



## Sunday Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 6:27-38) concerns a central point that characterizes Christian life: love for enemies. Jesus' words are clear: "I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (vv. 27-38). And this is not optional, it is a command. It is not for everyone, but for the disciples, whom Jesus calls "you that hear".

He is well aware that loving enemies exceeds our possibilities, but this is why he became man: not to leave us as we are, but to transform us into men and women capable of a greater love, that of his Father and ours. This is the love that Jesus gives to those who 'hear him'. Thus it becomes possible! With him, thanks to his love, to his Spirit, we are able to love even those who do not love us, even those who do us harm.

In this way, Jesus wants God's love to triumph over hatred and rancour in every heart. The logic of love, which culminates in Christ's Cross, is a Christian's badge and induces us to meet everyone with the heart of brothers and sisters. But how is it possible to overcome human instinct and the worldly law of retaliation? Jesus provides the answer in the same Gospel passage: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (v. 36). Those who hear Jesus, who make an effort to follow him even at a cost, become children of God, and begin to truly resemble the Father who is in heaven.

We become capable of things we never thought we could say or do, and of which we would have been rather ashamed, but which now give us joy and peace instead. We no longer need to be violent, with words and gestures: we discover that we are capable of tenderness and goodness; and we sense that all of this comes not from ourselves but from him! And thus we do not brag about it but are grateful for it.

There is nothing greater and more fruitful than love: it bestows all dignity to the person, while, on the contrary, hatred and vengeance decrease it, marring the beauty of the creature made in God's image.

This command, to respond to insult and wrongdoing with love, has created a new culture in the world: "a culture of mercy" — we need to learn this well! And properly practice this culture of mercy — which "can set in motion a real cultural revolution" (Apostolic Letter *Misericordia et Misera*, 20). It is the revolution of love, in which the protagonists are the martyrs of all times. And Jesus assures us that our behaviour, inspired by love for those who do us harm, will not be in vain.

He tells us: "forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you" (vv. 37-38). This is beautiful. God will give us something beautiful if we are generous, merciful. We must forgive because God has forgiven us and always forgives us. If we do not forgive completely, we cannot expect to be forgiven completely.

However, if our hearts are open to mercy, if we seal forgiveness with a brotherly embrace and secure the bonds of communion, we proclaim to the world that it is possible to overcome evil with good. At times it is easier for us to remember the harm they have done to us and not the good things; to the point that there are people who have this habit and it becomes a sickness.

They are "collectors of injustice": they only remember the bad things done. And this is not a path. We must do the opposite, Jesus says. Remember the good things, and when someone comes with some gossip, and speaks ill of another, say: "Yes, perhaps ... but he has this good quality...". Turn the discussion around. This is the revolution of mercy.

May the Virgin Mary help us to let our heart be touched by this holy word of Jesus, burning like fire, that it may transform us and make us able to do good without reciprocation, doing good without reciprocation, witnessing everywhere to the victory of love.

- Pope Francis' Homilies

## 22 Feb: Rite of Acceptance at the Saturday VIGIL 6PM

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (Rite of Acceptance) is the first of the "threshold rites" of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and the first public ritual. This will be held at the Saturday VIGIL Mass in St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral on 22 February.

## Altar Servers required for the Cathedral

St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral is recruiting Altar Servers to serve at weekend masses in the Cathedral. All school going children over the age of 10 and adults who are interested in joining the Altar Serving Ministry are welcome to register their interest. No prior altar serving experience is required and training will be provided. All Altar Servers will need to undergo a Screening for Working with Children and will be eligible to serve their ministry only after receiving clearance from the Department of Human Services, South Australia. Please register your interest by calling the Parish office on 82108155 during office hours or email ( your name & phone number) to [acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au) . Alternatively you can also speak to Michelle Tie (Altar server) at the weekend masses who will be happy to assist and provide you with more information.

## Lenten Reflection Booklets

Lenten Reflection booklets are now available for free at the entrance of all churches in our Parish. Please take home this valuable resource for you and your family that can be used over the period of Lent.

