

THERRY THEATRE,
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
AND KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
WELCOME YOU TO



AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

WITH PRESENTATION OF THE
JOHN BREWER SCHOLARSHIPS

SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY | 11AM
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL



Catholic
Archdiocese
of Adelaide

PROCESSION

Flags brought forward in the Entrance Procession

The Aboriginal Flag representing the original custodians of this land, their sufferings, and their reverence and care for this land is brought forward by Therry Theatre.

The Australian Flag with its Federation Star, reminding us that we are one people is brought forward by the Catholic Women's League.

The State Flag with the Piping Shrike, which speaks of our pride in our own state of South Australia is brought forward by the Knights of Southern Cross

ENTRANCE HYMN: A Blessing Hymn for Australia

Ancient land of wide and sunburnt plains, where feet have long since trod,
You have known the stories of our search to find the face of God.
God, you hovered over darkness when the void was silent still;
then your voice rang out in splendour; creation knew your will.
And your eyes of love beheld in light this land of sweeping plains.
Now our voices too re-join again creation's song of praise.

Holy Spirit, gift of love divine, with you we dare to dream,
So to walk in justice all our days this land of gold and green.
From all nations we have gathered; lead us on in unity.
In this vast and rugged homeland, may you our centre be.
May our lives show forth your tender lover, compassion, strong and bold.
Help us bring Good News to all the world; your gracious love unfold.

Holy Spirit, breathe your life in us, your truth to guide our way.
Now with open hearts we hear your call to follow you each day.
Bring us all as one together, under southern stars above,
So the cross will lead us onward, Great Southland of your love.
Give us joyful hearts in days to come, all fear and dark cast out.
Help us build in Christ a world reborn in justice and in love

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Tune: Gustav Holst.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS

INTRODUCTION

PENITENTIAL ACT

KYRIE

GLORIA

COLLECT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 18:8-10, 15*

Response: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Luke 4:18*

Cantor: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Cantor: The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

PROFESSION OF FAITH

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

HYMN: Lord of Earth and all creation

Lord of earth and all creation
let your love possess our land:
wealth, and freedom, far horizons,
mountains, forest, shining sand:
may we share, in faith and friendship,
gifts unmeasured from your hand.

People of the ancient Dreamtime,
they who found this country first,
ask with those, the later comers,
will our dream be blessed or cursed?
Grant us, Lord, new birth, new living,
hope for which our children thirst.

Lord, life-giving healing Spirit,
on our hurts your mercy shower;
lead us by your inward dwelling,
guiding, guarding ev'ry hour.
Bless and keep our land Australia:
in your will her peace and power.

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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN: Taste and See

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise ever in my mouth,
let my soul glory in the Lord.

Let the lowly hear and be glad,
let us glorify his name.
Together let us praise God's name.

Glorify the Lord with me,
together let us praise his name;
from my fears God set me free.

Look to the Lord and shine in the light,
let your faces not be ashamed.
The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRESENTATION OF THE KSC JOHN BREWER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Paul Hawkes, State Chairman of the Knights of the Southern Cross

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Grace Leonello

Thomas Moore College, Salisbury Downs

Hannah Timpani

St Michael's College, Henley Beach

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM: **Advance Australia Fair**

1. Australians all let us rejoice, for we are one and free,
We've golden soil and wealth for toil, our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare;
In hist'ry's page, let ev'ry stage, Advance Australia Fair,
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair!
2. With Christ our head and cornerstone, We'll build our nation's might,
Whose way of truth and light alone, Can guide our path aright,
Our lives a sacrifice of love, Reflect our Master's care,
With faces turned to Heaven above, Advance Australia Fair,
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair!

Text and tune: P.D. McCormick, 1834?-1916, et al, alt.

CONCLUDING RITE

DISMISSAL

SOLEMN BLESSING

RECESSIONAL: Lord You Give the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the Word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;

*with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.*

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptise and teach."
That the world may trust your promise
life abundant meant for each
give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community; Refrain

