



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

WEEKLY E-NEWS

*Information for parish and
community weekly newsletters*

Living Catholic
28 April 2025

Important information for parish teams:

Death of Pope Francis

With profound sorrow, the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide joins the universal Church in mourning the passing of His Holiness, Pope Francis. A shepherd of deep faith, compassion and humility, Pope Francis dedicated his life to serving God's people and advocating for the poor, the marginalised and the dignity of all human life.

Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On Sunday May 11, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday which also marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As we reflect on Christ, the Good Shepherd who calls each of us by name, we unite with the faithful across our Archdiocese in praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life and all forms of dedicated service in the Church.

Please pray our Vocations Prayer:

Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church.

Watch over those who are baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families.

We ask you to choose from the families of our parishes many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

Amen.

Please find email letter([here](#)) from Father Dean Marin, director for Vocations, and please find resources (posters and prayers) in the mail, to be displayed on Good Shepherd Sunday.



The Catholic agency
for international aid
and development

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

A huge thanks to all your efforts for Project Compassion this year. Pope Francis was such a champion of the disadvantaged and marginalised that he would be cheering on our work.

- Let your community know how they can return their Caritas boxes/envelopes and give them a final return date eg May 5 or 12 (final banking date for you is May 31).
- Can the returned boxes be taken up as part of the Offertory Procession?
- Put reminders in your bulletin notices/Facebook page.

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

Change of Claims Arrangements

Please find attached a [memorandum](#) including updated [contact details](#) for specific business partners at Catholic Safety and Injury Management (CSaIM).

Your parish is already supported by a CSaIM Safety Business Partner (SBP) and a CSaIM Injury Management Business Partner (IMBP). CSaIM has now appointed Claims Management Business Partners (CMBP) to

provide support to parish sites. The CMBP will work with you and the other CSaIM Business Partners to manage any claims arising in respect of work-related injuries (this is in place of the work previously undertaken by CCI and most recently by Lawson Risk Management in respect of the return-to-work process). Please take a moment to ensure that you record the details of the three CSaIM Business Partners allocated to support your parish – this is detailed in the excel spreadsheet attached. Please also ensure that other staff in your parish who need to know this are provided with the contact details for your school's three CSaIM Business Partners.

If you have any queries in relation to this safety and injury management support model, please contact Deb Nation, director, CSaIM at dnation@csaim.org.au

Honouring the Soul: Deepening our Encounters with God, Self, Others and Creation.

The Sisters of Mercy are conducting a 40-day Sabbatical Program at Santa Casa Retreat Centre, Queenscliff, Victoria, from September 1 to October 12 2025. It is an opportunity to refresh, reset and be renewed in mind, body and spirit to those who are involved in the life and ministry of our Archdiocese. For more information about the retreat see attached [letter](#) and [pamphlet](#).

Mystagogia Mass for new Catholics

An invitation is extended to all newly baptised and those newly received into full communion into the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Adelaide, together with their sponsors and loved ones, to attend the Mass for new Catholics, the Mystagogia Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The Mass will be on Saturday May 24 at 6pm to celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Tea/coffee will follow in the parish hall. Our new Catholics are encouraged to wear white, symbolising their baptism and making them easily recognisable by the community. Please register your attendance before May 22 through the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/LPzdLEXWU8>

Pilgrimage and 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, June 28 2025 – St Aloysius Catholic Church, Sevenhill 12.30pm, with Reconciliation from 11am
- Saturday, August 23 2025 – St Joseph's Church, Penola 4.30pm, with Reconciliation from 3.30pm
- Saturday, October 11 2025 – St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide 11.30am with Reconciliation from 10am
- 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.

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 reminded 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.



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



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.

Good Shepherd Sunday - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On Sunday May 11, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, which is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations – a special time for the Church to reflect on and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. In his 62nd Message in our Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invited each of us "to become pilgrims of hope by generously offering your lives as a gift", reminding us that every Christian is called through Baptism to a unique and personal vocation. As we look to Christ the Good Shepherd, let us pray for one another in our diverse callings, and in a particular way, ask the Lord to raise up new vocations within His Church – to the consecrated life, the diaconate, and the priesthood.

Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens tour - Laudato Si' Week event

The Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you to a guided tour of the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens to celebrate Laudato Si' Week 2025. The event will be held on Saturday May 24, 1pm-3pm. Places are limited so register early at <https://www.trybooking.com/DADBH>

POSTPONED - Mass of Thanksgiving for canonisation of Saint Carlo Acutis

Following the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Holy See has announced that the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis scheduled for April 27 has been postponed. In light of this news, the Mass of Thanksgiving which was scheduled for Wednesday April 30 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Payneham has been postponed until the new date for the canonisation. For further information contact office@paynehamcatholic.org.au

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Silent Retreat Day -The World Community for Christian Meditation Australia (SA)

Peace be with you: Bonnevaux, Beauty and Community

At St Luke's Anglican Church, 25 Smart Rd, Modbury on Saturday May 17, 11am-4pm.

With Sandy Andrews, meditator and Group Leader of four groups. Sandy will talk about her time at Bonnevaux and give us a tasting of this experience. Bring your own lunch, your own cup and water bottle. Suggested donation \$15. Please email chr.med.southaust@gmail.com to register, or to find out more information. Bonnevaux is WCCM's international Meditation and Retreat Centre for Peace near Poitiers in France. More information about the retreat centre can be found at <https://bonnevauxwccm.org/>.

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, '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, 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 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 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 (event begins at 2pm).