



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Ascension of the Lord - Year C

1st June 2025

Sunday Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord.

Those of you of a more mature age than I would recall celebrating this on the Thursday before the Seventh week of Easter, our friends at Holy Name in the Tridentine Mass still celebrate Ascension on its actual day.

In the Novus Ordo Mass here in Australia it takes place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter. The Australian Bishop's a number of years ago made this decision to allow people who work to celebrate this great Solemnity.

Saint Luke concludes his gospel with an account of Jesus is Ascension into heaven in which he elegantly presents Jesus the Messiah as *priest, prophet, and king*. Moreover, as Lord, Jesus is to be worshipped. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke specifically says that the ascension took place forty days after the resurrection.

Two themes worthwhile reflecting on in the account that Luke offers us. Firstly Jesus led his disciples out of Jerusalem.

At his transfiguration, Jesus had discussed with Moses and Elijah his own exodus from Jerusalem. As a prophet like Moses, Jesus now completes his exodus from Jerusalem to heaven. Moreover as a prophet like Elijah, Jesus is taken up to heaven and his followers will then receive his spirit.

The second theme worthy of reflection is the action of Jesus as he ascended into heaven. He raised his hands and blessed them. These actions are those of a priest, such as Aaron, who raised his hands over the people and blessed them, or Simeon son of Jochanan, who would raise his hands over all the congregation of Israel and the blessing of the Lord would be upon his lips.

Jesus priestly blessing of his disciples at the end of the gospel provides a frame with the gospels beginning, as it recalls the blessing of Mary and Joseph by Simeon and supplies for the missing blessing of the speechless Zachariah. After giving his blessing, Jesus parted from them and ascended into heaven.

This Sunday as we celebrate this great Solemnity of the Ascension we ought to replicate the joy and the wonder and awe of the disciples who saw this as a new beginning and were overwhelmed with great joy. The disciple's mission, our mission, is to be witnesses to Jesus spending our time praising and worshipping God.

5 June: Invitation to honour Pope Francis on World Environment Day

The United Religions Initiative and Religions for Peace Australia invite you to join a celebration honouring the life of Pope Francis and his interfaith and ecological legacy. John Lochowiak (NATSICC) will give a Welcome to Country and share his memories, before reflections by nine faith leaders from Australia and overseas.

World Environment Day, 7.30pm Thursday, 5th June

Zoom Meeting: <https://uri-org.zoom.us/j/87993813629?pwd=KQ8vbXDOPXpiqZh1Lt5QTUS7panaJy.1>

ID: 879 9381 3629 Passcode: 195820

Jun 7: Public Rosary for Peace

Please join us at the Public Rosary, Saturday, June 7. We warmly invite you to gather in prayer with Our Lady, as we pray the Rosary outdoors for peace - united in hope and devotion.

Location: Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral)

Time: 8.40am, immediately following the 8am Mass

All are welcome. For more information, please contact: Patrick Greenrod 0414 769 635 (Legion of Mary)

Jun 7: Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade

The Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade is a global movement which invites men to honour Our Lady, offer reparation against her and fulfil the first Saturday devotion. Join us for the next Men's Rosary Crusade. Starts at 12.15pm (Mass at 11.30am, Confession available to 1pm) on Saturday, June 7 (first Saturday of every month). You are invited to join outside St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 12.15pm (after Mass). All welcome. For more information please contact: Adelaide Men's Rosary on 0419 824 582.

7-9 Jun: Adelaide Bell Ringers—Special event

A number of highly capable overseas and interstate ringers will be in Adelaide during the June long weekend (6th – 9th) to join the Adelaide Bell Ringers, a volunteer group of bell ringers who regularly ring the 12-bells in the Cathedral tower. The city will resound in the joy of the bells. Please note the below dates:

Saturday 7 June – 9.30am to 11.30am and 2pm to 4pm

Sunday 8 June – 10.15am to 11am and 4.30pm to 6pm

Monday 9 June (public holiday) – 9.30am to 11.30am and 1pm to 5pm.

We hope you enjoy the sound of the Bells during these times.

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.

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

ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Archbishop of Adelaide

Dean of the Cathedral

Assistant Dean

Assistant Priests:

Fr. Peter Rozitis

Fr. My Tran

Fr Francis Showrie

Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp

Fr. James McEvoy

Fr. Francis Tawil

Latin Mass Chaplain Fr. Michael McCaffrey, FSSP

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD

Fr. Lancy D'Silva CSC

Fr. Matthew Newman

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Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

Otherway Centre

8362 3185

Cathedral Parish Music

8210 8128

Any emergency requiring a priest: 0417 080 955

Pastoral Care: Visitation and Communion can be arranged for parishioners who are ill. Please call the Office: 8210 8155.

