



# ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**27th February 2021**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

In today's gospel, Jesus also teaches us that the quality of our heart determines the quality of our words and actions. He says: "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Recall where we are in Luke's Gospel. Today's reading has Jesus giving what commentators have come to call his "sermon on the plain". It began a few weeks ago with the Beatitudes. Last week, we heard about love for those who hate us. Today's passage is yet another part of the same sermon. Notice that this is not about doctrine, theology, or even Scriptural interpretation. Jesus, in the words we hear today, is talking very clearly about attitudes and behaviours.

He's calling his disciples, then and now, not just to "talk the talk" but to "walk the walk". Nor is the behaviour Jesus is calling for based on common sense. Quite the opposite. He asks for behaviour in his disciples very out of the ordinary: loving enemies, forgiving injuries, lending with no hope of reward or even repayment. Very simply, Jesus is challenging all of us to behave like God, to see life and relationships not from human wisdom but from God's point of view.

Lent begins this coming Wednesday. The word 'Lent' comes from an old English word which means 'Springtime'. So it reminds us of spring-cleaning and the new life in nature during the season of Spring. Lent is therefore a graced time, a time to do some spring-cleaning in our lives and enjoy new life as a result, a time to leave the trappings of sin behind us and grow closer to the Lord.

In Lent we join Jesus in the desert – at least symbolically – and, with his help, to tackle our demons, our blind spots. We think we know ourselves and those around us. We think we know God and we even try to impose our will on God. Lent invites us to enter into a private desert, even in the midst of the world, and face up to our illusions about God and about ourselves.

During Lent, we use abstinence from meat and acts of penance as metaphors. In a very small way, these practices model our rejection of illusions about what we need, who we are, and who God is. Probably, we will not succeed in ridding ourselves completely of our illusion.

That final cleansing will come only when we see God face to face at the final judgement. Then, and only then, will we have no illusions about our sanctity or goodness. All will be laid bare, and there will be no more hypocrisy, lies, or illusions. However, we must begin the journey from illusion to reality, from self-deception to self-knowledge now. And Lent is an appropriate time to re-commit ourselves to that task.

**Many Blessings,  
Fr. Anthoni Adimai SdM.**

## **6 Mar: African Mass in St. Patrick's Church**

Kindly note that African Mass on 6th March 2022 is moved to St Patrick's at 2.30pm from the Cathedral due to another Event being held in the Cathedral. Please note the change if you are attending the African Mass.

## **11 Mar: Festival of Hymns**

On Friday 11th March at 7pm, Cathedral Organist, **James Lloyd**, will give a concert at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral featuring well-loved hymns played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ. You are warmly invited to both attend and join in singing. James is the regular organist at the 11am Sunday Solemn Mass at the Cathedral and his vibrant and effusive style has pleased Mass-goers for many years, both at Dernancourt and in the city. This promises to be a night of high entertainment and great delight to those who love organ music played on one of the world's most significant instruments. Entrance is free. This is part of our Fringe 2022 organ recitals.

## **12 Mar: Ordination Mass of Deacons Anthony Beltrame & Olek Stirrat**

The Ordination Mass will be held at 10am on Saturday, 12th March 2022 and will be livestreamed from the Cathedral. For further enquires please contact the Archdiocese Events team on 82108210. The Ordination Mass is by invitation only. Please visit the Archdiocese website on: [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) to view the livestream.

## **12 Mar: Ordination Cards for the Deacons**

All parishioners who would like to send in their blessings and best wishes to Deacons Anthony Beltrame and Olek Stirrat can purchase Ordination cards that are available in the Cathedral foyer for \$5. Please contact the Mass Coordinators at the church entrance if you would like to purchase one. Thank you for your support.

## **13 Mar: First Thanksgiving Masses by the Deacons at Tranmere & Hectorville**

We give thanks to God that Deacons Anthony Beltrame and Olek Stirrat will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, 12th March. Parishioners are invited to attend Deacon Anthony Beltrame's first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday 13th March at 4.00pm St. Joseph's Tranmere, 484 Magill Road, Kensington Gardens. Deacon Olek Stirrat will celebrate his First Thanksgiving Mass at Annunciation Church, Hectorville on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide  
Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside  
Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles and Todd Streets, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney  
Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich  
Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton

**Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.**

Bruce Palmer, Ester Mendoza, Jacob Dylan, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Emily Swan, Angelina Musico, Teresita Agravante, Amy Lopez, Anna Fiocco, Julie Nelson, Elijah Oleta, Leslie Farlam, Bebut, Hang Chae Jung, Eun Youne Lee, Paul Nowak, Stefano Scambiaterra and Stella Alquizola and Richard Murphy.

