

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of discernment with images taken from ordinary life; for example, he describes the fisher who selects the good fish and discards the bad ones; or the merchant who knows how to identify, among many pearls, the one of greatest value. Or he who, ploughing a field, comes across something that turns out to be a treasure (cf. Mt 13:44-48).

In the light of these examples, discernment presents itself as an exercise of intelligence, also of skill and also of will, to seize the opportune moment: these are the conditions for making a good choice. It takes intelligence, skill, and also will to make a good choice. And there is also a price required for discernment to become effective.

To perform his trade to the best of his ability, the fisher reckons with hard work, long nights spent at sea, and then discarding some of the catch, accepting a loss of profit for the sake of those for whom it is intended. The pearl merchant does not hesitate to spend everything to buy that pearl; and so does the person who has stumbled upon a treasure. [These are] unexpected, unplanned situations, where it is crucial to recognise the importance and urgency of a decision to be made.

The Gospel suggests another important aspect of discernment: it involves emotions. The one who has found the treasure feels no difficulty in selling everything, so great is his joy (cf. Mt 13:44). The term used by the evangelist Matthew indicates a very special joy, which no human reality can give; and indeed it recurs in very few other passages of the Gospel, all of which refer to the encounter with God. It is the joy of the Magi when, after a long and arduous journey, they see the star again (cf. Mt 2:10); the joy, it is the joy of the women who return from the empty tomb after hearing the angel's announcement of the resurrection (cf. Mt 28:8).

It is the joy of those who have found the Lord. Making a good decision, a correct decision, always leads you to that final joy; perhaps along the way you have to suffer a bit of uncertainty, thinking, seeking, but in the end the right decision blesses you with joy. So: knowledge, experience, emotion, will: these are some of the indispensable elements of discernment.

Discernment — as I've said — involves hard work. According to the Bible, we do not find set before us, pre-packaged, the life we are to live. No! We have to decide it all the time, according to the reality that comes. God invites us to evaluate and choose: He created us free and wants us to exercise our freedom. Therefore, discerning is demanding. Discernment is demanding but indispensable for living. It requires that I know myself, that I know what is good for me here and now.

Above all, it requires a filial relationship with God. God is Father and He does not leave us alone, He is always willing to advise us, to encourage us, to welcome us. But He never imposes His will. Why? Because He wants to be loved and not feared. God wants children, not slaves: free children. And love can only be lived in freedom. To learn to live one must learn to love, and for this it is necessary to discern: what can I do now, faced with this alternative? Let it be a sign of greater love, of greater maturity in love. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide us! Let us invoke Him every day, especially when we have choices to make. (Pope Francis' Homilies)

30 July: Legion of Mary Book Table

The Adelaide Cathedral Legion of Mary will be running a book table in the portico of the Cathedral, this Sunday, 30 July 2023, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. They will be selling religious books, and prayer cards, rosaries and miraculous medals for a modest donation. Please bring cash only. For any further enquiries, please call Dermott on 0422 562 569.

5 Aug: Praying the Rosary for Peace

Every first Saturday of month, we invite parishioners, well-wishers and visitors to join Our Lady and pray the Rosary outdoors to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral). This coming month the Rosary will be held on 5 August at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All are welcome. For more details and information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod of the Legion of Mary on 0414 769 635.

24 Sep: Kangaroo Island Parish Fundraiser

Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish invites you to a fundraiser for the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish to watch the upcoming Hercule Poirot film, A Haunting in Venice. There will be raffle prizes too. Tickets: \$25 (incl. Movie, choc top, popcorn & bottle water) Date: September 24, 2023, 2.15pm for 2.45pm start Location: Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Road Purchase tickets: From Cathedral Parish Office, 39 Wakefield St. Mon- Fri: 10am to 2pm.

E: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or T: (08) 8210 8155

IMP: 4 Aug: Mass at St John Vianney

This Friday, 4 August, is the Feast of St John Vianney. Therefore the usual 9am Mass at Dulwich has been cancelled and instead there will be 9am Mass at St John Vianney, Burnside. All are welcome to attend.

Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton

30th July 2023

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

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Regular Mass Timings

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St Francis Xavier Sunday Masses	Cathedral, Adelaide Sat : 6pm(Vigil) Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 2.30pm (African), 6pm	
<u>Weekday Masses</u>	Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm Sat: 8am, 11.30am	
<u>Confessions</u>	Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm	
Holy Hour	Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am	
Public Holidays* 8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral *Except 26 January and 25 April - Mass at 9am ONLY at the Cathedral		
<i>St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide</i> Tues and Fri: 8am Sun: 9.30am		
<i>Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton</i> Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm Vigil: 6pm Sun: 9.30am		
<i>St John Vianney, Burnside</i> Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am Confessions (Thu): 9.30am Sun: 9am		
<i>St Peter Claver, Dulwich</i> Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm Vigil: 6pm Sup: 11am		

Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney **Sun:** 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide Sun: 10.30am (Croatian) 4.00pm (Portuguese) ONLY 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, I love your commands

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Next Week: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Transfiguration of the Lord First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14. Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19. Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Liturgies & Activities (31st July– 6th Aug)

- Mon St. Ignatius of Loyola.
- Tue St. Alphonso Ligouri.
- Wed St. Peter Julian Eymard.
- Thu St. Dominic

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- Fri St. John Vianney.
- Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Sat
- Sun The Transfiguration of the Lord

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Gustavo Meija, Fr Kevin O'Loughlin, Carmel Lorna

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Alias Henry, Karu Muthuthantri, Patrick Pereira, Mackenzie Jayasuriya, Elsie Jayasuriya, Dorian Borda, Cyril Fernandez and Enid Fernandez,

Queen of Angels: Anna Marafioti.

St. Mary's: Patricia Nelly Roberts and Lim Choon Hiong.

Holy Name: Carmela Lazzaro.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Jim Douglas, Inara Bullitis, Salter & Hopkins families, Wellman family, Bruce McGregor, Liza Lonzame, Nelia Orbita & family, Christabel Jenkins and Patroni family.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

June Cochrane, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Smith family, Msgr. Robert Egar, Angelina Musico, Charles Dias, Diana, Klevis Gjeluci, Emily Swan, Julie Nelson, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Ingrid Rebmann, Joshua Jose, Jithin Jamon, Madison Musico, William Shemmeld and Shaun & Joseph Coleiro.

30 July: Women's Afternoon Retreat

An afternoon of talks, guided scripture meditation, quiet personal reflection time, sharing and simply being in peaceful surroundings. The retreat will take place on **Sunday 30 July 1-5pm, Bethany Centre, Mary MacKillop Precinct**, **4 High St, Kensington, SA.** For more information about the retreat and to book contact Rachel: <u>rachelfleurant.mgl@gmail.com</u> or Petranel: <u>petranelferrao@gmail.com</u>

1 Aug: Together on the Way: Journey to the Synod – Second Session

You are invited to join the second of three gatherings with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan as we journey toward the Global Synod in October. This gathering will explore the Synod theme of *mission* – August 1, 7pm at the Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Urrbrae and online via Zoom. Bookings via <u>www.trybooking.com/CJDRC</u> A video recording from Session 1 are available at <u>www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/resources</u>

4 Aug: St. Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry

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. Closing date for applications is 4 August 2023. For more information visit: https://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship

5 Aug: World Youth Day Local Celebrations

World Youth Day, Adelaide celebrations will take place on Saturday 5 August from 1:30pm-9:30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park.

Young people (aged 16-35) are invited to participate in workshops delivered by Gianna Lucas, hear from local guest presenters and engage in community conversations. This is followed by an evening of encounter through a special WYD liturgy, dinner and a concert with interstate duo Gus & Iggy and supported by local musicians. \$20 per ticket; includes access to all workshops, food and drinks, liturgy and concert.

Details for WYD Adelaide 2023 can be found on <u>www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youth-day</u> or by contacting Julian Nguyen, Coordinator of the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults on 0472577112 or email: <u>julian.nguyen@cesa.catholic.edu.au</u>

6 Aug: Hiroshima Day Memorial

Join the annual commemoration on Sunday 6 August at the Peace Park (opposite Women and Children's Hospital) of the first use of nuclear weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki which killed 210,000 people. Stand with Pope Francis who has called for the banning of all nuclear weapons. Organised by the Graham F. Smith Peace Foundation, Romero Community, Medical Association for the Prevention of War, and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Contact Peter Laffan 0488 062 112 for further information.

5/6 Aug: National Vocations Awareness Week and Appeal

Over the weekends of August 5-6 and August 12-13 throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. In the first week, we acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our Baptisms. In the second week, we acknowledge the unique calls to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

There will be a Special Vocations Appeal collection on 12/13 August in all churches of our Parish to support the Vocations Ministry of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Your support to those who are called to a service of religious life is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

11 Aug: Weekend Retreat at the Monastery

A retreat will be led by Fr Denis Travers on Friday evening and Saturday of 11-12 August. The retreat theme is: Jesus - the healing compassion of God. The input and prayer times will explore Jesus as the revelation of God's deep desire to respond to our pain and bring us to wholeness at every level of our lives and our world. The Retreat begins on Friday evening and concludes Saturday afternoon. \$170 includes all meals accommodation for the retreat, and (limited ensuite rooms available for \$200). Please contact the office via email conference@themonastery.net.au or call 8338 8700. All are welcome to join us.

