



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

WEEKLY E-NEWS

Information for parish and
community weekly newsletters

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Important information for parish teams:

Pastoral Letter for Lent from Archbishop O'Regan

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan's Pastoral Letter for Lent 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope: A Lenten Journey in Light of the Synod and Jubilee Year* is a message of hope and mercy. Please include this QR code (attached) in your Parish Bulletin to invite your community to read this communication from our Archbishop ([click here](#)). Alternatively, you can view the Pastoral Letter on the [Archdiocesan Website](#) by clicking here [Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide - Messages](#) and share it on all of your communication platforms (newsletter, email, website, social media). Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Chrism Mass

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 14 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact Community, Life and Worship on 8210 8130.

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

The Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers is on 5-6 April 2025. Resources, including a prayer card for this Jubilee will be sent out to Parishes and Communities in the days leading up to the event.

Expansion of our shared services and to introduce our new role, Claims Management Business Partner

CSaIM shared a partnership with Lawson to assist during the transition while CSaIM worked diligently setting up their own internal claims and injury management team. Lawson is continuing to partner with the CSaIM team to ensure that hand over is seamless with minimal disruption to claims or return to work processes.

The transition to an internal claims team is scheduled to be completed by July 1 2025. The Injury Management Business Partner from the CSaIM team remains unchanged and will continue to assist with recovery and return to work. For full details please [click here](#).



The Catholic agency
for international aid
and development

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Did you know, Project Compassion was born from a Lenten initiative started over 60 years ago right here in Adelaide in St Bernadette's Church? Last year it had spread to 1205 parishes and 1724 schools from across Australia. How amazing is that.

This week we hope you can show the next video (from Samoa) as well as including the prayer, use the speaker notes and continue to hand out boxes and envelopes. Handing them out actively really does make a difference.

Save the date: April 13 (Palm Sunday), noon-2pm for the Caritas Market hosted by the Church of the Nativity, Aberfoyle Park. If you have a similar event let me know.

Do you have a Caritas Ambassador in your parish? If you have someone who is keen to champion Caritas, then please get in touch. At least one per parish would be a blessing. I'm in the office, at the Archdiocese, on Tuesdays and Fridays, 08 8210 8172.

ALL THESE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND ON THE CARITAS WEBSITE AT: [Project Compassion 2025 resources](#).

Your fundraising last year helped us to directly support 514,014 participants in our Development Programs (indirectly over a million more). Thank you.

For more information, please contact Karen: caritas@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8172

2025 Lenten Family Resources and Activities

The Archdiocesan Office and Catholic Education Office offer the following resources for families during the Lenten season. You may wish to share the digital versions in your parish communications or print them for Children's Liturgy. [Weekly Family Lenten Pages](#), Lenten Calendar ([attached](#)), Lenten Chatterbox Activity ([attached](#)). The Archdiocesan Lenten Reflection book is also available online at: <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html>

Celebrating Diversity and Unity

Australia is fortunate enough to have a rich cultural diversity, with nearly 30 per cent of Australians born overseas and more than 7.5 million migrants making Australia home in the past 70 years. Almost half of Australians are either born overseas or have a parent who was, identifying with around 300 different ancestries. As a community, we honour shared values of respect, equality and freedom, while reflecting on the importance of peace and solidarity, especially for those affected by war. In Catholic communities, we have an opportunity to foster environments where cultural diversity is and should be celebrated. It is important that every individual feels safe, valued and respected. Church communities provide great opportunities to appreciate, connect and learn from others, enriching our vibrant Church community.

- Integrity and Safeguarding Department.

National Liturgy & Music Conference

Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament and Song

Registrations are now open for the APMN & NLC biennial conference to be held in Adelaide from October 1 to 3, 2025 at the Hilton Adelaide Hotel, Victoria Square. This is a great opportunity for parish musicians, school APRIMS and RECs, parish priests and pastoral associates to hear international and national speakers in the field (Fr Ricky Manalo CSP, Rita Ferrone, Fr Richard Leonard SJ) together with other inspirational and prophetic Australian voices. Visit the Conference website for full information: <https://pilgrimsofhope.com.au/> Early Bird registrations close April 30, 2025. The Archdiocese is pleased to offer a **limited number of scholarships** to parishes who wish to send someone to the conference but lack the financial means. Contact Community Life and Worship before April 7 for enquiries: worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8130.



Workshops on offer for Parishes to schedule throughout the year

Parishes are invited to host a choice of Liturgical and Pastoral workshops on offer by the Community Life & Worship team. Please find the list of workshops that may be of interest to your community either by [clicking here](#) or by visiting our website, ofw-adelaide.org.au/courses-workshops. Workshops are held 'on demand' with one of our team going out to your parish to lead parish members in a discussion or training. Contact worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 8210 8130 to arrange a date. (Please note that the month of March is fully booked).

Job Vacancies

Finance Officer - Catholic Safety and Injury Management

The Finance Officer is responsible for providing high quality, professional and efficient finance support to the CSaIM & Finance Team including the timely and accurate recording and reporting of financial transactions as well as working to support the CSaIM SA Unit and Archdiocesan Finance team, to assist in the delivery of responsive, flexible, and effective services. Applications, including a cover letter addressing the key responsibilities of the position, and a copy of the applicant's CV should be addressed to Ms Majella Jovanovich, Human Resources Manager, and emailed to recruitment@adelaide.catholic.org.au no later than close of business 5pm Friday March 21 2025. Please see [attachment](#) for further information.

