children welcoming the congregation with the Aarathi followed by two elders in the community lighting the Kuthuvelakku to commence the worship in a traditional format.

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## Konkani Community Monthi Fest

The 10th of September 2022 saw a large gathering of over 150 faithful of the Konkani Community at St Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, Croydon Park. It was the occasion of "Monthi Fest" as it is popularly known in Mangalore, Karnataka and as "Monte Saibinnichem Festa" in Goa, both places being part of the Konkani region on the west coast of India.

This feast is normally held on the 8th of September to celebrate the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebration of the feast in India began in Goa in 1513 with the construction of the Capela de Nossa Senhora do Monte (The chapel of Our Lady of the Mount) under orders from Afonso de Albuquerque, the commander of the Portuguese army. This chapel on a hilltop (monte) is in the vicinity of the Bom Jesus Basilica where the body of St Francis Xavier, having resisted extensive decay, is kept. The feast was then popularized by Fr Joachim Miranda, a Goan Catholic priest, in Farangipet, Mangalore in 1763 at the Monte Mariano Church built by the Portuguese in 1568. The feast is associated in Mangalore and surrounding regions with the harvest festival and offerings of the crops and produce are made to God during Mass.

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## Malta National Day & Our Lady Queen of Victories

This year all the Maltese Societies under the banner of the Maltese Community Council, wisely decided to combine the celebration of The Queen of Victories Feast with the Malta National Day Event. It proved to be a wise decision, much to the satisfaction and pleasure of those who attended.

The celebration of Our Lady Queen of Victories Feast commenced on Friday night at the Lockleys Parish Church with the usual tribute to the “Bambina”. Given the terrible cold weather with showers the attendance was even better than had been expected. It was inspiring to see.

Due to the inclement weather the usual procession outside did not take place, instead the Maltese Queen of Victories Band adjourned to the rear of the Church to play the Marian hymns inside. As the time approached to start the evening’s ceremony, Fr Alfred was unable to come due to the stormy weather.



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## Polish Community The Society of Christ Fathers 90th Anniversary



The Society was founded on September 8, 1932, by Venerable August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland with the main goal to provide assistance and spiritual care to Polish migrants living abroad. The Society of Christ Fathers, often abbreviated to SChr is a male religious congregation consisting of priests, brothers and seminarians.

The spirituality of the Society of Christ is Christ-centered, meaning that members of the Society are to follow Jesus Christ in their lives and conform themselves to Christ. Their spirituality is also deeply Marian; Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is a means for members of the Society of Christ to inspire Poles living abroad to seek greater holiness through the imitation of Mary.

Religious priests and brothers travelled to new countries, to other continents, taking up pastoral work there. In 1976, the Congregation already had 124 religious houses and pastoral centres. Currently, the Society carries out its mission in parts of Poland, in 6 foreign provinces comprising 17 countries: Poland, Brazil, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, Spain, Germany, Holland, Italy, Hungary, England, Ireland, Ukraine, Belarus.

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## Celebrating the 100th Birthday of the Oldest Member from the Polish Community



On Sunday 28th of August 2022 Polish chaplain Fr. Michal Skiba SChr celebrated the thanksgiving mass for the occasion of the 100th birthday of Mrs. Helena Pogrzebska – the oldest member of the Polish community.

*Photo* In the middle Mrs. Helena Pogrzebska with family (all together she has 19 grandchildren and 21 great - grandchildren)

# Albanian Community- Holy Mass and Celebration of the Feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

On the 11th September, 2022, the Albanian Catholic Community came together to honour their patron Saint, Mother Teresa of Calcutta in a beautiful Mass held at Mater Christi Church at Seaton.

The Albanian Catholic community has celebrated this Feast Day Mass for Mother Teresa for many years however this feast procession was particularly special. In April this year the community installed the very beautiful statue of Mother Teresa that overlooks the procession area. In the spirit of 'welcome' that the Albanian Community does so well, Mother Teresa's outstretched arms conveyed that sentiment of welcome as the procession took place. With the inscription "Peace begins with a smile" below her bronze figure, Mother Teresa's words are a reminder to us all in these troubled times.

The procession began at midday, with the community praying the rosary together in the various languages spoken by the Albanian people, followed by the Holy Mass.

Father Tomas Ruiz CS, the parish priest of Seaton and priest celebrant of the Albanian Catholic Community gave a beautiful homily acknowledging the amazing work and legacy of this humble and hardworking woman, Mother Teresa. The community also remembered our brother in Christ, Father Luigi Sabbadin, who passed away the day prior, with intentions for his blessed soul prayed for by all present. The children of the community delighted in participating in the Entrance Procession, reading the prayers of the faithful in their parent's mother tongue and participating in the procession of gifts.

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## Korean Community Day

Every year on September 20, the memorial day of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and their Companions, and Martyrs, the Korean Community has been celebrating Korean Community Day. This year's Community Day was held at Saint David's Parish School Gymnasium on the 18th of September which is the preceding Sunday of memorial day. From noon, we gathered together to hold a community Mass, and shared a meal together. The afternoon was then filled with playing traditional Korean games such as Yutnori, True or False game, and a raffle. Everyone had a great time by God's grace.



## MORE STORIES

### Fr Luigi Sabbadin CS 6/05/1943 - 9/09/2022

With Sadness we mourn the loss of our brother in Christ, Father Luigi Sabbadin CS, but with equal rejoicing we celebrate his life here on earth. We acknowledge his faithful contribution to many missions in Italy, Philippines, and Australia and especially acknowledge his contribution to us in Adelaide.

Father Luigi passed away at Villa Saint Hilarion on the 9th September, 2022 after suffering illness these last few months.

His presence and contribution to our Multicultural communities here in Adelaide and his regular support and participation to our leadership group of Migrant Chaplains and Pastoral Workers, has been so valued.

Our prayers are with our Chaplains Father Tomas (Spanish and Albanian) and Fr Franco (Filipino), and all the Scalabrinian Community, as well as the Italian community of Seaton and Father Luigi's family.

At the Holy Requiem Mass, Father Renato Zecchin a classmate of Father Luigi in the seminary, shared stories of the sincere love the Seaton parish had for Father Luigi. Father Ignacio Gutierrez CS the superior of the Scalabrinian Fathers in Australia, shared what a sincere, honest, generous and courageous man Father Luigi was and how his deep desire to be a faithful servant, doing whatever is the Will of our Lord, held him strong till his last breath.

*May he rest in peace as we remember Father Luigi in our prayers.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/11/2022- ZimCatholics Fundraising Event- Zimbabwe Group
  - 24/11/2022- Feast of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs- Vietnamese Community
  - 26/11/2022 – Little Town of Bethlehem – Sri Lankan Community
  - 29/11/2022- Mater Christi Church celebration for St John the Baptist Scalabrinian Father - Vietnamese Community
  - 1/12/2022- Feast of the Blessed Anuarite Nengapeta - African Community
  - 8/12/2022 – Our Lady's Feast Day – several communities
  - 12/12/2022 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Spanish Speaking Community
  - 15/12/2022 – Simbang Gabi – Novena in honour of the blessed Virgin Mary – Filipino Community
- Italian Festas are celebrated throughout the year in different parishes.

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