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Important information for parish teams:

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Expressions of interest may be emailed to Sarah Moffatt and Peter Bierer (smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au; pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au). Please include your name, contact information, your writing group of preference, and a brief explanation of what you would contribute to the writing group.

Diocesan Synod July formation session: The Spirituality of Synodality

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

In preparation for the 2026 Diocesan Synod, we invite anyone who wants to learn more 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.

Information session will be held at St Joseph's School Tranmere, 513 Magill Road, 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.

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 10am
- 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

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



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday July 27, 2025

The first Message of Pope Leo XIV for the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, whose fifth edition will be celebrated on Sunday 27 July 2025, was published recently. The theme of the Message is “Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)” and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognise the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church. The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life has released the official prayer and suggestions for celebrations at the local level, with particular attention to elderly people unable to participate in the jubilee. You can find these resources (*including the logo file to use in your Parish bulletin*) on the Community Life & Worship website: [World Day for Grandparents - COMMUNITY LIFE & WORSHIP](#)

Job Vacancies

Parish Formation Project Officer – Catholic Diocesan Centre, Adelaide – Extended Closing Date

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](#).

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](#).

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

Cross Roads Forum - The Future of the Catholic Parish

Join us for a discussion on the future of our Parishes and community involvement on Thursday July 31, from 7.30pm to 9pm at The Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Glen Osmond. The Forum will be led by Fr Philip Marshall and Claire Victory. Coffee and chat to follow. For further information contact The Monastery at 085 8338 1277.

A Vocations Prayer Retreat – Hearing God's Word

'Learn How to decipher the ways God communicates with you to guide your life choices'



To commemorate Vocations Awareness Week (Aug 2 – Aug 10) - the Vocations Office invites all men and women to a **Prayer Retreat Morning** with Father Iain Radvan SJ at the Salisbury Parish Family Centre, 23 Commercial Road, Salisbury. **Saturday August 9** from 9.15am to 12.30pm Morning tea and lunch is included. \$10 Registration fee (inclusive of lunch). To register for this event please click <https://www.trybooking.com/DDPHQ> or scan the QR code. For more information, please contact Tracey on 0439 810 250 or the Vocations Office on 8210 8122 vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au

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Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre Upcoming Events




Come and discover more about the life, words and legacy of St Mary MacKillop, a saint for ALL Australians at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre. *Moments with Mary*, will be a time for guided and personal reflection, refreshments, questions and conversation. Commencing Monday August 4 and running the first Monday of the month (except Public Holidays), the two hour session begins in Bethany and will conclude in St Joseph's Chapel, with time in between for a cuppa and morning tea. For more information <https://mmsm.org.au/events/moments-with-mary/>

Together with the Sisters of St Joseph, the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry invite you to celebrate the *Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop* with Mass to be celebrated by Fr Maurice Shinnick in St Joseph's Chapel on Friday August 8 at 10am. Following Mass, join the Sisters in Bethany for a relaxed and friendly morning tea. Afterwards you may choose to visit the Mary MacKillop Museum (reduced entry \$8) or pick up a guidebook and follow in Mary's footsteps by completing the Kensington-Norwood Mary MacKillop Heritage Walk. For more information <https://mmsm.org.au/events/feast-of-st-mary-mackillop-2/>

A Day with Mary MacKillop will be held at Bethany in the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre on Saturday August 9. On this Reflection Day, you are invited to come to Kensington and spend the day where Mary MacKillop lived for 11 years. Find answers to questions about Mary and learn from her, so that we can be a gift for others. Facilitated by Mary Ryan rsj, the day is suitable for all adults and is approved as a SAM by CESA. Bookings are essential. For more information <https://mmsm.org.au/retreats/a-day-with-mary-mackillop/>

God and the Stars - Part 3

Following the success of the *God and the Stars* events last year, Lockleys Parish is excited to announce God and the Stars – Part 3! This time the Parish is planning a visit to the University of South Australia Planetarium at Mawson Lakes to enjoy a guided viewing of the stars and galaxies that make up our universe.

 Date: Thursday August 21  Time: 7pm (90-minute session)  Cost: \$25 per person
Carpooling will be arranged for those unable to drive to Mawson Lakes. Places are limited, so if you're interested, please register by emailing the parish office at info@lockleysparish.com by August 14. For more information, visit: <https://unisa.edu.au/connect/galleries-museums-and-centres/adelaide-planetarium/>

'Be a Man for All Seasons' Men's Retreat

All men are invited to 'Be A Man for All Seasons': A Men's Silent Retreat by Fr Simon Cleary LC. By spending some quiet time in this retreat, discover how to live in hope all year round, through Christ. It will be held at St Anthony's Edwardstown Parish from Friday July 25 to Saturday July 26 J2025. Full details are on the flyers and on the church noticeboard. For queries, please call Randy 0412 872 639.

Plympton Parish 60th Anniversary

Plympton Parish is celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the consecration of St John the Baptist Church on July 29, 2025. All welcome to celebrate this milestone with us at Mass on Sunday August 3 followed by morning tea. Mass times are 8.30am and 10am.

South-East Deanery Retreat Day

Penola Parish invites you to the South-East Deanery Retreat Day which will take place on Saturday August 9, 2025. The day begins with registration at the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre from 10.30am. Once registered, participants are invited to view the recently updated exhibition at the Centre and to visit the schoolhouse. Tea and coffee will be served at the Mary MacKillop Memorial School gym where the rest of the retreat will be held. A financial contribution of \$15 per person is appreciated to help cover the cost of running this event, which also includes lunch and afternoon tea. There will be talks, meditation, Rosary, Adoration and confession throughout the day. The retreat concludes with the Vigil Mass at 4.30pm in St Joseph's Church, Penola - which is one of the nominated pilgrim churches in Adelaide Archdiocese for the Jubilee Year. For more information and registration form please contact Cisca at the Mount Gambier parish office sacraments@mtgcatholic.org.au. Registrations close August 1, 2025.

A Marian Retreat Weekend

The Hectorville Parish invites men and women of all ages to a Marian Retreat Weekend with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary at the Annunciation Church, Hectorville. **Friday August 22 - HOLY HOUR 7pm to 8pm** (followed by supper and fellowship for young adults in the hall) **Saturday August 23 - RETREAT DAY 9am to 3pm**

A day of prayer, formation and fellowship with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary open to men and women of all ages.

Morning tea and lunch is included. \$20 Registration fee (inclusive of lunch).

To register for this event please click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Ecumenical Prayer Service - July 26

The South Sudanese and Congolese community will have an Ecumenical Prayer Service for peace, unity and harmony and in response to the recent situations in South Sudan and in Congo.

You're invited to join us for this Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace at 1pm on Saturday July 26 in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. This special event aims to promote peace and harmony for the South Sudanese and Congolese communities. Through prayer, reflection and unity we'll come together to foster a sense of community and shared purpose. We invite you to join us as we celebrate our diversity and work towards a common goal of peace and reconciliation. [Click here](#) for the flyer. All are welcome!

WCCM South Australia Community Day

Saturday August 2, 2025, 11am - 3pm. *The Buddhist Monk who Loves Jesus*

Guest Speaker — Thầy Thông Pháp, Meditator in the Buddhist and Christian traditions.

At Semaphore Uniting Church, 146 Semaphore Road, Exeter.

Thầy will give an account of his spiritual journey beginning as a Methodist, to a monastic in the Anglican tradition, then, losing his faith and ending up as a Buddhist Monk who loves Jesus.

Please bring a plate of vegetarian lunch (for sharing), your own cup and water bottle. Suggested Donation \$15.

To find out more information or register please email chr.med.southaust@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation: The Gospel of Luke

Sr Rita Ruzzene SJBP will be offering an eight-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. 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 application 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](https://www.acyf.org.au) website for announcements on presenters and registration.

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, and includes a 3-night Nile River Cruise, which 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 by **Monday July 28, 2025**, on:

blstadelade@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.

In response, Caritas Australia is supporting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition support, and access to clean water. Your support is urgently needed. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Africa Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/africa or phone 1800 024 413

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](https://www.caritas.org.au/africa)

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