



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

20th July 2025

27th July : 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025 A message from the Holy Father



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness.

Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of men and women whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. We can think of Abraham and Sarah, who, advanced in years, found it hard to believe when God promised them a child. Their childlessness seemed to prevent them from any hope for the future.

Zechariah's reaction to the news of John the Baptist's birth was no different: "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years" (*Lk 1:18*). Old age, barrenness and physical decline apparently blocked any hope for life and fertility in these men and women.

The question that Nicodemus asked Jesus when the Master spoke to him of being "born again" also seems purely rhetorical: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (*Jn 3:4*). Yet whenever we think that things cannot change, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power.

The elderly as signs of hope

In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. *Ex 7:7*). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, *the first witnesses of hope*. Augustine asks, "What do we mean by old age?" He tells us that God himself answers the question: "Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, 'When I am weak, then I am strong'" (*Super Ps. 70,11*).

The increasing number of elderly people is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to interpret properly this moment of history. The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future.

In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. *Gen 48:8-20*).

If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

(to be continued next week)

20 July: Stella Maris Appeal

This Sunday 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

24 July: The Spirituality of Synodality

The Archdiocese of Adelaide is preparing for a Synod in 2026. We invite anyone who wants to learn more about the Synod to join an online formation session each month with other people from across the Archdiocese.

The July session —The Spirituality of Synodality, with guest presenter, Kelly Paget will be held on 24 July at 7pm at Tranmere Parish School Hall and Online. Kelly's experience with Australian Plenary Council and the Global Synod has shaped her approach to leadership, ministry and being Church. Register online at togetherontheway.au or contact Peter Bierer for more information: pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au | 08 8301 8128.

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

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
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles and Todd Streets, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

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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

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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: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10.

Responsorial Psalm: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 8:15.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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Next week: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13.

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Liturgies & Activities (July)

Mon St. Lawrence of Brindisi.

Tue Feast of St. Mary Magdalene.

Wed St. Bridget of Sweden.

Thu St. Sharbel Makhluf.

Fri St. James, Apostle and St. Christopher.

Sat St. Anne and St. Joachim.

Sun 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Keith James Pearson, Margaret Hickman, Reynaldo Moreno, Stephen John Gleeson, Maria Basic and Ante Sarunic.

Deceased & Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Maria Kochi, Marivic Maribojo,

Queen of Angels: Palumbo family, Forza family, Laurendi family and Tripodi family.

St. Mary's/Holy Name: Zygmunt Nowak, Richard Power, Georgia Alexander Cotesier and Patricia Frances McInerney.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: De Ming Huang, Domenico Patroni, Kerin Davies, Geoff Hassenhohr, Joyce & Tony Burke and Pauline Mary Finey.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Anton Sylvester, Veronica Castillio Simbol, Trevor, Jennifer Fernandez, CeciliaZulueta, 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, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

24 July :Dulwich Knitting Group Meet

The next meeting of the Dulwich Knitting Group for 2025 will be on Thursday, 24th July, We are looking forward 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 the rest of the year are as follows:** 28th August and 25th 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).

26 July: Ecumenical Prayer Service

The South Sudanese and Congolese community will have an Ecumenical Prayer Service for peace, unity and harmony and in response to the recent situations in South Sudan and in Congo. You're invited to join us for this Ecumenical Prayer Service for Peace at 1pm on Saturday 26th July in St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. This special event aims to promote peace and harmony for the South Sudanese and Congolese communities. Through prayer, reflection and unity we'll come together to foster a sense of community and shared purpose. We invite you to join us as we celebrate our diversity and work towards a common goal of peace and reconciliation. All are welcome!