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: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, Alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11.

Responsorial Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia.

Gospel: John 14:23-29.

Universal Prayer Response: Christ, graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, Alleluia.

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Next week: Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17.

Gospel: John 14:15-16,23-26.

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Liturgies & Activities (2nd-8th June)

Mon St. Marcellinus and St. Peter.

Tue St. Charles Lwanga and Companions.

Thu St. Boniface.

Fri St. Norbert and St. Marcellin Champagnant.

Sun Pentecost Sunday.

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Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Franca Simionato, Patrick McGarry, Ava Siklic and Marcello Martini.

Deceased & Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: David Alcock, Antoni Myszk, Loretta Fernandez, Michael & family members, and Anthony Braganza.

Queen of Angels: Ielasi family (Antonio, Rosario & Caterina), Saverio & Anna Sergi, Anna Marafioti and

St. Mary's/Holy Name: Angelina & Carmine Versace.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Garner family, Hey family, Kriewaldt families, Pearce families, Ralph & Frankie Sobels, Lesson family, Cousins & Furno families, Alan Hey, Margaret Taylor, Quini Nakasima family, Sydney & Kath Cochrane, Matheson family, Richard & Ruth Wayte, Michael Allworden, Bullitis family, Alan Wilkie, Hazel Hawke, Joyce Hopkins & family, Ron & Effie James, Noelene Matheson, Domenico Patroni, John Gale, Margaret Weller, Ken Hill, Angela Versace, Diego & Rosa Poletti and Bernard Wright.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Anton Sylvester, Trevor, Cecilia Zulueta, Araceli Suzara, Fidel Ruivivar, Carol Giles, Antonio Romeo, Angelina Musico, Emily Swan, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Jennifer, Joshua Jose, Madison Musico, William Hemmeld, Peter Slobodian, Marie Winters, Joshua Antony, Baby Otilie Sheens, Steve Gleeson, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

08 June: Feast of St Kizito and St Charles Lwanga & Companions

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St. Kizito and St Charles Lwanga & Companions Mass on Sunday 8 June at 2.30pm, at the St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral. St. Kizito is the Patron Saint of primary school students and St. Charles Lwanga the Patron Saint of youth. Young people please come to this Mass and join in the entrance procession by carrying a flame. For more information kindly contact the Archdiocese Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on E: jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

8 June: Pentecost Sunday BBQ

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group will host a BBQ on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, from 10am to 1pm on the Cathedral lawn. Come along and support us—we'd love to see you there! All proceeds will go towards supporting our Young Adults Group activities.

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.

14/15 June: Spiritual Growth Retreat for Men

Chris McPhee msc leads this retreat open to men who seek a transformative spiritual experience. It's designed for those ready to embrace struggles as opportunities, build deep connections, and move beyond societal pressures. This retreat welcomes all men looking to deepen their faith and personal growth. Saturday 14 June & Sunday 15 June at the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Kensington. More info: <https://mmsm.org.au/retreats/men-today-spiritual-growth-a-transformative-mens-retreat/>

20-22 June: Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis at St. Augustine

From June 20-22 a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be present at St Augustine's Church, 23 Commercial Road, Salisbury, in the Family Centre. Blessed Carlo can be considered the first millennial saint and will be canonised at a later date, by our new Pope Leo XIV.

There will be Mass at 9.30am on Friday June 20, followed by adoration, confession on request. The relic and exhibition will be on display in the Family Centre until 5.30pm each day. Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am on Saturday June 21, followed by adoration, confession on request. Sunday June 22, 9am Mass, will be followed by the opportunity to view the exhibition and venerate the relic until 5.30 pm.

This is part of a Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles which Blessed Carlo put together between the ages of 11 and 15.

For planning purposes, if groups or individuals are intending to visit please contact the Salisbury parish P: 8258 2314, E: enquire@salcath.org.au

24 June: Diocesan Synod formation session: What is a Diocesan Synod?

The Archdiocese of Adelaide is preparing for a Synod in 2026. Each month you are invited to participate in an online formation session with other people from across the Archdiocese. Each session will explore a different aspect or theme of the Synod. The June session will include details about the Diocesan Synod, what makes a synod different from a Diocesan Assembly, foundations in synodality, and synod membership. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/DBUKH> or contact Peter Bierer on pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au for more information

