



Pastoral Letter for Pentecost Sunday from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan on the occasion of the Convocation of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Pentecost, as we recall the birth of the Church in fire and wind, I write to you as your bishop with a heart full of hope and anticipation. The coming year holds great promise: we stand on the threshold of our 2026 Archdiocesan Synod, we journey together in the Jubilee Year, and we give thanks for the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who has already begun to lead us with wisdom and humility. These are signs of the Spirit moving among us.

1. Introduction:

Peace be with you! These were the first words the risen Christ spoke to his disciples as he appeared among them on that first Easter evening—words that echo across the centuries and reach us anew in this sacred moment. The Gospel of John tells us, “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (John 20:21–22).

The Spirit that Jesus breathes upon the disciples on that first evening of the Resurrection is not only the comforter, but also the divine propulsion into mission. The Father sent the Son in love, in humility, in service, and in suffering. Now the Son sends us — the Church — in the same way. Pentecost is not the end of the story. It is the beginning of the Church's life in mission. So too, our synodal journey is not a task to be completed, but a way of being Church that must continue to unfold.

This passage is not only a recounting of a past event. It is a commissioning that reverberates into the present—a sacred echo that resounds today in our communities, our parishes, and our Church. It finds new life this Pentecost Sunday as we prepare for the Archdiocesan Synod in 2026, reflect on the Australian Plenary Council and our Diocesan Assemblies, and receive with hope the leadership of Pope Leo XIV, inaugurated in a world yearning for renewal and communion.

2. The Breath of the Spirit and the Mission of the Church:

The scene in John's Gospel is intimate. The disciples are locked away, fearful and confused. Jesus enters, bearing peace and the wounds of His passion. He commissions them: “As the Father sent me...” — not with power or status, but in self-emptying love. This sending is no vague inspiration. It is incarnational, that is it shows us what it means that God is with us, and within us. And with it, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon his disciples: “Receive the Holy Spirit”, forming them into a new creation—a Spirit-filled people sent forth to proclaim the Kingdom of God. This breath is more than a gentle breeze; it is the wind of a new beginning, recalling the breath that moved over the waters at creation and the breath that gave life to Adam.

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Pentecost, the feast we celebrate today, is the Church's birth in the Spirit. The Church is not merely an institution or a gathering of like-minded individuals. It is the Body of Christ, animated by the Spirit and sent into the world to be a sign of God's mercy, peace, and justice.

Jesus' words—“As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you”—are not a suggestion but a mandate. We are not to remain locked in our own “upper rooms” of comfort or fear, or unnecessarily fixated in the past. Like those first disciples, we are sent into a world marked by fragmentation, inequality, ecological devastation, and spiritual hunger. We are called to be bearers of reconciliation, instruments of healing, and heralds of hope.

3. Synodality:

Walking Together as a Spirit-Led People In recent years, the global Church has been invited by the Holy Spirit into a renewed understanding of synodality—a way of being Church that listens, discerns, and walks together. The late Pope Francis has spoken of synodality not as a temporary theme, but as the “path God expects of the Church in the third millennium.”

In the Archdiocese of Adelaide, we have already begun to walk this path through three Archdiocesan Assemblies, marked by prayerful listening, shared discernment, and bold dreaming. These gatherings have been moments of grace—signs of the Spirit's quiet but powerful activity among us. They have called us to rediscover the richness of our baptismal call and to listen with the heart to the joys and sorrows of our communities.

The Australian Plenary Council, too, has been a profound moment of the Spirit. It has reminded us that synodality is not a matter of strategy but of spirituality. It is about humility, conversion, and openness to the surprising movements of God. The Plenary Council has not offered quick fixes, but a deeper invitation: to become a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia, one that listens and learns, prays and acts, reconciles and reaches out. All of these movements of the Spirit have opened our ears and hearts to the ongoing call of the Spirit.

To read the entire letter please check the Parish Notice Board or download a copy by clicking on the link below:
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9 June: Public Holiday 8am Mass in the Cathedral

There will be only one Mass at 8am in St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral as 9th June is a Public Holiday. Please note that there will be no other services in any churches of our Parish. The Cathedral will be closed to the Public after the 8am service is completed.

