



### Sunday Reflection

The miracle recounted in this Sunday's Gospel is an intriguing one, for it was, so to speak, an "unsolicited" miracle.

Whereas, when the paralysed man was cured, great efforts were made to lower him through the roof - to the place where Jesus stood—to beg for a miracle. Whereas, when the blind man was granted his sight, it was only after he repeatedly cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Whereas, at Cana in Galilee, it was Mary's heartfelt words, "they have no wine," which urged Jesus to compassionately respond. In the miracle recounted today, however, there is no such prior plea made to Jesus.

The miracle recounted today was one that was unasked for—one that was entirely a thought of Jesus Himself. It was intended to be a parable in action, not only meant as an act of love towards Peter, but also meant to leave him, the bystanders, and all who would hear of it, with an important lesson.

Let's recall what took place. According to Luke's account of the facts, Jesus instructs Peter to "put out into the deep water" and let down his nets for a catch. And yet Peter replies, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." This exchange makes us wonder, what could have been the reason for Peter's fruitless labour?

It certainly wasn't the time he went fishing—for the night is a very (some would say most) appropriate time to fish. It wasn't also a lack of skill on his part—for he had fished from his youth and understood the art through and through. Neither was it that he lacked any diligence in his efforts—for he laboured all night long.

So, what then was the reason for Peter's fruitless labour? Well, ultimately, we can say that his labour was fruitless, because the blessing of God was wanting. And when God's blessing is withdrawn, every human exertion is to no avail. For, as we read in the psalms, "unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain" (Ps 127:1).

It seems that in this case, God had decreed, that no matter how hard Peter and his fellow fishermen would try, on that night they would not catch any fish. This was not because God no longer loved or cared for Peter, but rather, because God was working to achieve something greater.

That is, despite the initial failure, by later performing the miracle of the miraculous catch of fish, Jesus would lead Peter to a knowledge of His own divinity; lead Peter to a greater humility and trust in Him; and also, by this miracle, signify the marvellous success Peter would later have in the evangelisation of souls, represented by these fish. God withdrew His blessing for a time, only to impart it more abundantly in a little while.

Situations similar to this may happen in our own lives. It may occur that our good God may seem to withdraw His blessing from us and our undertakings.

Of course, God's love for us is constant and can never be withdrawn. But it may seem at times that His love is absent, or He may at times withdraw His blessing from our labours, only because He is working to achieve a greater good by it. As in the case of Peter, He may be working to bring us to a realisation of a greater truth, or be encouraging us to trust Him more, or be helping us to increase in humility or some other virtue.

If, in our own lives it seems God is absent—we would do well to ponder what message God could be trying to convey to us? Is it, for instance, that our prayer life leaves much to be desired, or we have slowly left God out of our lives? And if so, by these trials, God could be trying to remind us of our need for Him in all our undertakings.

Could it be that our personal life leaves much to be desired in the way of virtue? And if so, God could be trying to draw us back on the straight and narrow. I mean, we should hardly be surprised if all our efforts and human prudence amounts to little if it is not our Lord who is "building the city."

But if, on the other hand, our conscience does not reprove us, and if like Peter, we have laboured diligently, as through a dark night, and our endeavours seem fruitless—we should not for this reason throw in the towel. Jesus may simply be withholding His blessing for a time, only to impart it later on with a more marvelous effect.

For do not crosses and afflictions forge virtue and earn for us eternal glory in heaven? Is not an apparent trial often the source of future blessings? In the extreme situation, is it not the persecution of tyrants, which brings about the glorification of the martyrs? We do not know the mind of the all-good God, but what we do know is that He is 100% good!

We know for sure that honest work, with an upright intention, done for Jesus, is never wasted. We may fail, our works may seem to fail—but these difficulties borne cheerfully on our part are like incense wafting up to heaven, bringing about a future blessing—in our own lives, or that of our neighbour—and certainly to our own crowning glory. For we have the assurance of God Himself, that "all things work together for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

Despite his failings, we must admire Peter's humility and his docility to divine grace. When Jesus told him to let down his nets, he was already exhausted from the night's work and likely frustrated at his fruitless labour—and yet, he resignedly says, "Master ... if you say so, I will let down the nets." When Peter did not succeed at his work, we do not read of him becoming angry or breaking out into swear words and so on. What we do read of, however, is of his inspiring submissiveness to God's will, despite the present difficulties of his situation. A submissiveness and humility what won for him the divine blessing and gained for him great merit in the sight of God. So much so, that henceforth he would be commissioned to catch men.