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**Regular Mass Timings**  
REFER TO PARISH WEBSITE FOR DETAILED  
SCHEDULE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR  
PHONE CAMERA FOR OUR REGULAR TIMINGS

## **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 Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation . I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

**First Reading:** 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9,12-13, 22-23.

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15:45-49.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38.

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

**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Next Week: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

**First Reading:** Sirach 27:4-7.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:54-58.

**Gospel:** Luke 6:39-45.

## Liturgies & Activities (24th Feb-2nd March)

**Thu** St. Gregory of Narek

**Sat** St. David

**Sun** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

## Prayer Requests for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** John Daniel Clifford Walkley and Yvonne Delrine Rita Theabold.

## Deceased Anniversaries:

**Cathedral:** Edward Obiasulu, Fr. Anthony Van Dyke, Joyce Koa Jarra, Roy Jarra Ogepawe, Gwendolyne Kile, Teodolo Gipulan, Isabelle & Antonio Ferreira, Sara Aedo, Dianah, salvio, Cleo, Dante, Roberto, Leonisa, Trinidad, Marina, Cheryl, Marie, Helen, Theo, Nick, Carmen, Hildegard Myszka and Don Shelton & Dona Prcy Totawatte.

**Queen of Angels:** Giuseppina Pirone, Ceda Ielasi, Orsola Marafioti and Lisa Scutella.

**St. Mary's/Holy Name:** Jozef Malczyk, Myrtle Pereira, Alfredo Mazzone, Jeffrey Roche and Kathleen Wenslee.

**St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver:** Karen Anne Gilbert, Adele Settembri, Hollis & Wells family, Jittu family, Davies family, Moira & Harry Braidwood, Iris Carrad, Nancy Kelly and Joyce Hopkins.

## 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, Bernie, Noel, Darren, Jovelle, Rob, Kits, Efi, Steve Gleeson, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

## 23 Feb: Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group Social Night

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them each week in their Ministry of fellowship. The Cathedral Young Adults welcomes all young adults of our parish to the first event for the year 2025, a Social Night on 23 February. We are excited to have you back and have planned a series of events for you in 2025. Please note that the Youth Group is open ONLY for people aged 18-35 years. Please refer to the poster on the Church Notice Board for more information. Please contact Ngoc on 0424643310 if you have further enquiries.

## 26 Feb: 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 Casey McEwan (Wednesday March 19). Young organists on 23 March. All recitals are free and no tickets required. Donations are welcome.

## 27 Feb: The National Deacons Conference Grateful thanks for your kind support

The 14 deacons of the Archdiocese of Adelaide are most grateful to the Adelaide Cathedral Parish Community for your kind prayers and financial support for the biennial **National Deacons Conference** in Hahndorf SA (commencing Thursday 27 February, concluding Sunday 2 March 2025). Through your generosity, and that of several other parishes, parishioners, and clergy, the deacons of Adelaide have been able to host deacons and their wives, plus others associated with the diaconal community throughout Australia (there are over 200 deacons in Australia). Conference organisers anticipate around 80 people gathering around the Conference Cross, which some of you would have seen at the 11am and 6pm mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Our sincere prayer is that you experience anew the grace of Jesus' words, *'It is more blessed to give than to receive'* (Acts 20.35).

- Deacon Paul Crowe

Convenor of the NAD Conference Organising Committee

## 27 Feb: Charis SA presents Spiritual Healing Retreat by Fr. Sam Samuel

"CHARIS SA invites you to the Spiritual Healing Retreat, to be conducted by Fr. Sam Samuel- Director of Divine Mercy Retreat Center Sydney. The retreat will be at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich on Thursday 27 February 2025 From 7pm-9pm. For further details please call 0407060715.

