



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

## WEEKLY E-NEWS

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16 June 2025

### **Important information for parish teams:**

#### **Catholic Safety and Injury Management – Letter to Members**

Effective July 1, 2025, all claims will be managed internally by our CSaIM Claims Business Partners, and our partnership with Lawson will conclude on June 30, 2025. We would like to thank our partner Lawson for providing high-level service and assisting us during this transition. Please [click here](#) to access the letter. All claims-related correspondence should now be directed to [claims@csaim.org.au](mailto:claims@csaim.org.au)



#### **Catholic Charities Appeal 2025**

In September we will be running our annual **Catholic Charities Appeal for 2025**.

Can you please let me know if your parish wants to **change the number of Appeal leaflets**, we send you at the end of August? If I do not hear from you, we will send you the same amount as last year.

To cut down on admin we can only distribute leaflets to the parish and ask that you distribute them to your own Mass Centres. If this is a problem for rural parishes, please let me know and we will make provision to have them delivered. A bulletin Notice and Commentators notes will be sent to you at the beginning of

**August**. Please direct any queries to Christina Francis, Manager, Catholic Charities

[cfrancis@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:cfrancis@adelaide.catholic.org.au) T: 08 8210 8157

#### **Support Services & Agencies Contact List**

The Justice, Healing and Inclusion Team has produced an updated version of our Support Services and Agencies contact list. This is now available for downloading [here](#) and is on the Archdiocesan website.

#### **Parish Synodal Checklist**

As part of the [implementation phase](#) of the Global Synod for a Synodal Church, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Services Team has published a *Parish Synodal Checklist* based on the actions listed in the Final Document of the Synod for a Synodal Church. The checklist is not an audit, but a self-evaluation tool for parishes and communities. Parish leaders, councils and parishioners may find the checklist helpful as a way to explore the Synod's Final Document as well as to enhance the synodal culture of the community. The *Parish Synodal Checklist* is downloadable from <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/pastoral-services/publications>. If you have questions or would like assistance with using the checklist, or if you want to provide feedback about the checklist, please contact Peter Bierer, Asst. Director of Pastoral Life and Mission, [pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au)



## **Archbishop O'Regan's Pastoral Letter on the Occasion of the Convocation of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod**

### **"As the Father Sent Me, So I Am Sending You"**

A new pastoral letter from the Archbishop is now available for distribution. The letter is available in PDF format in English, Italian, Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese (additional translations may be uploaded later). <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-people/archbishop-patrick-o-regan-dd/messages>

Parishes, Schools and Communities are asked to share the message widely, leadership teams, councils, and boards are encouraged to read and reflect on the letter together. You may wish to share the attached QR Code in your bulletin or newsletter, on a flyer or poster, or PowerPoint slide. If you require any assistance with sharing the message, please contact Dale Oria in the Pastoral Services team at [doria@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:doria@adelaide.catholic.org.au).

## **Children's Sacrament Preparation Program Survey**

### **For Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation**

The Archdiocese is currently reviewing the Children's Sacrament Preparation Program. Those who lead or coordinate parish and school sacramental preparation for school-aged children are invited to fill out this brief online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sacramentprep>.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to the lead reviewer, please contact Tess Harford in the Diocesan Centre at [tharford@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:tharford@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## **Job Vacancies**

### **Sacramental Coordinator - Salisbury Parish (Part Time)**

Salisbury Parish is seeking a part-time Sacramental Coordinator to join their team. This role involves collaborating with the Parish Priest and Sacramental Management Team to prepare and administer the Sacramental Program. The ideal candidate will demonstrate an active spiritual life, commitment to prayer, and adherence to Catholic teachings. Excellent interpersonal skills are required to engage parents in personal prayer, spiritual growth, and the sacraments. Interested applicants should email their applications to Nicholas Dangcalan, Parish Business Manager, by 5pm on Monday, June 30, 2025. For more information [click here](#).

### **Parish Associate - Willunga Catholic Parish (Part Time)**

St Joseph's Willunga Catholic Parish is seeking a Parish Associate to join the Parish Team. The position is offered as part-time, 27.5 hours per week. The Pastoral Associate will work collaboratively with the Parish Priest, Parish Schools and the Parish Pastoral Council. For more information, please [click here](#).

### **Parish Secretary - Willunga Parish (Part Time)**

The Willunga Parish is seeking for a Pastoral Secretary to join the Parish Team. The Parish Secretary will work in collaboration with the Parish Priest, Parish Business Manager and Pastoral team. The role involves daily contact with parishioners and members of the public, responding to general inquiries and supporting the Parish Priest and Parish Team. For more information, please [click here](#).

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

### **Devotions for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Sunday June 22 at St Raphael's Church, Young St, Parkside.

Devotions for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 9:30 am Mass. At 3:00 pm there will be a special Holy Hour, including the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The devotions will conclude with Benediction at 3:45 pm.

## **Power Up 2025 – Diocesan Jubilee of Youth celebration**

When: Saturday August 2 2025, 2:00pm until 9:00pm

Where: Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park

Who: Young people aged 16-35

Cost: Free (including cost of all food and drinks), bookings are essential

Hosted by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), *Power Up 2025* will facilitate an afternoon of engaging workshops on a variety of topics with opportunities to experience reimagined prayer and spirituality, participate in spiritual reflection and formation, and hands on activities that are centered around faith, ecology and social justice.

After the workshops, Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Vicar General, Fr Dean Marin before moving into dinner, hot drinks and dessert from food trucks/ vendors with live music from local musicians.