12 Aug: Silent Retreat Day

The World Community for Christian Meditation South Australia invites you to its Silent Retreat Day: 'Conversation and Prayer with Gerard Manley Hopkins SJ' on 12 August from 11am – 4pm. Sr. Cynthia Griffin, a Sister of Mercy and a great friend of WCCM South Australia will lead our day exploring Hopkins poetry, spirituality and sense of the sacred. **Location:** St Ignatius Church Hall, 137 William Street, Norwood.

Please bring your own lunch (not for sharing) & your own cup. Tea and coffee supplied. You are encouraged to google "G M Hopkins SJ poet" to introduce yourself to the man and his poetry. Suggested Donation \$15 **Contact:** <u>chr.med.southaust@gmail.com</u> for more information

13 Aug: Imagining a Safer World

Churches Together SA invites you to a forum on "The New Cold War and militarisation in our region" on **Sunday 13 August, 2-4pm.** How do we 'love our neighbours' in a Defence State? Where does our faith guide us in 'imagining a safer world'? How do we act and live as Christian peacemakers? What really makes us safe? With Peter Prove, Director of International Affairs at World Council of Churches, Geneva; Allan Behm, Director of International Affairs and Security at the Australia Institute, Canberra; and Senator Barbara Pocock AM, SA Greens Senator. Prospect Road Uniting Church 174 Prospect Road, Prospect. Cost_\$15, afternoon tea provided. Book at <u>https://shorturl.at/fhtRU</u> All are welcome. Prior booking is necessary.

Latin Mass Community Announcements

Confirmation class resumes today, Sunday 30 July at 11am.

Servers' practice begins tomorrow Mon, 31 July at 5.30pm.

Scripture class continues tomorrow evening at 7.30pm.

This Friday is the 1st Friday of the Month.

10am: Mother's Rosary Group meets in the tea room for morning tea and the Rosary.

6.30pm: Sung Mass followed by 1st Friday Devotions, Benediction and Compline, with Adoration continuing overnight until 6.30am Saturday. There will be the usual Holy Hours for the clergy at 3am and families at 5.30am.

Masses on Saturday morning are at 7am & 8.30am.

Registrations for our annual Rosary Pilgrimage to the church of the mid-North on 12 August are now open. Please take a flyer or speak to Rob Marsh for more details.

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 website.

Please do not place any advertising material in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Daniela Vergulis, Vincent Moran, Jana Basani, Damian Wyld, Anthony Green (Benedict Green and Anna Ros's son), Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother).

Please also remember the recently deceased, especially Hanna Winnicka (Joanna Rzad's mother), Alexandra Vergulis, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

24 Aug: Knitting at Dulwich Hall

The Dulwich Knitting Group will meet on Thursday, 24th August in the Hall at Stuart Road, Dulwich, diagonally across the road from St Peter Claver's Church. Come at any time from 10.30 am. All parishioners and friends are welcome. Those who attend find it an enjoyable and relaxing day. Stay, knit and have morning tea with us, or call in for a chat. If you wish, bring a light lunch and stay longer. We look forward to seeing you. If you have spare balls of 8 ply wool, we would appreciate your donation to help our knitters. We knit or crochet 25cm squares to make into rugs for local people in need. If you would prefer, we welcome help to join squares into rugs. Further dates for the year are the 4th Thursdays of the month - 24 August, 21 September. For further information, contact Cheryl (0417 015 338) or Julie (0468 636 190).



26 Aug: Musicians Retreat with David and Emma Kruse at Henley Beach Parish

Date & Time: Saturday 26 August | 10am – 4:30pm **Venue:** Henley Beach Parish, 420 Seaview Rd, Henley Beach.

Musicians by their very nature are always giving of themselves through their artistic expression, whether in a pub band, on a stage, or leading music in a church. This retreat is for any musician who needs time in prayer, reflection and renewal in the company of other musicians. David and Emma Kruse work in the Brisbane Archdiocese Office for Evangelisation and began Enemy Love Records in 2022. They bring a wealth of experience and freshness to the pastoral care of musicians. Morning tea and lunch are included in the day. There is no cost to participants. RSVP online or contact Peter Bierer: <u>pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au</u>

August Edition of the Southern Cross

The August edition of *The Southern Cross* will be available in all churches of our Parish this weekend. This month's edition includes a special feature on Vocations Awareness Week and all the latest news and information from our Church. A reminder too that we are happy to feature baptism and wedding photos. Please email: <u>cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au</u> or call Rosie on 8210 8160.

Safeguarding Children

A reminder that all children 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.