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

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Otherway Centre 8362 3185
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Regular Mass Timings



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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: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, Alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out you Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of you faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

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

Universal Prayer Response: Christ, graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon: They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, Alleluia.

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Next week: The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5.

Gospel: John 16:12-15.

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Liturgies & Activities (9th-15th June)

Mon The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.
Wed St. Barnabas.
Fri St. Anthony of Padua.
Sun The Most Holy Trinity.

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Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Tony Wainwright, Keith Pearson and Sotera Kovacev.

Deceased & Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Sarath Goonetilleke, Katherine Clune, Rodney Hughes, Christian Collantes, Belinda Winter, Sarban Singh, Theresa Busuttil and Neel & Alice Trasy,

Queen of Angels: Anna Marafioti, Ielasi family and Saverio & Anna Sergi.

St. Mary's/Holy Name: Giovanna Iadanza.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Lorna & Henry Fyfe, Dick Wayte, Anne Cousins, Ware family and Leonie Tuisawanqa.

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.

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.

Enjoy the sound of the Bells during these times!

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 on E: enquire@salcath.org.au or T:82582314.

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

25 June – 3 July: Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers Training (New & Existing)

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish will be organizing a training program on the dates at the Churches mentioned below for all existing and new Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion and Readers of the Parish:

St. Mary's: Lower North Adelaide

Wednesday 25th June: 10:30am/ 6:00pm

St. Peter Claver Dulwich/ St. John Vianney Burnside

Thursday 26th June: 10:30am/ 6pm

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Monday 30th June: 10:00am/ 6:30pm

Queen of Angels: Thebarton

Thursday 3rd July: 10:00am/ 6:00pm

Important to Note: (Prior to attending the training):

- It is a mandate for all new readers and ministers **already registered with the office** to attend the training. Existing Readers and ministers are also advised to attend as a refresher.
- Those Parishioners interested joining either ministry and have not applied before, will need to register with the Parish office with their Name, phone number, email address and associated Church.
- **Only those volunteers have completed the training and have been selected to join the ministry, will be rostered into the ministry from the next roster cycle.**
- A Working with Children Check will need to be completed prior to joining the ministry.

Please email acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 82108155 to register your interest or for any further information.

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!

Latin Mass Community

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

Tomorrow is a public holiday. There will be only one mass, at 8.30am.

There is scripture class tomorrow, 9th June. There is no Tuesday catechism class this week.

Youth Group meets this Friday evening.

Our annual Pilgrimage to Sevenhill for Pentecost takes place this Sat 14th June. Please take a flyer for more details.

Anchored in Christ 2025 – Men's Conference
Saturday, June 14 | Cardijn College, Noarlunga Downs
Young Men of God (YMG) invites all men aged 18+ to a one-day Catholic conference focused on strengthening your faith and identity in Christ. The day includes:

- Inspiring Catholic speakers both laity and parish priests

- Mass, Adoration, Confession
- Praise hymns and Eucharistic Procession

Brotherhood and fellowship

Please take a flyer or see a poster for more details. If you want to come please register using the link below and share it to a friend who you think would benefit from it: www.ymgadelaide.org.au

Fr Popplewell is on annual leave.

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.

29 June: Peter Pence Special Collection

This weekend we take up the Peter's Pence Collection. It is traditionally taken up throughout Catholic parishes around the world either on or near, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Catholics around the globe support this collection to help the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters and religious persecution. Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy See through your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are facing adversity.



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.

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.

Working with Children Check for all volunteers of the Parish

All volunteers 14 years and older need to have a valid Working with Children Check. Please contact the Church Volunteer associated with your church to lodge/renew your application:

St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral: Susan Wainwright, Deacon Paul Crowe and Parish office.

Cathedral African Community: Clement Kuek

Queen of Angels: Maria Iadanza

Holy Name: Maria Iadanza (English/Italian) and Fr. Michael McCaffrey (Latin)

Peter Claver Dulwich: Fr. Matthew Newman

St. John Vianney: Fr. Matthew Newman

St. Mary's North Adelaide: Michelle Dinning

Please email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or contact 82108155 or if you need any further information.