The evening will close with a praise and worship concert on the main stage featuring Proclaim Wildfire from the Lismore Diocese in NSW. Tickets (including cost of all food and drinks) are free, although bookings are essential.

We're encouraging parishes and communities to consider bringing a group to engage and experience the joy of faith, spiritual formation and get *Powered Up for the Jubilee Year!* More information and registrations – scan the QR code below



## **Australia Catholic Youth Festival 2025 – Online Information Session**

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) will be held in Melbourne at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre (MCEC), from Sunday November 30 to Tuesday December 2, 2025. The festival is open to those in Year 9 to 25 years of age, as well as accompanying leaders, teachers, and clergy.

This is an opportunity for Catholic young people to gather and engage in a wide range of activities including prayer, Mass, workshops, talks, live concerts, games and interactive expos.

Check out the ACYF website for announcements on presenters and registration.

COYYA will host a Virtual Information Session via Zoom on Wednesday 25th June 2025, 6pm-7pm to explore:

- What is ACYF & what to expect
- What supports are currently available and being explored
- How to support your local young people and community to attend

Everyone interested in attending ACYF 2025 – whether you are organizing a group, have already formed one, or are simply curious – are warmly invited to join this virtual information session. To register your attendance, scan the QR Code below



## **Adelaide Fire Weekend - Sat July 12 9am-9pm & Sun July 13 9am-2pm**

Deepen in the Holy Spirit and gather with a vibrant Catholic community for two days of interstate speakers, sacraments, praise & worship and fellowship.

Youth, young adults, families and all are welcome! Venue: Blackfriars Priory School, Prospect.

Bookings essential: [app.tickets.org.au/afw/25](http://app.tickets.org.au/afw/25) - register before Friday 4 July to avoid a late fee!

More info: [adelaidefireweekend@gmail.com](mailto:adelaidefireweekend@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/Fireweekendadelaide](https://facebook.com/Fireweekendadelaide)

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

On Sunday July 6 parishes around the country will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has developed resources to be used in the Sunday Mass. These can be found [here](#) and include suggestions such as Youth Activities that encourage students to explore Australia's history and liturgy suggestions including prayers, homily notes and hymns. For more information, please contact the NATSICC office on 08 8363 2963.

## St Thomas Feast

**Friday July 4, 2025, in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 7pm**

All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of St Thomas. For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220

## 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: [blstadelaid@gmail.com](mailto:blstadelaid@gmail.com)

## Caritas Australia appeals for support for amputees in Gaza

The UN [described](#) Gaza as being "home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history". As of April, the UN reported that [4,500](#) people have become amputees due to the current conflict.

In response, Caritas Jerusalem is working to support those affected by the loss of limbs, as part of a program supported by Caritas Australia's Gaza Emergency Appeal.

We urgently need your support.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.**

You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413



The poster features the Caritas Australia logo at the top left. Below it, the text reads: "GAZA CRISIS APPEAL", "Over 4,500 people have been made amputees due to the current conflict.", and "Your support can help provide prosthetic limbs and rehabilitation." At the bottom left, there is a "DONATE NOW" button with the website [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) and the phone number 1800 024 413. A small QR code is located at the bottom right of the poster. The background of the poster shows a young boy with a prosthetic leg sitting on a bench, being assisted by a woman in a white uniform.



## Archbishop O'Regan's Pastoral Letter on the Occasion of the Convocation of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod "As the Father Sent Me, So I Am Sending You"

All are invited to read and reflect on Archbishop O'Regan's pastoral letter marking the convocation of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. The Synod is an important occasion in the life of the Archdiocese and will help to shape the future of the diocese for years to come. The letter is available in English, Italian, Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese (additional translations may be included later) <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our->

[people/archbishop-patrick-o-regan-dd/message](#). More information about the Archdiocesan Synod is available on [togetherontheway.au](#)

### Life FM: Greece Trip: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

An exciting once-in-a-lifetime trip happening in October this year. Spots are filling but there is still space available and we'd love to fully book the tour. If you are interested in learning more, please phone Jacque from Collette on 0431 215 900 for more details.

### Diocesan Synod formation session: What is a Diocesan Synod?

Tuesday June 24, 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](mailto:pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au)



### Sevenhill Jubilee Pilgrimage

Join COYYA (Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults) on a pilgrimage to Sevenhill on Saturday June 28 for the Jubilee Year. Young people aged 18-35 are all welcome.

\$20 per person, includes bus travel (return) and lunch. Bookings are essential. Group of 5+ discounts may apply (reach out to [COYYA](#)).

Bus from Adelaide. Pilgrimage walk from Watervale to Sevenhill (9.5km). Mass with

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. Group lunch and of course some wine tasting! Reconciliation available.

Schedule:

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

9am – Pilgrimage walk (9.5km) to Sevenhill (St Aloysius Church)

11.30am – Reconciliation and personal reflection time at Sevenhill

12.30pm – Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

1.30pm – Lunch

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

5pm – Arrive back in Thebarton

This is an incredible opportunity to be amongst nature, reflect during the journey to Sevenhill, and celebrate the Jubilee year at one of Adelaide's three pilgrimage sites.

Scan the QR Code or visit our website - [www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/liftupsevenhill2025](http://www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/liftupsevenhill2025) for more information. Register by June 23.



### 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.

### 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 on 8336 9988 for more details. **Location:** Staff room, St Joseph's School, Hectorville; **Date:** Wednesdays of the school term; **Time:** 7-8pm.