## Lenten Reflection Booklet 2022

This year's 2022 Lenten Booklet produced by the Office for Worship, with contributions from members of the Archdiocesan Community and Catholic Education is now available in the foyer of all churches in the Adelaide Cathedral Parish. This year's booklet also features reflections in Croatian and Malayalam. Please take home a copy from or visit [www.adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au) to access to this year's diocesan Lenten resources, which includes family activities for the home and classroom to support your journey through Lent to Easter!

## Women World Day of Prayer 2022

You are all invited to an ecumenical prayer service held on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 7.30pm at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Church Terrace, Walkerville. Do keep the evening free and let's join for peace and justice worldwide, especially for women in England, Wales and North Ireland.

## Consultation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops

People around the world have been participating in an international conversation about the Catholic Church. You are invited to join the discussion, helping shape a major global meeting in 2023. You have one more week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality. Calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. **Submissions can now be received through the online portal until Sunday, March 13.** Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

## Lenten activities for St. Peter Claver and St. John Vianney Communities

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Ash Wednesday: There will be the blessing and distribution of ashes at the 9.00am Mass at St. Peter Claver Church. Stations of the Cross devotions will be held each Thursday morning at St. John Vianney Church immediately after the 9.00am Mass.

## Caritas Australia: Project Compassion 2022



The theme of **Project Compassion 2022** is: 'For all future generations'. Taken from the scripture passage '*When God gave his covenant to Noah and every living creature, for all future generations*'.

This theme connects to the Cry of the earth/Cry of the poor focus from the Bishops Conference, and our Catholic Earthcare work. Caritas Australia brings us 'Stories from the field' – the true stories of the people benefitting from Caritas programs. The main story this year is of 12-year-old Anatercia from Mozambique and other stories include Biru from India, Janice from Australia, Rosalie from the DRC, and Shaniella from the Solomon Islands. We would like to thank all our parishioners for supporting Project Compassion 2021 and request you to visit the website [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/) for more details on how your contributions have changed lives.

## Cathedral Parish Scripture Study Program

The 2022 Cathedral Parish Scripture Study program is scheduled to commence on Monday 21st March (not 14th February as previously planned). The program will commence with a double module 'Women In The Old Testament' (10 sessions) followed by a two week break after which Women in the New Testament (8 sessions) will start. Direct enquiries and bookings to Br. Martyn at [martynpaxton@gmail.com](mailto:martynpaxton@gmail.com)

## Adelaide Cathedral Parish RCIA program

Adults who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith and becoming a Catholic, the RCIA program will begin shortly. Kindly contact the parish office via email: [acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or call 82108155 to register your interest in joining the program.

## 27 Feb: A talk on Lenten Customs Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them each week in their Ministry of fellowship. They regularly meet on Sunday evenings and their schedule is as follows:

**1st and 3rd Sundays:** Choir for 6pm Mass

**4pm** - Choir Practice

**6pm** - Sunday Mass

**7pm** - Dinner in Chinatown

**2nd and 4th Sundays:** Group Meetings

**6pm** - Sunday Mass

**7-8.30pm** - Group gathering in the Cathedral Hall.

**This weekend on 27th Feb, Deacon Anthony Beltrame will be giving a talk on Lenten Customs. All youth are welcome to attend.**

If you are interested to know more about the group and their activities, please contact Samantha David on 0404887964.

## Free Fringe 2022 Organ Recitals

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is once again opening its doors to Fringe lunchtime pipe organ recitals. The recitals are a unique opportunity to listen to our magnificent 1927 Casavant Frères pipe organ and visit this beautiful place of worship. The 30-minute lunchtime recitals will be held on the following Wednesdays at 1pm: March 2nd organist Gina Dutschke, March 9th organist Amir-Robin Karas and March 16th organist TBA.

## 12 Mar: "Healing for my Soul" Retreat

This year, Fr Denis Travers is running five Morning Retreats at The Monastery. The first: "Healing for my Soul" will begin on 12th March at 9am and finish at 12:30pm. Contact the Monastery office on P: 8338 8700 or E: [conference@themonastery.net.au](mailto:conference@themonastery.net.au) to book as numbers are limited. Suggested donation \$20.

