



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

WEEKLY E-NEWS

*Information for parish and
community weekly newsletters*

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Important information for parish teams:

National Liturgy & Music Conference

Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament and Song

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Hope Filled - Sacraments of Initiation

A sacramental team from within the Adelaide Archdiocese will present and share a detailed overview of the program that they deliver, detailing the roles and responsibilities of each member, examples of the activities they facilitate and the ways in which they have modified and adapted their program to suit the changing needs of families. An opportunity to unpack the current realities facing families, catechists and sacramental programs. Through using current Diocesan documents as guides, participants will connect with fellow sacramental leaders to share their experiences. Time and space will be provided to explore future initiatives, including how the document 'Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel' inspires, nourishes and enlivens our work with children and their families. For further information please [click here](#) or contact [Kelly Spencer](#) on 8301 6650.

Rite of Election 2025 – St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral Sunday March 9

Do you have anyone in your community preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil?

Please register any catechumens from your parish to attend the Rite of Election using this [REGISTRATION FORM](#) by February 28. All information regarding the liturgy and event details can be found in the Information Pack available to download from the website: ofw-adelaide.org.au/rite-of-election. If you have any further questions regarding this liturgy, please call 8210 8130 or email worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Free Workshops available for 2025: BOOK NOW!

Registrations are open for a variety of Liturgical and Pastoral workshops offered by the Community Life & Worship team for your parish. Please find the list of workshops on offer either by [clicking here](#) or by visiting our website, ofw-adelaide.org.au/courses-workshops.

Contact worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 8210 8130 to arrange for a member of the team to visit your parish.

Creating a Safer Online World

As children and young people head back to school and start the new year of activities in our parishes, it is a good time to think about how we use the internet. Increasingly, our learning, friendships, and social connections happen online, as well as in person at school and church. This makes it a perfect moment to focus on engaging with the online world safely, setting sensible limits on device use, and modelling good online behaviour ourselves. The Archdiocesan Integrity and Safeguarding Department is available for advice on safeguarding matters (8210 8150 or caasafeoperations@adelaide.catholic.org.au) [Click here](#) for the Parish Bulletin article and [click here](#) for the attachment.



Caritas Australia celebrates 60 years of PROJECT COMPASSION this year!

Project Compassion 2025 Sunday is March 2 – *Please highlight this in your Parish Calendar!*

Running through the six weeks of Lent.

Project Compassion has been our national fundraiser during Lent since 1965.

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation. We are called to PRAY, FAST and GIVE ALMS. These actions fit perfectly with our mission.

Project Compassion has its foundations in Adelaide, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity of God's people (**YOU!**) for 60 years!

This year's stories highlight the transformative work **Caritas Australia** is doing in Vietnam, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Samoa.

By sharing these stories, we hope to deepen our collective understanding of the challenges faced by our global brothers and sisters, and to feel the joy of restoring dignity and hope within their communities.

Please check out our website for lots of resources to support your parish in awareness raising and fundraising at caritas.org.au or at: [Project Compassion 2025 resources](#)

RCIA Save the Dates!

For those parishes preparing candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil, please save these dates.

Rite of Election: **March 9** – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, afternoon tea and discussion with the Archbishop 2–4pm, liturgical rite 4–5pm. Information and registration will come out in this month. This rite is required for all those who will be baptised this, Easter.

Mystagogy Mass: **May 24** – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, 6pm. All those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil are invited to celebrate with the Archbishop. Reception to follow.

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Graphics

Graphics for the Jubilee logo and a pull-up banner can be found among the Jubilee Resources page [here](#).

Jubilee Year calendar and resources

There are 36 events throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life ([Click here for the Calendar](#)). For each event, the National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared a brief resource that parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection. The resources include:

Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer;

Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes;

Reflection: Testimony - a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; image/artwork - a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation;

Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes;

Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme. You can find and download the resources by clicking [here](#). Contact the Community Life & Worship team at E: worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 8210 8130, if you have any issues accessing the files.

Job Vacancies

Volunteer Teacher of English for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service (Kilburn) is seeking a volunteer to teach basic and functional English to refugees and asylum seekers. Classes are held at the Kilburn Community Centre on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 12.15pm. Class dates follow the school term. Qualifications are not essential, but some experience is necessary. There is volunteer support for the teacher at the classes. The group is composed mainly of older persons who have not been to school, male and female, from mixed countries of origin and all are refugees. Their English level is low. The volunteer is needed to start as soon as possible. Further information from Emma Yengi, Coordinator. P: 08 8340 3053, Emma 0448 775 414, E: eyengi@svdpsa.org.au. For more information about the role and how to apply, [click here](#).

Bulletin notices ([Click here](#) for related flyers or attachments)



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Volunteering at Calvary - The power of a smile

You can make an impact volunteering at Calvary Adelaide Hospital which has a number of volunteer 'patient support' positions available. These roles provide valuable support to patients, visitors and staff - enhancing the service provided by Calvary to the community.

The benefits of volunteering just a few hours a week are many. You'll feel a heightened sense of wellbeing, purpose and appreciation, while those you support will be forever grateful. If you like spending time in service for others and have a positive approach to life; if you're kind, sensitive, responsible, have a sense of humour, then we would love to hear from you!

For further information, please email CHCA-volunteers@calvarycare.org.au or contact Jessica on 0427 012 336.

St Dominic's Priory College film premiere

In Truth and Love - a short film to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the Dominican Sisters of North Adelaide Sunday March 30 at 2pm at St Dominics Priory College, Molesworth Street, North Adelaide. Tickets \$25 (includes refreshments) Inquiries to truthandlove@outlook.com.au or 0413 293 914.

Clearview-Kilburn Catholic Parish – Family Bingo Night

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of Bingo at St Gabriel's Primary School Gymnasium, 17 Whittington Street, Enfield on March 28 at 6pm. Bring your family and friends for a night of excitement and friendly competition. Tables of 10 available. There will be raffle tickets, lucky squares and games for children! Sausage sizzle, soft drinks, water and ice cream will also be available for purchase. Prizes and good company guaranteed! Bring your own food for your table to share. Please note: CASH ONLY for all purchases on the night. Coins and small notes preferred. Don't miss out on this fantastic community fundraiser - see you there! For booking details and other enquiries P: 08 8262 1070.

Birthline Pregnancy Support

Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss? At Birthline, we're searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of Telephone Counsellors. Whether you have prior experience or are completely new to counselling, our FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course (TCC) will equip you with the skills and confidence needed to support those in need. If counselling or a commitment to weekly training isn't the right fit for you, there are other volunteer opportunities available. For enquiries, please email tcc@birthline.org.au or call on 0413 380 883. Website: birthline.org.au.

Homeshare: A solution to the rental crisis for older women in SA

Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity. The *Homeshare* program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity – a model that has been successfully running around the world for years.

A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the [Homeshare Pilot Program](#) is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 55+ living on their own that have a spare bedroom, with female homesharers that need affordable accommodation from a similar age group that can offer some help around the house. Unlike a traditional flatmate arrangement, the matching process is rigorous: both parties undergo interviews, reference checks and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a householder or homesharer, please visit: [Homeshare](#).

St Vincent de Paul Society Campaign

We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at svdp@svdpsa.org.au



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support.

The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413