May we be inspired to act likewise.

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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

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## **St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide**

**Sunday Masses** Sat : 6pm(Vigil)  
Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am,  
2.30pm (African), 6pm

**Weekday Masses** Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm  
Sat: 8am, 11.30am

**Confessions** 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 01 January—Mass at 10am at the Cathedral

**St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide**  
Tues and Fri: 8am Sun: 9.30am

**Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton**  
Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm  
Sun: 9.30am

**St John Vianney, Burnside**  
Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions: 9.30am  
Sun: 9am

**St Peter Claver, Dulwich**  
Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am  
Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm  
Sun: 11am

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

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

**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:** O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11.

**Universal Prayer Response:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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**Next Week: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 17:5-8.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20.

**Gospel:** Luke 6:17, 20-26.

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## Liturgies & Activities (10th-16th Feb)

**Mon** St. Scholastica.

**Tue** Our Lady of Lourdes-World Day Prayer for the Sick.

**Fri** St. Cyril & Methodius and St. Valentine.

**Sun** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Prayer Requests for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Reynaldo Trinidad and Michael Scutella.

### Deceased Anniversaries:

**Cathedral:** Dr. Sarath Goonetilleke, Constanca & Nemesia Jr., P.J. Kurian, Schrader family (Charles, Dennis & Ted), Patrick William Minogue, Catherine Fernandes-D'souza and Dominic Tallarida.

**Queen of Angels:** Domenica Zampogna and Giuseppe Perre.

**St. Mary's/Holy Name:** Anthony Butler-Bowden and Kevin John Heinrich.

**St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver:** Libero De Luca, Marc Deboraux, Lucien Parent, Alay Hey, Dorothy Lee, Ida Fontana, Inara Bullitis and Tony & Betty Sakowski.

## Prayers Requests for the Sick

Anton Sylvester, Maresa, Trevor, Domenica L Musico and Carol Giles, Leling Suzara, Antonio Romeo, Smith family, Angelina Musico, Emily Swan, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Joshua Jose, Jithin Jamon, Madison Musico, William Hemmeld, Daphne Bizell, Peter Slobodian, Marie Winters, Joshua Antony, Baby Otilie Sheens, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

## 8/9 Feb: Day of the Unborn Child Appeal

A special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc. The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion. We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

### Birthline Pregnancy Support Inc

Established in 1972 in South Australia as a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation to support women and their families facing unplanned pregnancy and pregnancy loss. Anyone wanting to talk about pregnancy related issues or pregnancy loss can readily access emotional support through compassionate, confidential, non-judgmental and cost-free services.

Tel: (08) 8331 1223 | 412 Magill Road, Kensington Gardens SA 5068 or please visit: [www.birthline.org.au](http://www.birthline.org.au)

### Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc

Established in 1991 in response to the lack of practical and emotional support available to women or girls who experience an unplanned or unsupported pregnancy. A non-denominational, not-for-profit, Christian organisation that provides free material support, emotional support, education and encouragement through regional support groups. Also provides post-abortion counselling and recovery retreats for women struggling after an abortion.

Tel: (08) 8352 4044 | 2 Brooker Terrace, Cowandilla SA 5033. Email: [admin@genesispregnancysupport.org.au](mailto:admin@genesispregnancysupport.org.au) or please visit: [www.genesispregnancysupport.org.au](http://www.genesispregnancysupport.org.au)

## 8 Feb: Our Lady of Lourdes Mass

Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. The Mass will be held on Saturday, 8 February 2025 at 10am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. No registration is necessary. All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or E: [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## 8/9 Feb: The Southern Cross

The February edition of The Southern Cross – our first for 2025 – will be delivered to all churches in our this week. Please take home a copy for \$2 from the church foyer.

## 8 Feb: 11.30am Mass cancelled

Due to the Lourdes Mass held at 10am on Saturday 8 February at the Cathedral, the usual 11.30am Mass is cancelled. Please share this with your friends and family.

## 8 Feb: Walk for Life

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' which will be held on Saturday February 8 at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral, from 10am till 12 noon. This year's theme is "Love the Next Generation".

## 9 Feb: Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita

Saturday 8th February is the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita and the African Catholic Community will be celebrating her feast day at a Mass on Sunday 9 February at the 2.30pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are invited to attend.

## 8 Feb: International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has designated February 8, the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, as the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human trafficking. ACRATH invites you to learn more, take action and join the online International Marathon of Prayer commencing on Friday February 7. Please check the notice board for details.