## Safeguarding Children

A reminder that all children within the church premises need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.

## Latin Mass Community

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Classes continue today at 11am. There will be a short meeting for the parents of the 1<sup>st</sup> communicants at 11am outside the meeting room.

Today we will have pancakes after the 9.15am Mass to mark the last Sunday before Lent begins. Pancakes will be \$2 each, barista coffee will be free.

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. 7am Low Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes, and 9.30am Low Mass & 6.30pm Solemn Mass, both with the distribution of ashes.

40 Hours Adoration will take place next weekend, from 7.30pm Fri 4<sup>th</sup> March to 7.30am Sun 6<sup>th</sup> March. We will begin with Sung Mass at 6.30pm on Friday, followed by a Eucharistic Procession, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday devotions and Compline. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed for Adoration until 7.30am on Sunday.

Sign-up sheets are available at the doors of the church and on-line. Please sign up and spend some time with Our Lord in prayer for our needs, the needs of the Church and the needs of the world.

Project Compassion giving envelopes are now available at the doors of the church.

Prof Richard Rymarz will be visiting our community next Sunday. There will be a meeting at 11am on Sunday for those who took part in his online survey last year to meet Prof and for him to give you some feedback on the study results.

Registration forms for our upcoming pilgrimage to Penola for the Feast of St. Joseph are available at the doors of the church. Please see Rob Marsh for further information.

St. Martha's Helpers are currently looking for volunteers to help provide a home-cooked meal to parishioners who are sick or who have just had a new arrival in their family. If you are interested, please contact either Susie on 0418 639 494, or Marguerite on 0421 084 268.

The 2022 Latin Mass Community Calendar is now available from the doors of the church on yellow A4 paper. Please take one home and put it on your fridge.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey or Fr. Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9.15am mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the blogspot.

Please respect the social distancing norms, sanitise your hands and either scan the QR code displayed at each door or record your name by hand each time you enter the church. The Archbishop requires that we wear masks inside church. (There are masks available at the doors of the church if you forget to bring one.) Thank you for your co-operation.

Congregational singing is permitted, but masks must be worn while singing. The Covid Marshals for this Sunday are 8am Rob Marsh, 9.15am Brian Moran, 5pm Peter Balan, and Bianca Fisher is the Covid Marshall for Weekday Masses.

## Latin Mass Community

Please see the community blogspot for other information.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Jane Carey, Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Luise Obrist (Gaby Freer's mother), Terry Hockley (Jess Marsh's father), Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother).

Please remember also the recently deceased, and also those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## COVID-19 Protocols Update: 27th Dec 2021

- **If you have tested positive for COVID-19 please follow the instructions as per SA Health in terms of contact tracing and isolating yourself as per government health protocols. Please stay home and do not attend church services till you have fully recovered.**
- **The density requirement has been updated to 3 people per 4 sq. meters.**
- **These density requirements also includes funerals and weddings services (previously viewed as a private activity) held in the church which was earlier capped at 150 people. It will now be determined by the seating capacity of the church. Please check with the local church for more details.**
- **COVID check-in using the QR Code or entering your details into the Register prior to entering the Church is mandatory.**
- **QR codes are still required for our churches as defined under Public Activities.**
- **Wearing of face-masks completely covering your nose and mouth is mandatory in Church at all times. Please carry your own mask. This includes all religious except when delivering a sermon.**
- **Sick and high risk/vulnerable people are requested to stay home and not attend services.**
- **Hand sanitiser is available at church entrances. Kindly sanitise your hands before entering the church.**
- **There should be no physical contact outside one's family or household group. There should be no shaking of hands or holding hands during Mass.**
- **Every gathering must record contact details. Logs are located at the entrance to the church.**
- **Precious Blood will not be distributed.**
- **No hymn books are to be passed around and congregational singing with facemasks on is now permitted.**
- **Communion is given only in hands.**
- **Holy Water is not available at the doors of churches. Collection plates will not be passed around but a single drop point is provided at the churches.**
- **All surfaces should be cleaned at least daily, with special attention given to frequently touched surfaces.**
- **Care should be taken at the dismissal and on leaving the church to avoid social contact.**
- **Kindly follow the instructions of the Mass Coordinators and COVID Marshals in terms of seating, COVID-19 protocols etc. who are here to assist you.**