26 June: Dulwich Knitting Group

The next meeting of the Dulwich Knitting Group for 2025 will be on Thursday, 26th June. With the cooler weather approaching, many have been looking forward to our start date to enable us to reconnect socially and simultaneously help others, as we make rugs for those in our community who are feeling the cold. We meet in the St Peter Claver Church Hall, Stuart Road, Dulwich, diagonally opposite the Church. Car parking is available in the church carpark. Join us at any time after 10.30am. We warmly welcome parishioners and their friends to come to knit, chat, enjoy morning tea, or simply to be in the company of others. We have the materials you will need, if you choose to knit. All are welcome. **Dates for rest of the year are as follows:** 24 July, 28 August and 25 September; the fourth Thursday of each month. We are very grateful for any donations of 8 ply wool, as we need 28 squares to make one adult sized rug and we combine the work of many knitters. Wool donations can be placed in the box at the northern side entrance to St Peter Claver Church, or left at the Parish Office. For further information, contact Julie 0468 636 190.

28 June: Pilgrimage to Sevenhill with COYYA

The Catholic Office for Youth & Young Adults (COYYA) invites **young people aged 18 to 35** to join COYYA on a pilgrimage to Sevenhill, as well as take part in an opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence on Saturday 28 June 2025 for the Jubilee Year! \$20 per person, including bus travel (return) and lunch. Bookings are essential. Registrations close 23rd June 2025. For info: check the link <https://www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/liftupsevenhill2025>

28 June: Pilgrimage & Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan at Sevenhill

Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of St. Aloysius Church in Sevenhill on Saturday, 28th June where he will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm. If you wish to attend this Mass, please register your interest at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD> Reconciliation will be offered from 11am, and tea and coffee will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

6 Jul: Fr Peter Milburn: 60th Anniversary

Fr Peter Milburn invites fellow priests, friends and people who know him in the various parishes where he has worked over the years to a concelebrated Mass, with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination. The Mass will be held at noon on Sunday 6 July at St John XXIII Modbury Parish Centre, 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley; followed by a light lunch, provided by Fr Peter. No presents are requested, however your 'presence' will be very welcome! For seating and catering purposes please RSVP to Sindi on 8264 7590 or office@paramodcath.com.au by May 30.

Latin Mass Community

1st Holy Communion classes continue today at 11am. There will be a short meeting for the parents of the 1st communicants at 11am today. There is no Confirmation class today.

There is no scripture class tomorrow, 2nd June.

This Friday is the 1st Friday of the Month:

6:30pm: Low Mass followed by 1st Friday Devotions, Benediction and Compline, with Adoration continuing overnight until 6.30am Saturday.

Holy Hours for the clergy at 3am and families at 5:30am Saturday.

Low Mass at 7am and a Sung Mass.

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, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.



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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Cathedral Program 2025/2026

Each year, our parish runs a series of instruction sessions for adults who are interested in joining the catholic faith. This is called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. The 2025/2026 sessions will start in late August. If you are interested in joining this group, or even have an interest in finding out more about the catholic faith, kindly to contact the Cathedral Parish Office email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 82108155 during office hours.

Questions of Divorce and Remarriage: Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide


In 2015, Pope Francis wrote "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her." The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Adelaide is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, as well as remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received in the Catholic Church. Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Adelaide office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. The office is open Monday to Friday, and you are welcome to contact the Tribunal: tribunal@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8225.

Experience the Beauty of the Eastern Rite: Special Pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year 2025

Have you ever wanted to attend an Eastern Rite Mass but felt unsure about the liturgy or unfamiliar with the traditions? Now is your chance! As part of the Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope, you're invited to take part in a special Pilgrimage to the Eastern Rite Churches in the Archdiocese.

The Migrant Chaplain & Pastoral Workers Network has organised a unique opportunity for you to experience an Eastern Rite liturgy locally (Lebanese Maronite, Melkite, Syro Malabar, Syro Malankara, Ukrainian Rites), learn more about our Catholic faith (beyond the Latin Rite) - it's deep spiritual heritage, and grow in unity as a Church.

Don't miss this inspiring pilgrimage—a journey of faith, discovery, and deeper connection within the Catholic Church.

 Date: Various dates during our Autumn Season (please register your interest below to receive dates)

 Location: Eastern Rite Churches within the Archdiocese

 Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DBHEC>

Contact the Justice, Healing, and Inclusion Team at

 jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au |  (08) 8210 8140

Come and experience the beauty of the Eastern Rite: a pilgrimage of faith, hope, and unity!

Adelaide Cathedral Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is a growing group of primary school-aged students who usually sing on the third Sunday of each month at the 9am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral. We are always welcoming new members from 5-12 years of age. Please email the Cathedral Music Team at music@adelaide.catholic.org.au for more information.