



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

14th July 2024

11th July 2024:

Dedication of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral

The word "cathedral" is derived from the Greek word "*kathedra*," meaning "chair." The chair of the diocesan bishop is the seat from which he guides the life of the Church in a particular geographical region known as a diocese. This chair is a symbol of his authority to teach, sanctify and govern the people of Christ. The church in



which this chair is housed is consequently known as a cathedral church — the bishop's own parish church.

The anniversary of the dedication of a cathedral church is to be observed on the date of the church's consecration, with the rank of a solemnity in the cathedral itself and of a feast in the other churches of the diocese, according to the "General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar." The cathedral church is a symbol of the unity of the local Church, and its dedication ought to be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese. The annual observance of the dedication of a church celebrates the mystery of the living Church, that is, the people of God in pilgrimage to the New Jerusalem.

Our Cathedral is dedicated to Saint Francis Xavier patron of missionary countries and of our first bishop, Francis Murphy (1844-58). Work began in 1851 using the design submitted by colonial architect, Richard Lambeth. However, the discovery of gold in Victoria lured both the architect and most of the colony's labour force to seek their fortunes interstate. Bishop Murphy was directed again to Charles Hansom (1817-88), an English architect and pupil of Augustus Welby Pugin the Gothic revivalist (1812-52). Hansom produced plans for a modest cathedral in the early English Gothic style (1189-1307). His plans were constrained by the already existing site.

The church was designed so it could be built in stages, as money became available. Fr Michael Ryan, in the absence of Bishop Murphy, laid the foundation stone on 17 March 1856. He opened and blessed stage one of the cathedral on 11 July 1858. As with most cathedrals, the construction of this building was slow.

The first extension, which included a sanctuary, a Lady Chapel (now used as a sacristy), a side chapel and a sacristy, was completed on 11 November 1860. Peter Paul Pugin, the son of AWN Pugin, designed the extensions to the eastern side of the nave. Bishop (later Archbishop) Reynolds (1873-93) dedicated the extensions on 15 August 1887. They also included a second story to the sacristy and three confessionals set in graceful niches. The architect was E J Woods of Adelaide.

Archbishop Spence (1915-34) laid the foundation stone for the complementary western side aisle. The cathedral was extended by two extra arches, the narthex, the choir gallery and the baptistry. This extension was dedicated on 23 April, 1926 and built by W H Bago, a local Architect. In 1996 the tower was completed. This enabled Archbishop Faulkner (1985-01) to dedicate the Cathedral on 11 July, 1996 exactly 138 years after its first stage was completed and 145 since its initial foundations were laid.

(Excerpts from <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/giving/cathedral-appeal/history-of-the-cathedral>)



Reflection of the week:

Jesus sends his disciples two by two on a temporary mission. Going two by two carries with it the authority of official witnesses. Only Mark mentions this detail in his Gospel while Matthew and Luke do not speak of it on this occasion. But in another passage Luke says: "After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two."

This has a profound meaning that needs to be explained. Indeed, it amounts to saying that the disciple of the Lord is never alone: he is always accompanied by another disciple of the Lord, that is, a man or a woman not chosen by the disciple himself, but rather a person whom the Lord himself chose to be his companion and helper in the apostolate.

If Jesus takes care in choosing his disciples to ensure a good beginning to the mission he entrusts to them, he also watches over the mission itself to ensure that it proceeds well. Here we notice that the discipleship demands a lifestyle of radical simplicity while the other demands he makes of them are heavy.

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

14 July: Stella Maris Appeal

14 July will be celebrated as Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org

14 July: Adelaide Cathedral Young Adult Group presents: 'How to know God's will'

The Young Adults Group invites all young people to attend a special presentation on 'How to know God's Will' led by Fr. Lancy D'Silva. The event will be held from 7pm-8:30pm, 14 July, at Cathedral Hall. Fr. Lancy will share insights and practical tips on how to discern God's plan for your life. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your faith and connect with like-minded young adults. Refreshments will be provided. For more information about the event and Young Adults Group activities, please contact Ngoc Nguyen 0424643310 or join our Facebook group: Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group.

20 Jul: Youth Retreat by Charis SA

Charis SA will be conducting a Youth Retreat on 20 July from 9.30am-4.00pm at St Peter Claver Church, Dulwich. For more details and registration please call 0450 651 900.

20 July: Adult Confirmation

There will be an opportunity for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptised but not yet confirmed. This celebration will be held at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Saturday 20 July. Fr Dean Marin (Vicar General) will be the celebrant.

25 July: Sisters of Mercy Winter Fundraiser

Sisters of Mercy and Circle of Friends 111 are holding a Fizz and Quiz Winter Fundraiser in support of refugees and asylum seeker cost of living expenses on Sunday 28 July, 2pm - 4pm at Mercedes College, Staff Room, 540 Fullarton Road, Springfield. For enquiries, contact Pauline Kenny on 0408 802 291 or email: jpkenney73@gmail.com

25 July: Dulwich Knitting Group

The Dulwich knitting group will meet on Thursday, 27 July at the Peter Claver Church Hall, Stuart Road, Dulwich, which is diagonally opposite the church. This date differs from our usual Thursday time, due to the Anzac Day holiday. Come at any time after 10.30am. There is no need to bring anything with you, as we have supplies available. We warmly welcome parishioners and their friends to join us to knit, chat, enjoy morning tea, or simply to be in the company of others. All are welcome. Last month we had a large collection of items to distribute to Fred's Van attendees, refugee families and residents of women's shelters.

