



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.



Book Release for the Jubilee 2025

The Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church is a special time of grace and conversion that involves prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance. The *Notes on Prayer* series – featuring 8 titles, 8 authors, and a preface for each book by Pope Francis – has been created to help celebrate this event. Each booklet in the *Notes on Prayer* series is a powerful resource, offering spiritual guidance, reflections, and wisdom from Church teachings, Sacred Scripture, and the lives of the saints. **Take advantage of the special [Notes on Prayer Value Pack](#) today!**

Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

On April 5-6 we celebrate the Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers. We draw your attention to the following resources:

Blessing text - We invite priests to pray a blessing over Health Care Workers at the conclusion of Masses on the weekend April 5-6. Please see the [attached blessing text](#).

Letter to Health Care Workers - A letter from Archbishop O'Regan to Health Care Workers is [attached](#) in PDF format. Priests are welcome to distribute this letter to local hospitals. The Archdiocese will also be sending this letter to Local Health Networks for distribution.

Prayer Card - A prayer card for Health Care Workers and the Sick is [attached](#) in PDF format. You are welcome to print these out or publish them in your parish newsletter. Hospital Chaplains will hand these out to patients during the Jubilee year.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Justice, Healing and Inclusion office at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

The Catholic agency
for international aid
and development

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Praying that Project Compassion is going well in your community and that the videos, prayers and materials are being well received.

I'm learning that active reminders on Facebook / websites or whichever communication tool you use, does act as an excellent prompt. We have such great supporters but often with busy lives.

This week we hope you can show the next video featuring Lam from Vietnam. It gives a very practical

example of how our donations can transform a life – working WITH them to determine their needs not telling them what WE think should happen.

NB Change from previous note: Save the date: April 6, noon-2pm for the Caritas Market hosted by the Church of the Nativity, Aberfoyle Park. If you have a similar event let me know.

Even though we are only a few weeks into Lent, some keen supporters may want to return their envelopes to you. Perhaps time for a note in your newsletter? e.g. can be added to 2nd collection basket. Any queries you can contact me in the office at the Diocesan Centre on Tuesdays and Fridays, Karen, 8210 8172.

ALL THE RESOURCES YOU NEED CAN BE FOUND ON THE CARITAS WEBSITE AT:

[Project Compassion 2025 resources](#)

Your fundraising last year meant that 44,631 women could participate in our development projects in Africa. And thinking of Lam's story, last year we had 5660 participants living with a disability across 28 projects in Asia. **Thank you for enabling us to do this for so many. For more information, please contact Karen:** caritas@adelaide.catholic.org.au or phone 8210 8172.

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.

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 handover 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](#).

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>

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.



Job Vacancies

Parish Secretary Part Time – Tea Tree Gully Parish

St David's parish is seeking a Parish Secretary to oversee administrative duties and support the smooth operation of the parish office. For more information for the position and how to apply please [click here](#).

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 8210 8291 or 8210 8292. Please see [attachment](#) for further information.

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

MGL Sisters Young Women's Retreat Day

A day of prayer, talks and fellowship to deepen relationship with Jesus and discern the call He is placing in your life. Saturday April 5, 10am-5pm, St Mary's College, 253 Franklin St Adelaide. Hosted by the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters. For single women aged 16-35. More info and to register: trybooking.com/CZTVU

Divine Mercy Sunday Feast

You, your family and your friends are invited to join us to celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday feast: On **Sunday April 27, 2025**, (the Sunday after Easter) at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church**, 14 Barker Road, Prospect.

Time: 1pm - 4pm; Divine Mercy goods table: 12.30pm-1pm.

* Don't forget to bring your rosary beads, prayer cards, books, etc, So Father can bless them.

* Free car parking available.

Enquiries: Mario Forte 0412 700 300; Lothar Bukojemski 0422 982 860; Julie Caridi 0422 982 851.

Cross Road Forum - The Church and Politics

With a Federal election imminent, we ask: *"What might the Church say to Politicians on public issues, and how can this be done most effectively?"* Speakers for this topic are Alex Dilton, MP and Kevin Liston.

When: Wednesday April 2, 7.30pm – 9pm. Coffee and chat to follow.

Where: The Sebastian Centre, The Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Glen Osmond.

Public Rosary – Praying the Rosary for Peace First Saturday of every month.

You are invited to join Our Lady (*Saturday April 5*) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace. Gather in Mary MacKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). **All welcome**. For more information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod – Legion of Mary – 0414 769 635

Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade

Public Rosary: The Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade is a global movement which invites men to honour Our Lady, offer reparation against her and fulfil the first Saturday devotion. Join us for the next Men's Rosary Crusade. Rosary starts at 12.15pm (Mass at 11.30am; Confession available to 1pm) Saturday *April 5*. (First Saturday of every month) You are invited to join on the grassed area (Adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 12.15pm (after the 11am Mass). **All welcome**. For more information please contact: Adelaide Men's Rosary – instagram@adelaidemensrosary or text on 0419 824 582.

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 attachments flyers for more information.



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



Good Friday, April 18, - 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.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/liftup2025>

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 April 2 and 9, Time: 7- 8pm

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 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.