



MULTICULTURAL E-NEWS

CATHOLIC MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES
ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE



What's inside this issue:

- Migrant Chaplains and Pastoral Workers Christmas Lunch
- 104th Anniversary Celebration of Polish Independence
- Spanish Speaking Community Celebration
- Sri Lankan Community Christmas Celebration
- Feast of St Euphrasia and Kadosh Celebration
- The Scalabrian Father Canonisation



Migrant Chaplains and Pastoral Workers Christmas Lunch 2022

On Thursday the 24th November Migrant Chaplains and Pastoral Workers came together to enjoy a special meal together. It was too early to celebrate Christmas but was an opportunity for us to be together in the Season of Advent before the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season.

The meal was delicious, but the star of the show was Father Laszlo Horvath, chaplain to the German and Hungarian community, who lifted the spirit of the gathering with his great musical talent! The emotions of the day fluctuated as Basia Gebski, Multicultural Events Coordinator of the Multicultural Office announced that she will be finishing after 16 years of dedicated service to the multicultural community! There were many positive words shared as we acknowledge the wonderful work and relationships formed over these many years. Then to everyone's surprise, St Nicholas arrived unexpectedly with Angel Melissa and Angel Lily!! Such a heavenly sight! Bringing gifts to all.

Such a beautiful time to be together thanks to the hospitality of the Lithuanian Catholic Community.

104th Anniversary Celebration of Polish Independence

On Sunday, November 13, 2022, Bishop Karol Kulczycki together with the Polish chaplain Fr. Michal Skiba SChR celebrated a solemn Holy Mass at the Resurrection Church at Unley on the 104th anniversary of gaining independence by Poland – it was after 123 years of partitions.

In his sermon, Bishop Kulczycki emphasized the great importance of the faith, hope and trust in God of Polish people, especially in difficult situation for the country.

After the mass Bishop Karol and most of the faithful went to Dom Polski for a gala dinner including artistic program and a special exhibition entitled “100 years of Polish independence”.

It was a special day for the Polish community a day to remember.



Spanish Speaking Community Celebration

On Saturday October 29th, we celebrated our traditional Annual Feast of the Spanish Speaking Catholic Community of Adelaide in the hall of the Mater Christi Church. During this celebration, we share as brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we enjoy good music, dance and delicious food while having healthy family fun. Our community comes from at least 10 different countries in Latin America, each one of them with diverse devotions and feast celebrations during the year; having this one big time to share and celebrate makes us feel connected not only with our countries of origin but as part of the Body of Christ here in Adelaide. We thank everyone who collaborated to make this sharing happen. The funds raised will be used for activities in our community.



Sri Lankan Community Christmas Celebration

Sri Lankan Catholic Association (SLCASA) hosted its annual Christmas celebration recently with around 350 people participation.

The evening was lined up with several items on the agenda out of which the carols and traditional dances took prominence. Grand Sri Lankan Christmas buffet and live music brightened the evening. The Executive Committee of SLCASA extends a heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this event

You can find the SLCASA on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/989695707748202/>



Feast of St Euphrasia and Kadosh

The Feast of St Euphrasia was celebrated by the Syro Malabar Community on 30th October 2022 at St Euphrasia Church, in Elizabeth South, and Kadosh celebration two weeks later (Kadosh is a Hebrew word meaning 'the Holy one').

The celebrations were exquisitely organised by the St Euphrasia Syro Malabar Catholic Parish under the guidance of Fr Ajith Cheriakkara Antony, the Parish Priest to this Community in the North. Navanal (Malayalam word “ Nov” meaning ‘9’; and “nal” meaning ‘days’) was held from the 21st of October finishing on the 29th October by the many faithfilled families, devoted to the Rosary and its powerful blessings. In Indian tradition, the families recited prayers- Rosary and Noveva in preparation for the Feast Day Holy Mass on the Sunday.

On Sunday October 30th, 2022, the celebration commenced with the Rosary recited in Malayalam at 4.15pm, followed by Prasudhendhi Vazhch at 4.45pm with Solemn Holy Mass commencing at 5pm.