## Cathedral Tour Guide Training

Would you like to lead groups on short tours of the Cathedral? Are you a parishioner who has an interest in the development and significance of our historic neo-Gothic masterpiece? We are looking for people interested in forming a group who could help facilitate tours through the Cathedral and pass on the legacy of this beautiful, longest continually used Cathedral in Australia. Training and information will be provided and resources from which to learn. Would suit a retired ex-teacher or anyone with an interest in the history of the Cathedral. Contact [music@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:music@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## 5 Mar: Ash Wednesday Services in the Adelaide Cathedral Parish

Mass Timings for Ash Wednesday in our parish will be as follows:

**SFX Cathedral:** 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm

**Queen of Angels, Thebarton:** 8.30am

**St. Mary's, North Adelaide:** 8am

**St. Peter Claver's, Dulwich:** 9am

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses and all are welcome to attend.

## 7 Mar: Lenten Stations of the Cross in the Adelaide Cathedral Parish

**SFX Cathedral:** Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday starting 7th March at 10.30am in the Cathedral followed by Adoration and Benediction at 11am.

**Dulwich/Burnside:** Stations of the Cross devotions at St. John Vianney Church, Burnside will be held each Thursday immediately after the 9.00am Mass starting 7 March.

## 15 Mar: Sevenhill Pilgrimage by the Adelaide Cathedral Parish

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish is planning a half-day pilgrimage to St. Aloysius Church Sevenhill as part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations. Kindly note:

- The pilgrimage will start with a prayer in the Cathedral at 9am before proceeding to Sevenhill.
- Prior registration is essential for **all attendees using bus service or private transport**.
- A bus service is available for registered pilgrims from the Cathedral to Sevenhill and back at a nominal cost of \$20 per person.
- Parishioners from other parishes and communities groups are welcome to join in.
- Please call 82108155 during office hours to register interest as seats are limited.

## Homeshare: A solution to the rental crisis for older women in SA

Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity. The *Homeshare* program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity—a model that has been successfully running around the world for years.

A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the [Homeshare Pilot Program](#) is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 55+ living on their own that have a spare bedroom, with female homesharers that need affordable accommodation from a similar age group that can offer some help around the house. Unlike a traditional flatmate arrangement, the matching process is rigorous: both parties undergo interviews, reference checks and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a householder or homesharer, please click the link or visit: <https://www.vinnies.org.au/sa/get-involved/homeshare>

## Latin Mass Community

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion classes continue today at 11am in the Atrium.

Confirmation classes begin today at 11am in the music room (small room off the morning tea room).

There is a fundraising sausage sizzle after the 8am and the 9.15am masses today. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Scripture classes commence tomorrow Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30am. We will be reading the Gospel according to St. Mark.

The Holy Name Men's Group meets this Wed, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7pm at Dulwich. All Welcome. (Bring \$5 if you want pizza).

Ash Wednesday is 5<sup>th</sup> March. There will be masses with the distribution of blessed ashes at 7am, 9.30am and 6.30pm.

Birthline Pregnancy Support is also in need of volunteers to join their team to make a real difference in the lives of women and families facing crisis pregnancies or pregnancy loss. Please see posters and flyers for more details or contact Grace Juanta 0413 380 833 or email: [birthline@birthline.org.au](mailto:birthline@birthline.org.au)

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).

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. 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 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.

## 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 at all times by an adult family member when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall.



## Jubilee Year Prayer (will be prayed before the final blessing)

(Scan the QR code to see the prayer on your phone)

*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.**



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## Caritas Australia celebrates 60 years of PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN APPEAL 2025

Running through the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion has been our national fundraiser during Lent since 1965.

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation. We are called to PRAY, FAST and GIVE ALMS. These actions fit perfectly with our mission.

Project Compassion has its foundations in Adelaide, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity of God's people (**YOU!**) for 60 years!

This year's stories highlight the transformative work **Caritas Australia** is doing in Vietnam, Samoa and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

By sharing these stories, we hope to deepen our collective understanding of the challenges faced by our global brothers and sisters, and to feel the joy of restoring dignity and hope within their communities.

**Please check out our website for lots awareness raising and fundraising at [caritas.org.au](http://caritas.org.au)**

Project Compassion collection boxes are now available in the foyer of all churches in our Parish. Envelopes for the LENTEN APPEAL will be sent out next weekend. Please take home a set of envelopes or a box to help support the wonderful work that CARITAS Australia has been doing for the past 60 years.