27 July: The Metropolitan Male Choir Winter Fundraiser for Seminarians in Timor Leste

Please support a musical afternoon at Our Lady of Victories Church at Glenelg on Sunday, 27 July to raise funds for seminarians in Timor-Leste. Please bring any family and friends who you think would enjoy the afternoon. If you are unable to attend, donations are also welcome by purchasing tickets or contacting Glenelg Parish Office on 8294 1888, Tuesday to Friday 9am until 2pm. Below is a link where you can view further details. <https://glenelgcp.com/event/the-metropolitan-male-choir-of-sa/>

28 July: 40th Anniversary of the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy

The Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy this year celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its foundation. To celebrate this milestone, the priests, deacons and lay associates in South Australia will celebrate Mass with the National Chairman Fr. Greg Bellamy on Monday, 28th July at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham commencing at 11am. All welcome. Car parking will not be available on site. For further information please contact Fr. Michael Romeo (State Councillor) on 8369 8082 or sa.sc@clergy.asn.au

3 Aug: Feast of St. John Vianney celebrated at St. John Vianney Church, Burnside

On Sunday the 3rd of August this year we will honour St. John Vianney during the Sunday Mass at 9am at St. John Vianney Church, Burnside. At the conclusion of Mass all are welcome to join in a Sausage Sizzle. All our parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend the mass.

2 Aug: Power Up 2025: Diocesan Jubilee of Youth celebration

When: Saturday, 2 August 2025, 2:00pm until 9:00pm.

Where: Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park.

Who: Young people aged 16-35.

Cost: Free (including cost of all food and drinks),



bookings are essential.

Hosted by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), *Power Up 2025* will facilitate an afternoon of engaging workshops on a variety of topics with opportunities to experience reimagined prayer and spirituality, participate in spiritual reflection and formation, and hands on activities that are centered around faith, ecology and social justice.

After the workshops, Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Vicar General, Fr. Dean Marin before moving into dinner, hot drinks and dessert from food trucks/ vendors with live music from local musicians.

The evening will close with a praise and worship concert on the main stage featuring Proclaim Wildfire from the Lismore Diocese in NSW. Tickets (including cost of all food and drinks) are free, although bookings are essential. For more information and registrations scan the QR code above.

15 Aug: Solemnity of the Assumption at St. Peter Claver Church Dulwich

For the Solemnity of the Assumption (15th August) this year there will be an Evening Mass at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich at 6pm. Adoration will conclude this day at 5pm.

16 Aug: Adelaide Cathedral Parish Day Pilgrimage to Penola.

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish is planning a full-day pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Church Penola on Saturday, 16th August 2025 as part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations. Kindly note:

- The pilgrimage will depart at 6.30am from St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral, 39 Wakefield St. Adelaide and return on the same day by 8pm.
- A bus service is available for registered pilgrims from the Cathedral to Penola and back at a nominal cost of \$55 per person. This will include travel costs, visit to the Museum and light refreshments at Penola.
- **Prior registration and full payment is essential for all attendees using bus service or private transport.**
- 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.
- You can also contact Agnelo Fernandes our Mass Coordinator for the 11am Sunday Mass. He will be available after the 9am and 11am Mass for the next 3 Sundays. He can also be reached on 0449506681.

Latin Mass Community Notices



Confirmation class resumes today.

Servers' practice resumes tomorrow.

Tues evening classes resume this week with Fr. Popplewell.

All men are invited to "Be a Man for All Seasons:" A Men's Silent Retreat by Fr Simon Cleary LC. By spending some quiet time in this retreat, discover how to live in hope all year round, through Christ.

It will be held at St Anthony's Edwardstown Parish from Fri. 25th to Sat. 26th July, 2025. Full details are on the flyers and on the church noticeboard. For queries please call Randy 0412 872 639.

Rosary Pilgrimage. This year's pilgrimage will be held on Sat 16th August. Please take a flyer to for more details.

The Quiz Night fundraiser scheduled for July has been postponed until later this year. Details to follow.

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. Popplewell 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 Ted Woods (Gemma Fitzpatrick's uncle), 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.

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 Jaslene or any Youth group member after the 6pm Sunday Mass.

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)

*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.

Caritas Australia appeals for support for vulnerable communities across Africa

Across Africa, millions of people are trapped in a desperate struggle for survival. Conflict, violence, hunger, and displacement are tearing communities apart. In places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan and across the Horn of Africa, the situation is critical.

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Your support can help provide critical aid including food and clean water.

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1800 024 413

In response, Caritas Australia is supporting partners across the region to provide vital aid including emergency shelter, food and nutrition support, and access to clean water. Your support is urgently needed. Please donate to Caritas Australia's Africa Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/africa or phone 1800 024 413

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.