The celebration was attended by between 300 to 350 people. The main celebrant was Monsignor Francis Kolencherry the Vicar General from the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle in Melbourne, who had come specially to join the Adelaide community to celebrate this important annual feast Mass. Concelebrating Priests included our Vicar General, Father Dean Marin, Gawler parish Priest Father Jose Pazheparambil and the very appreciated Parish Priest of St Euphrasia Church, Father Ajith Cheriakkara Antony.

[Click here for the full story & more photos](#)



The Scalabrian Father Canonisation

The Scalabrinian Father Canonisation
On the 12th of November the Church of Mater Christi – home of the Scalabrinian in Adelaide, celebrated the canonisation of Saint John the Baptist, Scalabrinian that occurred on the 9th of October, 2022 in Rome, Italy.

Collaborating this celebration with their Thanks giving Mass for all Parish volunteers it was a day of joy for the people of the Mater Christi Church.

This was an exciting event for many especially Father Tomas Ruiz, Father Franco Lacanario and the late Father Luigi, who was well aware of the canonisation and waiting in anticipation. Father Tomas had the joy of being at the canonsation personally

The Scalabrinian Father is proclaimed as the Father of Migrants (Patron Saint of Migrants) and founded the missionaries of St Charles Borromeo.

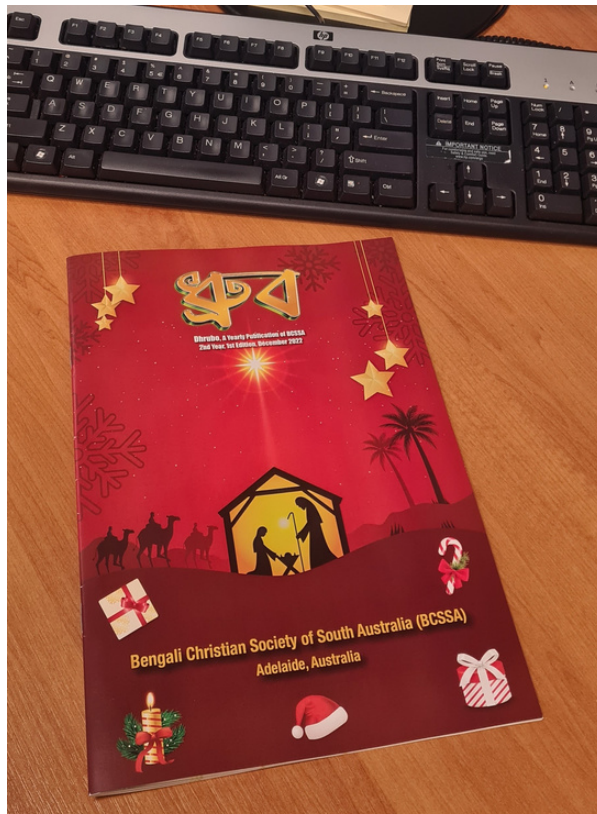


Christmas Gift from the Bengali Community

This morning our Multicultural Office received a Christmas gift from a small but very vibrant Bengali community – it is a beautifully produced magazine “Dhrubo” a Yearly Publication of the Bengali Christian Society of South Australia.

Congratulation to the President, Dr Bridget Gomes, and her Executive Committee for cultivating their cultural and promoting their faith in this intentional way, incorporating the diverse gifts of their community.


If you would like a copy, contact the Bengali Christian Society of South Australia via our office.





Archbishop Patrick O'Regan with our Multicultural Communities in 2022





*Peace on Earth will
come to stay, when we
live Christmas
everyday!*

May God continue to fill your life with the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and may the newborn Jesus bring peace on Earth to you, your family, friends and community.



From the Multicultural Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Address: 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, SA, 5000

Postal Address: GPO Box 1364, Adelaide, SA, 5001

Phone: (08) 8210 8140

Email: multiculturaloffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au