Sacramental Coordinator - Salisbury Catholic Parish

The Sacramental Coordinator will be responsible to the Parish Priest and will work collaboratively with him, and the Sacramental Management Team, in the administration and preparation of the Sacramental Program. The Sacramental Coordinator will initiate and facilitate a range of opportunities, forums, and resources to connect and engage parents in areas such as personal prayer, spiritual growth and the sacraments. Applications should be sent to Nicholas Dangcalan, Parish Business Manager, at businessmanager@salcath.org.au no later than the close of business (5pm) on Monday March 31 2025. A copy of the Position Description can be obtained by emailing recruitment@adelaide.catholic.org.au or by phoning 08 8210 8291 or 08 8210 8292. Please see [attachment](#) for further information.

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

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24 Hours for the Lord

The 24 Hours for the Lord will be observed at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham** from **5pm on Friday March 28 until 5pm on Saturday March 29**. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm on Friday evening and the church will remain open with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for the entire 24 hours. A priest will be available in the confessional for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5pm to midnight on Friday evening and 8am to midday on Saturday. This is a worldwide initiative to invite all people to renew their encounter with Jesus Christ through Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is intended to be a time of reflection and prayer, an opportunity to speak with a priest, and a chance to rediscover or perhaps discover for the first time the Catholic Faith. Please see flyer attached for further information or contact office@paynehamcatholic.org.au

Mass of Thanksgiving for canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonised in Rome on April 27 2025. A Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonisation of Saint Carlo Acutis will be celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham on Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm followed by veneration of his first class relic. Please see flyer attached for further information or contact office@paynehamcatholic.org.au All welcome.

Indulge Responsibly this Easter

Chocolate is a delicious treat and popular gift. Each year, Australians will spend millions of dollars buying hundreds of kilograms to enjoy over Easter season. But as delicious and quintessential as it has become, much of it has been tainted with slavery. As consumers we can play a part in combating slavery in chocolate supply chains. We can do this by purchasing chocolate that has the Rainforest Alliance, Cocoa Horizons or Fairtrade certification logos. This means that these companies are working to eliminate slavery in the cocoa industry. You can also double-check Be Slavery Free's chocolate scorecard (chocolatescorecard.com). Please see attached flyers for more information.



'Lift Up' Good Friday Night Walk - A Journey of Reflection & Hope

This Good Friday, you are invited to walk together in the spirit of a pilgrimage, inspired by the 2025 Jubilee Year - *Pilgrims of Hope*. This journey is an opportunity to step away from the everyday and reflect. Our Good Friday night walk is a meaningful way to connect with the Easter story, each other, and the deeper themes of resilience, forgiveness and hope. This event is open to all ages, however it has been inspired and designed

with young people in mind by COYYA (Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults). Our journey begins at The Monastery in Urrbrae at 7.30pm. From there, we will walk towards the city. Along the route, we will pause for reflection at St Raphael's in Parkside before continuing towards our final destination - St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The walk is roughly 6.5km total. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CZHVW> to secure your spot as well as nominating for transportation provided from the Cathedral back to The Monastery should you require it. Detailed information can be found at <https://www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/liftup2025>

Fringe Organ Recital

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sunday March 23 (Young Organists) at 1pm. Entry is free. All are welcome. Please see attached flyer for more information.



Marathon for Cancer Council

Fr Charles Lukati, Parish Priest of the Croydon Park Parish, will run the Clare Valley Half Marathon on Sunday April 6 to raise money for Cancer Council SA. By running the marathon, Fr Charles is living out the call of Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year to be a Pilgrim of Hope "always on the move". Please help him to support everyone affected by cancer, by donating to this Cancer Council Fundraising Event. The target has been set at \$20,000. Let's see how far we can reach!



[Do It For Cancer - Fr Charles Lukati - Marathon for Cancer Council](#)

Lenten Program - No Greater Love

A Biblical Walk-Through Christ's Passion:

The Hectorville Parish is offering a program that will help you to experience Christ's Passion and Death as you never have before. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk-Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his Agony in the Garden to his Crucifixion on Calvary. Participants will meet for prayer, discussion and an engaging video presentation presented by Dr Edward Sri, which was filmed on location in the Holy Land, so we can see the actual locations where Christ's passion occurred! This five-part Bible study program is for parishioners of all ages. Participation is free; however, participants may purchase the accompanying workbook for \$30.

Location: Annunciation Church, 18/20 Montacute Road, Hectorville

Date: Wednesdays March 19 - April 9, Time: 7- 8pm

Lefevre Catholic Community -Adult Formation Sessions by Fr Kevin Horsell

Organised by the Lefevre Catholic Community, our next Adult Formation sessions are Fr Kevin Horsell's *Passion according to Luke* on Sunday March 30 at 4pm and *Passion according to John* on Sunday April 6 at 4pm. This will be held in the Lefevre Meeting Rooms, 253 Military Road, Semaphore to encourage and deepen one's Lenten reflection. Please see the attached flyer or contact Bernadette Smith on 8449 6378 for further information.

Lenten Reflections 2025: Lead-up to Easter - The Revelation of Resurrection

Hallett Cove Catholic Church - 7pm.

Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria St. Mile End - 10am

Tuesdays March 25; April 1, 8, 15

Presenter: Kevin Liston.

Sponsor: SA Catholics for an Evolving Church (SACEC)

For more information and to register for pre-reading: E: Kevin.liston1@gmail.com or P: 0411 197 829.

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. Please see flyer attached for more information.

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 home sharers 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 home sharer, please visit: [Homeshare](#).



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 P: 1800 024 413

