



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

WEEKLY E-NEWS

*Information for parish and
community weekly newsletters*

Living Catholic
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Important information for parish teams:

Scam email warning

Church Office has had reports of scam emails purporting to be from Archbishop O'Regan and requesting a meeting with the recipient. These scam emails are coming from a '**gmail account**' and are definitely **NOT** from the Archbishop. If you have any concerns, please check with Church Office on 08 8210 8210.

Diocesan Synod July formation session: The Spirituality of Synodality

Thursday July 24, 7pm, at Tranmere Parish / School Hall and Online - Open to All

The Archdiocese of Adelaide is preparing for a [Synod in 2026](#). We invite anyone who wants to learn more about the Synod to join an online formation session each month with other people from across the Archdiocese. Each session will explore a different aspect or theme of the Synod. More information and recorded formation sessions are available on the Synod website at togetherontheway.au.

Join us for the July session, *The Spirituality of Synodality*, with guest presenter, Kelly Paget. Kelly's experience with Australian Plenary Council and the Global Synod has shaped her approach to leadership, ministry and being Church. Kelly has been engaged in ministry throughout her working career, particularly in the areas of Catholic education and youth ministry. Her current role as Chancellor in the Diocese of Broken Bay and Head of Mission supports and engages the broader mission of the Church. In 2023 Kelly was chosen by the Holy Father to participate as a Non-Bishop Member in the 16th General Synod of Bishops.

7pm at St. Joseph's School Tranmere, 513 Magill Rd, Tranmere or on Zoom.

Register online at togetherontheway.au or contact Peter Bierer for more information:

pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au | 08 8301 8128 [Click here](#) for the flyer.

The Southern Cross

The July edition of *The Southern Cross* will be delivered to parishes this week, for distribution at weekend Masses. This month's edition has a centrespread infographic on the 2026 Diocesan Synod and all the latest news from parishes and schools. Please promote the Archdiocese's official publication to your communities. Thanks, Jenny Brinkworth.

Pilgrimage and Mass with Archbishop O'Regan - Jubilee Year of Hope

Archbishop O'Regan celebrated Mass at the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of Sevenhill in June and will be offering a special Mass at the two other pilgrimage sites on the following dates:

· 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 10 am

Parishes are encouraged to organise pilgrimages with their parishioners to these sites at any time during the Jubilee Year. However, if a parish pilgrimage coincides with the Archbishop's Mass, registration is required due to church capacity limits. For the Penola site, you may consider working with neighbouring parishes to hire a bus and book group accommodation. Bookings for the Penola Mass on August 23 are now open.

Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOP>.

We look forward to celebrating this special journey of faith together. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

Catholic Charities Appeal 2025

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

Could you please let us know if your parish wants to change the number of Appeal leaflets, we send you at the end of August? If we 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 us 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 T: 08 8210 8157

Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday September 21, 2025

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. The Archdiocese will provide parishes with a digital resource via email. In addition to the resource, there will be a digital [Form](#) for parishes to nominate married couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries to receive a certificate for presenting in their parish. **Nominations will close on Friday, September 5.** For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@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

Job Vacancies

Parish Formation Project Officer – Catholic Diocesan Centre, Adelaide

The Pastoral Services Team is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic Parish Formation Project Officer to join the team. This is an exciting opportunity to support new initiatives in parish and diocesan faith formation in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. The Parish Formation Project Officer is a new, full-time, fixed term (18 months) position within the Pastoral Services Team. The role will support the design and implementation of a new parish-based formation program, the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod formation plan, and parish leadership formation. The Parish Formation Project Officer will work in collaboration to support the design of programs, training and accompaniment of leaders, and evaluation of programs. For more information [click here](#).

Sacramental Coordinator - Salisbury Parish (Part Time) – New Closing Date/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 **9am, July 15, 2025**. For more information [click here](#).

