



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

WEEKLY E-NEWS

*Information for parish and
community weekly newsletters*

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Important information for parish teams:

Diocesan Synod formation session: What is a Diocesan Synod?

Tuesday June 24, 2025, 7pm, online gathering

The Archdiocese of Adelaide is preparing for a Synod in 2026. Each month you are invited to participate in an online formation session with other people from across the Archdiocese. Each session will explore a different aspect or theme of the Synod. The June session will include details about the Diocesan Synod, what makes a synod different from a Diocesan Assembly, foundations in synodality, and synod membership. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/DBUKH> or contact Peter Bierer for more information pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au

World Refugee Day - Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community

Each year on June 20, the world celebrates World Refugee Day (WRD). This day is designated by the United Nations to honour refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and to promote solidarity with them for a 'world where refugees are welcomed'.

Please find resources on the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) website at: [World Refugee Day \(WRD\)](#) (prayers of the faithful, homily reflection notes, bulletin notices, school liturgies and power points).

Bible Lands Study Tour, January 2026

Fr Michael Trainor will lead a unique biblical study tour, from December 29, 2025, to January 21, 2026. This tour will deepen your understanding of the Bible. In Egypt you will appreciate the story of Moses and the Exodus event, key to Christian and Jewish faith. Visits to the pyramids, Valley of the Kings and Karnak and Luxor temples will expose participants to the Egyptian understanding of death and the afterlife which influenced the Old Testament authors. In Cyprus, reconnect to Luke's story of Paul in the Acts of the Apostles and a visit to the tomb of Barnabas will highlight the role which he played with Paul in spreading the Gospel to this part of the world. Finally, in Turkey reconnect to Paul and his letters and appreciate the theological contribution of the Cappadocian Fathers – Basil the Great (330-379), Gregory of Nyssa (335-395) and Gregory of Nazianzus (329-390) – to Christian theology.

Places are limited. If you are interested in more details, please email Cris as soon as possible on: blstadelade@gmail.com

Anchored in Christ

The YMG Men's Conference 2025, themed 'Anchored in Christ', is set to inspire men aged 18 and above with a day of spiritual growth and fellowship. The conference will be held on Saturday June 14 from 8am to 7.30pm at Cardijn College, Marian Campus, Noarlunga Downs. For more details and registration [click here](#).

Walking Together in Unity: Harmony and Reconciliation

Earlier this year, we celebrated Harmony Week, recognising the rich cultural diversity that makes Australia so unique. With over 300 ancestries and more than half of us born overseas or with a parent who was, we have wonderful opportunities to enrich and strengthen our parish communities, through recognising our cultural differences and traditions.

In our Catholic schools and parishes, Harmony Week reminded us of the importance of creating safe, inclusive environments where everyone, especially children and adults at risk, feel respected, welcomed and valued. As we look ahead to National Reconciliation Week (May 27–June 3), we are invited to reflect on our relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, honouring their histories and cultures, and walking forward together with truth and respect.

Both weeks call us to live out our faith through safeguarding, justice and inclusion, ensuring every person has the right to feel safe, seen and heard. [Diversity Activity Diversity & Inclusion – Activity \(2\)](#)

Let's continue building communities where diversity is celebrated, voices are respected, and everyone belongs.

Resource link for Reconciliation Week: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/posters-resources>

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](#).

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 – St Aloysius Catholic Church, Sevenhill, 12.30pm, with Reconciliation from 11am
- Saturday August 23 – St Joseph's Church, Penola, 4.30pm, with Reconciliation from 3.30pm
- Saturday October 11 – St Francis Xavier's 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>. Booking details for the other sites will be released at a later date. We look forward to celebrating this special journey of faith together.

Job Vacancies

Coordinator - Mary MacKillop Penola Centre

The Mary MacKillop Penola Centre is seeking a coordinator to oversee the daily operations of this significant heritage and pilgrimage site. This unique role involves working with volunteers to ensure a welcoming visitor experience and the smooth delivery of all centre activities.