Thank you to all those who contributed over the summer months by continuing to knit, stitch squares together and donate 8 ply wool. The recipient organisations were most appreciative to have 21 warm rugs, as well as numerous beanies, neck warmers and gloves ready to distribute as the cooler weather approaches again. The remaining dates for this year are follows: Thursday, 25 July, Thursday, 22 August and Thursday, 26 September. For further information, contact Julie (0468 636 190).

6 Aug: Catholic Women's League Archdiocesan Day of Reflection

Catholic Women's League invites you to their Archdiocesan Day of Reflection on Tuesday, 6 August from 10.30am until 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Hall. Facilitator, Geraldine Hawkes will speak on 'Love and Compassion' through music, art and stories from scriptures and sacred sources. Day of Reflection is open to ALL women not just members. Please invite other women from your parish to join us. BYO lunch plus donation towards expenses. For more enquiries contact **Sue Williams**, Catholic Women's League Secretary, on **0466 184 788**. RSVP by Tuesday July 30.

8 Aug: Certificate of Pastoral Liturgy Unit

The Adelaide Archdiocese is hosting a workshop series on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and all are invited to attend. The 'Alive in Christ' series is presented by Dr. Jenny O'Brien over five Thursday evenings starting on August 8 in the Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide, with free parking available. (Also accessible online via Zoom) The cost is \$50 with resources supplied. Contact Pastoral Services – Community Life & Worship, phone 8210 8130 or worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or to register. For more information visit ofw-adelaide.org.au/cpl

3/4-10/11 Aug: National Vocations Awareness Week

Over two weekends in August, the Church in Australia celebrates 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. For more details please contact Fr. Dean Marin VG, Director of Vocations Adelaide Archdiocese or Sr. Jenny Seal, fdnsc Coordinator of SA Vocation Network. Please visit www.vocationsadelaide.catholic.org.au or kindly email: vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au



Scan the QR code for more resources and information on the pathways to priesthood by the Australian Bishops Conference.

12 Aug: Professor Massimo Faggioli Public presentation: Preparing for the Jubilee Year in 2025: Vatican II, Synodality and Pope Francis

The Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you to a presentation from Dr Massimo Faggioli, Professor of Theology and Religious Studies at Villanova University, USA on Monday 12 August 7pm at the Monastery in Glen Osmond. Professor Faggioli is a well known church historian, writer, Vatican commentator and columnist. He is an expert on the history and administrative inner workings of the Catholic Church and of the papacy. Dr. Faggioli's presentation will be an opportunity to prepare for the 2025 Jubilee Year placed within the context of the Second Vatican Council, the Synod on Synodality and papacy of Francis. Bookings are essential for attending the event. For more information contact Peter Bierer Tel:82108210 or email: pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au or RSVP online at www.trybooking.com/CSRJG

Latin Mass Community

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN):

Tens of millions of Christian families worldwide are exiled due to their faith. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) works to keep faith alive in these places. An ACN promoter will be visiting our community today (Sun 14th July), to share how we can help persecuted Christians. You can support ACN by purchasing religious items, signing up for their newsletter, or praying for our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters. Those who sign up will receive a set of free rosary beads. Please visit the info table outside our church or the meeting room.

Our 2024 Philosophy Camp runs this week Monday 15th-Thurs. 18th July (8am-6pm). Please keep the children attending in your prayers this week. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have agreed to assist.

NB: Mon. evening Scripture Class is in recess until 22nd July; there is also no Mon. servers' practice during the School Holidays.

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, the next set of catechism classes have begun on Tuesdays at 7pm. These weekly classes are for those who are interested in becoming a Catholic, and also for those who are Catholic already, but who would like a 'refresher'. Please see Fr. McGuckin for more details.

Thursday evening's *Introduction to the Bible* class continues this week at 7:40pm.

Date claimer: Birthline's Fundraiser: Sat 27th July, 7pm -10pm at Unley Town Hall Oxford Terrace, Unley. \$20 tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/CRMLF> Please see posters for more details.

Registrations for this year's Christus Rex Pilgrimage are now open. See www.christusrexpilgrimage.com for details.

There are half a dozen places still available for our men's silent retreat in January 2025. Please contact Marco Barsotti if you are interested (details on flyer).

Fr. McCaffrey is currently at the FSSP General Chapter in the USA. This meeting is held every six years and reviews the work of the FSSP around the world over the last six years, as well as electing the new Superior General and his Council. Fr. McCaffrey returns on Sat 20th July. Please keep the Chapter in your prayers during this time.

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 Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Constantine Day, Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiotte, Tony Caruso and Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother).

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Cathedral Program 2024/2025

Each year, our parish runs a series of instruction for adults who are interested in joining the catholic faith. This is called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. The 2024/2025 sessions will start in late August/early September 2024. If you are interested in joining this group, or even have an interest in finding out more about the catholic faith, you are invited to contact the Parish Office on 82108155 or please email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au

ACBC Research Project: Absent from the Table

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). The survey closes on Tuesday August 20 2024. Parishioners are encouraged to reach out to those they know who could participate in the survey. Please share the following link mentioned below to complete the survey: <https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

Community support for Refugee Families

As Refugee Week approaches, Catholic Mission is inviting communities to take action and open their hearts and arms to sponsor refugee families to help them settle into their new life in Australia. The Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) is designed for community members to build social networks to welcome a family group who has been granted a humanitarian visa but is still waiting to arrive in Australia. Resources are available to assist in this process. For more information on the program or how your community can get involved contact Anne Nesbitt at anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au

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.

If you are interested to know more about the group and their activities, please contact Ngoc Nguyen on 0424643310 after the Sunday 6pm Mass at the Cathedral.

Please note that the Youth Group is open ONLY for people aged 18-35 years. Please check the notice board for regular updates and events being hosted by the Young Adults Group.

Safeguarding Children

Just 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 when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall.