



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

WEEKLY E-NEWS

*Information for parish and
community weekly newsletters*

Living Catholic
7 April 2025

Important information for parish teams:

Adelaide Diocesan Centre – Easter Closure

The Diocesan Centre will be closed from 1.00pm on Thursday, 17 April 2025 and will reopening on Tuesday, 22 April 2025.

Pilgrimage & Mass with Archbishop O'Regan – Jubilee Year of Hope

Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to each of the Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites in our Diocese, where he will celebrate Mass on the following dates:

- **Saturday, 28 June 2025** – St Aloysius Catholic Church, Sevenhill 12:30pm, with Reconciliation from 11.00am
- **Saturday, 23 August 2025** – St Joseph's Church, Penola 4:30pm, with Reconciliation from 3:30pm
- **Saturday, 11 October 2025** – St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide 11:30am with Reconciliation from 10.00am

Parishes are encouraged to organise pilgrimages with their parishioners to these sites at any time during the Jubilee Year of Hope. However, if a parish pilgrimage coincides with the Archbishop's Mass, registration is required due to church capacity limits.

Bookings for the Sevenhill Mass on June 28 are now open. You can register via the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD> or by scanning the QR code. Booking details for the other sites will be released at a later date. We look forward to celebrating this special journey of faith together.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference - CathNews

CathNews is a ministry of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, delivering nine curated stories a day, Monday to Friday, via an e-newsletter and available on the web at **cathnews.com**. It would be greatly appreciated if you could promote this to your communities. To subscribe to the daily newsletter please [click here](#) and scan the QR code.

The Southern Cross

The April edition of *The Southern Cross* will be published as an insert in *The Advertiser* this Saturday April 12. It will also be delivered to parishes in time for distribution at Mass centres over Easter. Please promote the free edition to your communities. Regards, Jenny Brinkworth 8210 8147.

Statement on Anti-Semitism

Please find [attached correspondence](#) from Archbishop O'Regan regarding the Archdiocese of Adelaide's response to anti-Semitism.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Election Statement 2025 'Called to bring hope in the Year of Jubilee'

Our faith calls us to engage in democracy, to build, in the words of Pope St John Paul II, "a civilisation of love" and to contribute "to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom."

This election coincides with the Holy Year of Jubilee, themed 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis reminds us that "all of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises

unkept, dreams shattered, and hearts overwhelmed by adversity". To bring hope, we must first become people of hope; as Pope Benedict XVI declared, "the one who has hope lives differently". The Jubilee reminds us that voting is not just a civic duty but an opportunity to advance the common good and pave the way for hope.

Please find attached [statement](#) and [poster](#) here.



Easter: A Time for Reflection – A Renewed Commitment to Safeguarding for All

Easter is a time of reflection, renewal, and unity, and a season when many celebrate new beginnings with loved ones. However, for those men, women and children who face homelessness, it can be one of the most difficult times of the year. While others come together in warmth, many without stable housing, experience emotional isolation and vulnerability. As Catholics we are called to reach out to those who may be struggling, removing barriers of isolation and opening our doors to ensure inclusivity and places of welcome for all, regardless of life circumstance. Organisations together with our Church communities can work together to ensure the homeless are not forgotten, by offering not just food and shelter but also dignity, respect, and a sense of belonging to a community. The effects of homelessness on adults, children and young people can be devastating and life altering. The extension of compassion and support to help those in need can go a long way in restoring a vulnerable person's self-worth. So, as we celebrate Easter, volunteering, donating food and supplies, offering your professional skills or just simply making someone feel welcomed into your community can make a meaningful difference, helping restore hope and renewal for those experiencing homelessness. Attached are some Easter activities [here](#). Integrity and Safeguarding Department (08) 8210 8189 caasafeoperations@adelaide.catholic.org.au



BLESS YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PROJECT COMPASSION - YOU CHANGE LIVES

- *Let your community know how they can return their caritas boxes/envelopes.
- *Can the envelopes be put on 2nd collection plate?
- *Do you have a really visible container for the returned boxes? Can they be taken up each week as part of the Offertory Procession?
- *Put reminders in your bulletin/notices.
- *You may get higher attendance for Palm Sunday and it's not too late to ask them to support Project Compassion. Have boxes/envelopes at the ready.

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

[Project Compassion 2025 resources](#)

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.

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

Pilgrimage & Mass with Archbishop O'Regan in Sevenhill

Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of St Aloysius Church in Sevenhill on Saturday June 28, where he will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm. If you wish to attend this Mass, please register at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD> or scan the QR code. Reconciliation will be offered from 11am, and tea and coffee will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

Ignatian Heart Spirituality – Grace and Gratitude Weekend Silent Retreat

You are invited to attend a weekend retreat titled Grace and Gratitude. Enter a quiet space where you can trace the graces and gifts that have been blooming along your life path and nurture seeds of delight and gratefulness for the ongoing journey.

Date: Friday May 16, 4pm, to Sunday May 18, 2025, 2pm

Venue: Mary Knoll Retreat House, Beetaloo Valley

Cost: \$360, live in.

Enquiries and bookings: Chris McCabe: chris.mccabe08@gmail.com

Marian Procession

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 18, 2025, beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

Marian Procession Volunteering

The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact events@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday May 17 (10am – 12pm) and Sunday May 18 (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

Genesis Pregnancy Support Movie Night 2025

A special information evening being presented by Genesis at their Adelaide headquarters. Come and see *The 1916 Project* on Thursday April 10, starting off with a tour of the Genesis facilities at 2 Brooker Tce, Cowandilla, at 6pm. Followed by two documentaries at 6.30pm at the corner of Brooker and Sir Donald Bradman Drive with tea/coffee & supper. Parking on site available. For more information contact 8352 4044.

Disaster and Recovery Ministries SA Training

Do you have a listening ear? Would you be prepared to offer a ministry of presence, care and comfort to people affected in times of great need? You are invited to be trained as a chaplain for Disaster and Recovery Ministries SA. Disaster and Recovery Ministries is coordinated by the Uniting Church in SA. We train and deploy teams of people from many faith communities who, at the invitation of the SA Government, provide pastoral and spiritual support to others in the community during times of disaster and subsequent recovery. Sessions will be held on **May 1 and 2 at Brooklyn Park from 9.30am to 4.30pm both days.**

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 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.

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 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>

Lenten Reflection - The Revelation of Resurrection

Hallett Cove Catholic Church - 7pm; Mercy Centre, 4 Victoria Street, Mile End - 10am; Tuesday April 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