Strong leadership, organisational, and communication skills are essential, along with experience in business services. A commitment to the Catholic ethos and the values of Mary MacKillop is vital. This is a meaningful opportunity to help preserve and share her inspiring legacy.

For more information for this exciting position and how to apply please [click here](#).

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

Sevenhill Jubilee Pilgrimage

Young people aged 18 to 35 are invited to join Catholic Office for Youth & Young Adults (COYYA) on a pilgrimage to Sevenhill on Saturday June 28 for the Jubilee Year.

\$20 per person, including bus travel (return) and lunch. Bookings are essential.

Schedule:

7am – depart Adelaide (Thebarton), travel via bus to Watervale

9am – Pilgrimage Walk (9.5km) to Sevenhill

11.30am – Reconciliation and personal reflection time at Sevenhill

12.30pm – Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan (St Aloysius Church, Sevenhill)

1.30pm – Group lunch, wine tasting/cellar door

3pm – Depart Sevenhill, travel via bus to Adelaide (Thebarton)

5pm – arrive in Adelaide (Thebarton)

Scan the QR Code or visit our website - www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/upcoming-events for more information. Bookings close on Monday June 23.

**Schola Concert postponed**

The highly anticipated Schola Concert that was scheduled for Friday, 23 May and Sunday 25 May, has been postponed. Look out for new dates. For further inquiries contact music@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Pilgrimage in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop

Presented by the Josephite Companions SA, a pilgrimage from Port Adelaide to Kensington on Saturday May 31. Mary MacKillop's courageous spirit brought her to Adelaide from Penola in 1867. Come journey to significant places in the early story of Mary and that of her Sisters.

Visiting Port Adelaide, Brompton, Adelaide Gaol, St Mary's College Chapel, West Terrace Cemetery and Kensington.

Travel by minibus (limited numbers) or car (own or shared). Meet at Kensington at 9am or Port Adelaide at 10am.

Concluding mid-afternoon at Kensington with afternoon tea. RSVP essential by Monday May 26. Further details to be provided on booking – 0417 871 904 (Mary) or SA.Companions@sosj.org.au Cost \$15 per person and BYO lunch.

Men Today and Spiritual Growth: a transformative men's retreat

Chris McPhee MSC leads this two day 'daily' retreat, open to men who seek a transformative spiritual experience. It's designed for those ready to embrace struggles as opportunities, build deep connections, and move beyond societal pressures. Whether you're new to spiritual retreats or have attended similar events before, this retreat welcomes all men looking to deepen their faith and personal growth. To be held Saturday June 14 and Sunday June 15, 9.30am to 4pm each day, in Bethany at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, 4 High Street, Kensington. For further information <https://www.marymackillopadelaide.org.au/event/men-today-spiritual-growth-a-transformative-mens-retreat/>

Birthingline Pregnancy Support

Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss? At Birthingline, 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 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 email tcc@birthingline.org.au or call on 0413 380 883. Website: birthingline.org.au.

Feast Day of St Kizito and St Charles Lwanga and Companions

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Kizito and St Charles Lwanga and Companions Mass on Sunday June 8 at 2.30pm, at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. St Kizito is the Patron Saint of primary school students and St Charles Lwanga the Patron Saint of youth.

Young people please come to this Mass and join in the entrance procession by carrying a flame.

For more information contact the Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on E: jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

St Vincent de Paul Society Payneham Conference – movie fundraiser

Join the St Vincent de Paul Society Payneham Conference for a movie fundraiser featuring *Penguin Lessons*, starring Steve Coogan. Set in 1976 Argentina, the film tells the heartwarming story of a British teacher who rescues an orphaned penguin. The event will take place on Sunday July 6 at The Regal Theatre, Kensington Park, doors open at 3pm; movie starting at 4pm. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.trybooking.com/DAKQE> or contact Grace 0402 181 694, John 0433 465 056 or Silvana 0417 872 513 for cash purchases.