## 19 Feb: ACP School Aged Sacramental Program 2025

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish will be conducting a preparation program in 2025 for the Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Candidates should be at least 8 years old in early 2025. The program will start in February 2025 and enrollments should be completed at the earliest. If your child requires the sacrament of baptism, you will need to arrange an appointment to meet the parish administrator, before they can be enrolled in any other preparation program. Parents who would like their child enrolled in this program should contact the Parish Office email: [acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or call 82108155.

## 27 Feb: Support the National Deacons Conference 2025

Deacons (often married men) are the fastest growing ordained ministry worldwide and can be the face of creative ways in which the Spirit moves within the Church and community. The deacons of South Australia and Northern Territory have been chosen to host the 2025 National Deacons Conference this year (Hahndorf, 27 February – 2 March 2025). Each biennial National Deacons Conference is locally funded, relying entirely on nationwide registrations and generous local sponsors. Your personal financial support of the Conference will be greatly valued. To donate today (whether \$200, \$100, or any amount), please contact Deacon Paul Crowe, National Deacons Conference Convenor at [pcrowe@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:pcrowe@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## March 2025: Fringe Pipe Organ Recitals

Free pipe organ concerts in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will again feature in the Adelaide Fringe Festival during February and March. The lunchtime concerts have become popular fixtures for music lovers since they were introduced in 2017.

Commencing at 1pm, the performances this year feature acclaimed organists Jacinta Jakovcevic (Wednesday February 26), Amir Robin-Karas (Wednesday March 12), James Lloyd (Sunday March 16 – Festival of Hymns) and Val Estrella (Wednesday March 19).

There will also be a recital by young organists on Sunday 23 March. All recitals are free and no tickets required. Donations are welcome.



## Latin Mass Community

Today, 9<sup>th</sup> Feb is the annual Day of the Unborn. There will be a special collection at all masses throughout the Archdiocese today. The money will go to help fund pro-life organisations Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support. Thank you for your generosity.

The Consecration of the members of the FSSP to Our Lady of Lourdes will take place after the 9.30am mass on Tuesday. All welcome.

Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb will be Fr McGuckin's last Sunday with us before he moves to Sydney. We will have a farewell morning tea after the 9:15am Mass that day. Please bring a plate to share.

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion classes begin next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11am. Confirmation classes begin on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 11am.

Tickets for the Community Bush Dance are now on sale at Trad Café. Please see the flyers for details.

Fr Dominic Popplewell FSSP will be joining our community from Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Please make Fr. Popplewell feel welcome when he arrives.

The 2025 Latin Mass Community calendar is now available from the doors of the church. Please take one home (and put it on your fridge).

Beginners' Latin classes commence this Tuesday. Scripture classes commence on Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Please do not place any material (advertising or otherwise) in the church or the grounds without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

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. McCaffre 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 remember the sick in your prayers, especially Mary Walsh (Margaret Antonas' sister) Simon Fiedler (Nathan's Father), Hannah McCaffrey, Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiotte, and Tony Caruso.

Please also remember the recently deceased, especially Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother), and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society campaign

We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St. Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at [svdp@svdpsa.org.au](mailto:svdp@svdpsa.org.au)



## Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year for the whole Church, with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. 2024 was declared a Year of Prayer in-preparation.

The 2025 Jubilee Year theme, *Spes Non Confundit (Hope Does Not Disappoint)*, calls us to anchor our lives in the steadfast hope that comes from God.

Archbishop Patrick opened the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Adelaide on 31st December 2024 at midnight Mass at the Cathedral. The Jubilee will end on 28 December 2025.

Three places within the Archdiocese of Adelaide are designated as pilgrimage sites for the Holy Year:

- A) St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide
- B) St Joseph's Church in Penola
- C) St Aloysius' Church in Sevenhill

As one of the pilgrimage sites of the Holy Year, we will pray the Jubilee Prayer at all Sunday Masses.

Opportunities for prayer at each of the pilgrimage sites will be advertised throughout the year as well as occasions when the Papal Blessing with the plenary indulgence will be imparted. The Archdiocesan website will continue to provide resources and information about the Jubilee Year. Refer to this link for resources: <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-faith/jubilee-year-of-hope-2025/resources> to find the Jubilee Hymn, videos, the Pope's monthly prayer intentions, pilgrimage prayers and more.

### Jubilee Year Prayer

*(will be prayed before the final blessing)*

*Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.*

**Amen.**

Scan the QR code to see the prayer on your smart devices.