Coordinator – Mary MacKillop Penola Centre

We have a unique opportunity for a people friendly, and experienced Coordinator to join the Adelaide Archdiocese (Mary MacKillop Penola Centre Committee) for the position of **Coordinator**. This role manages the day-to-day operations of the Mary MacKillop Penola Centre and works closely with our dedicated and hardworking volunteers. The coordinator is responsible for the smooth running of all Centre activities and services. In collaboration with the volunteers this position will lead the delivery of a high standard of service to visitors while maintaining smooth and efficient operating systems. This is a permanent part-time opportunity, 30 hours per week. For more information [click here](#).

Pastoral Associate – St Ann's Catholic Parish

St Ann's Catholic Parish in Seacombe Gardens is seeking a dedicated Pastoral Associate to work closely with the Parish Priest, Parish Team, and community groups to nurture faith and support parish needs. This role involves pastoral care, volunteer coordination, and leadership in liturgical and faith development programs. This role a permanent-part-time opportunity, working 15 hours per week starting September 2025. For more information [click here](#).

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

Adult Faith Formation: The Gospel of Luke

Sr Rita Ruzzene SJBP will be offering an 8-week course on the Gospel of Luke at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Hall, 7 Marian Road, Payneham. The course will be held on a Monday evening commencing on August 4 and concluding on September 22. For further information, please contact Sr Rita on 8332 6788 or srr@pastorelle.net.au

Pilgrimage and Mass with Archbishop O'Regan in Penola

Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee site of St Joseph's Church in Penola on Saturday, August 23, where he will celebrate Mass at 4.30pm.

If you wish to attend this Mass, please register at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOP>. Reconciliation will be offered from 3.30pm, light supper will follow the Mass.

You may wish to organise a group or book an Airbnb and make a weekend of it. Make sure to book a tour of the [Mary MacKillop Centre](#). All are welcome!



40th Anniversary of the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy

The Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy this year celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its foundation. To celebrate this milestone, the priests, deacons and lay associates in South Australia will celebrate Mass with the National Chairman Fr Greg Bellamy on Monday, July 28 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham commencing at 11am. All welcome. Car parking will not be available on site. For further information please contact Fr Michael Romeo (State Councillor) on 8369 8082 or sa.sc@clergy.asn.au

St Bartholomew's 150 Years Celebration - Maitland

Celebrate 150 years of St Bartholomew's Catholic Church Maitland on Sunday July 27, 2025. Join us for a special Mass at 11am, followed by a delightful lunch at the Yorke Valley Hotel. For lunch, RSVP to Giles Honner on 0409 322 251.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their

understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and applications forms are available at uacpallottines.au Closing date is August 15, 2025.

The Metropolitan Male Choir – Winter Fundraiser for Seminarians in Timor Leste

Please support our musical afternoon at Our Lady of Victories Church at Glenelg on Sunday July 27 to raise funds for seminarians in Timor-Leste. Please bring any family and friends who you think would enjoy the afternoon. If you are unable to attend, donations are also welcome by purchasing tickets or contacting Glenelg Parish Office on 8294 1888, Tuesday to Friday 9am until 2pm. Below is a link to our website where you can view further details and scan the QR code to listen to a short video of the choir.

<https://glenelgcp.com/event/the-metropolitan-male-choir-of-sa/>



Power Up 2025 – Diocesan Jubilee of Youth celebration

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

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.



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. The festival is open to those in Year 9 and up 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.

Everyone interested in attending ACYF 2025 – whether you are organising 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.



Adelaide Fire Weekend - Saturday July 12, 9am-9pm and Sunday 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

More info: adelaidefireweekend@gmail.com or facebook.com/Fireweekendadelaide

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: blstadelaide@gmail.com

Caritas Australia appeals for support for vulnerable communities across Africa

Across Africa, millions of people are trapped in a desperate struggle for survival. Conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement are tearing communities apart. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical.

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A Parish Bulletin with a QR Code (Word doc) and a PowerPoint slide can be downloaded from the Caritas Australia website: [Parish Bulletin - July 2025](#)