Community Life and Worship Team workshops

Creating a welcoming parish



A free workshop presented by the Pastoral Services Team on Tuesday June 3 from 7-9 pm in the Cathedral Hall. This workshop is suitable for PPC members, hospitality groups, priests, parish staff and anyone interested in providing a welcoming environment within their parish; providing practical strategies and tips in developing a welcoming parish to all who walk through its doors.

Join us online or in person, bookings essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBQMD>

For enquiries contact Community Life & Worship on 8210 8130 or worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention



A free workshop presented by the Pastoral Services Team on Tuesday June 17 from 7-9pm in the Cathedral Hall. Suitable for PPC members, parish priests, parish staff, and program coordinators in parishes. A practical workshop that explores best practices for recruiting and retaining volunteers within the life of the parish.

Join us online or in person, bookings essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBQMM>

For enquiries contact Community Life & Worship on 8210 8130 or worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

60th anniversary celebration Mass for Fr Peter Milburn

Fr Peter Milburn invites fellow priests, friends and people who knew him in the various parishes where he has worked over the years to a concelebrated Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination. The Mass will be held at noon on Sunday July 6 at St John XXIII, Modbury Parish Centre, 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley. It will be followed by a light lunch, provided by Fr Peter. No presents are requested; however your 'presence' will be very welcome!

For seating and catering purposes please RSVP to Sindi at Para Hills/Modbury Parish Office on 8264 7590 or at office@paramodcath.com.au by May 30.

Experience the beauty of the Eastern Rite – a special pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year



Have you ever wanted to attend an Eastern Rite Mass but felt unsure about the liturgy or unfamiliar with the traditions? As part of the Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope, you're invited to take part in a special pilgrimage to the Eastern Rite churches in the Archdiocese.

The Migrant Chaplain & Pastoral Workers Network has organised a unique opportunity for people to experience an Eastern Rite liturgy, learn more about its deep spiritual heritage and grow in unity as a Church.

Date: Various dates during our autumn season (please register your interest below to receive dates)

Location: Eastern Rite Churches within the Archdiocese

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DBHEC>

For more details, contact the Justice, Healing, and Inclusion team at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au | 8210 8140

May: The Month of Our Lady

Join us this May for a series of enlightening talks on Mary, held every Wednesday at 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Parish Hall, 17 Barker Road, Prospect.

- May 28: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven - Fr Mannes Tellis OP

We look forward to seeing you there.

Feast of St Anthony of Padua

The St Anthony of Padua Committee Payneham invites you to the 54th Festa of St Anthony of Padua at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham commencing with a Triduum from Wednesday June 11 to Friday June 13, with the day of the Festa on Sunday June 15.

We wish to welcome back Fr Bortolino Maistrelo OFM Conv from Italy who, together with our parish priest Fr Michael Romeo, will lead us during the Triduum and the Festa day Masses.

Mass times: Wednesday to Friday 10am (Italian & English) and 7pm (English); Saturday 10am (Italian & English) and Sunday Mass 8am (English), 9.15am (English), 11am (Italian), 2pm (English – Indian Community), 4pm (Tagalog – Filipino Community).

Confession times: Wednesday to Friday 6pm-6.50pm and Saturday 5pm-5.50pm.

The Feast Day Masses for St Anthony will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm on Friday June 13.

St Anthony's bread will be distributed after all Masses on Sunday with a special blessing for children.

Throughout the afternoon and evening there will be food, beverages and local entertainment. You are warmly invited and welcome to attend especially those who have a devotion to St Anthony our Universal Saint. For further information or enquiries phone 8369 8082 or email office@paynehamcatholic.org.au

Adult catechesis

Do you want to know more about your faith? Do you wish you could better explain your faith to your children? The Hectorville parish is offering weekly catechesis for adults. It's not just a talk on an issue but a comprehensive teaching of all the essential and fundamental elements of the Church's faith. You'll have the opportunity to speak and ask questions that have been on your mind. Please contact the Hectorville parish office for more details.

Location: Staff room, St Joseph's School, Hectorville

Date: Wednesdays of the school term

Time: 7-8pm

Pilgrimage and Mass with Archbishop O'Regan in Sevenhill

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