



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

3rd August 2025

Sunday Reflection

We live in a world that chases wealth, success and security but deep down we know that they don't last forever. The word of God for the 18th Sunday in ordinary time, reflect on the nature of our lives and the choices we make. We are challenged to examine our priorities, especially in the light of our earthly desires and aspirations. Today's word of God reminds us that life is not about accumulating things but about relationship with God, with one another and even with ourselves.

The first reading of this Sunday begins with a warning *"Vanity of vanities, says the preacher... all is vanity."* (Ecclesiastes 1:2) The writer calling himself as teacher looks at all the toil of life and declares meaningless. The Hebrew word for vanity is **"Havel"** which literally mean *"vapor"* or *"breath"*. It signifies transience, insubstantiality and elusiveness like mist that appears briefly and vanishes. Life under the sun is short and uncertain. If we make our whole life about success and wealth, we will end up worried and disappointed. The preacher calls us to remember God in all we do. He reminds us that, life would have no meaning if everything ended here below. Qoheleth teaches us humility, that life is a gift to be received and our ultimate goal, here on earth is to walk our way straight to heaven.

The second reading from the letter to the church at Colosse, Paul encourages them to stay faithful to Christ. He says, set your minds on the things above, not on things that are on earth. This is a mental and spiritual discipline that implies a transformation of desires, goals and identity. Paul tells us *"kill everything in you that belongs to only earthly life, fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires, greed, false gods and never tell each other lies."* (Colossians 3:5) This is a radical, ethical command to mortify sin, reflecting the new identity in Christ – a deep, personal transformative relationship with God.

In today's gospel Jesus speaks to us about the danger of greed. He refuses to intervene in the family dispute of inheritance. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach the disciples and us about the lasting treasures. He warns us *"Take care to guard against all greed..."* (Lk 12:15). Greed is one of the seven capital sins. It is a hidden enemy of every child of God.

St. Thomas Aquinas says, *"Temporal goods are subject to man, that he may use them according to his needs, not that he should make them his main purpose, or be overly anxious about them."* The more we place our hopes on things of this world, the more we lose sight of heaven. This is because: "Where a man's wealth is, there is his soul."

Jesus conveys this lesson with a parable of a farmer, who having obtained an abundant harvest, made plans for future. He is proud of all he owns. But God calls him fool. This man is rich because he had money and crops, but he was fool because he thought they secured his life for many years to come.

In Bible, fool is not someone who makes mistakes but someone who lives as though God doesn't exist. There is nothing wrong in working hard, saving or enjoying life but what makes him fool was, that he believed, his wealth could secure his future. He lived as if tomorrow is guaranteed.

The farmer was a self-centred person, he talks to himself, about himself and for himself. He never thanked God for the harvest, never talks about his family, never thought of his workers and never considered giving something to the poor. His world is too small – just him and his barns. When we live only for ourselves, we forget what really matter – love, relationship, generosity and faith.

Jesus calls us to live differently, to see our life, time, money and wealth as opportunity to honour God and bless others. Let us not make the same mistake of rich fool who thought he had everything. Let us live each day loving God and sharing what we have. Praise the Lord. God Bless you.

2 Aug: Rosary for Peace and Vocations

You are invited to join Our Lady (Saturday, 2nd August) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace. To celebrate Vocations Awareness Week we will also be praying with the intentions for an increase in vocations in our diocese and prayer resources will be available. Gather in Mary MacKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All welcome. For more information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod (Legion of Mary) on 0414 769 635.

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

3-10 Aug: National Vocations Week

Over the next two weekends throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. Today, we acknowledge the unique call and vocation that God has for each of us through our Baptism. We celebrate, affirm and pray for and acknowledge those called to the committed Single Life, Married Life and Family Life, as well as all Lay Ministries within the Church. We renew our commitment to be pilgrims of hope as we journey together each day. We pray that hearts will be transformed with Christ as our Anchor.

For more information on vocations please visit: www.vocationsadelaide.catholic.org.au or contact:

1. Fr. Dean Marin VG Director of Vocations Adelaide Archdiocese or email: vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au
2. Sr. Jenny Seal fdnsc Director of SA Vocation Religious Network or email: jenny.seal@olshaustralia.org.au

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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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

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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 God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23.

Responsorial Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

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Next week: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48.

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Liturgies & Activities (4th-10th August)

Mon St. John Vianney.

Tue Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major.

Wed Feast of Transfiguration of the Lord.

Thu St. Sixtus II and St. Cajetan.

Fri Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross.

Sat St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

Sun 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Corazon Juanta.

Deceased & Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Adam family, Khourie family, Rehbin family, Mario Avcarich, Martyrs of Congo, Edward Obiasulu, Norma Jean Baker and Purification Mendoza.

Queen of Angels: Anna Marafioti.

St. Mary's/Holy Name: Patrick Dunne, Ann Rogerson and Harold O'Shea.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Angelina Versace, Phillipe & Clarette Uttenhove, Majorie Cousins, Edward Schneider, Flo & Bert Daulby, Judy McKenna, Anna-Maria Torchio and Jean & Jimmy Johnson.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Anton Sylvester, 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, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

3 Aug: The Southern Cross

The August edition of *The Southern Cross* will be delivered to parishes this week, for distribution at weekend Masses. This issue includes a Vocations Awareness Month feature. Kindly take home a copy for \$2.

8 Aug :Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

Together with the Sisters of St Joseph, the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry invite you to celebrate the *Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop* with Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Maurice Shinnick in St Joseph's Chapel on Friday August 8 at 10am. Following Mass, join the Sisters in Bethany for a relaxed and friendly morning tea. Afterwards you may choose to visit the Mary MacKillop Museum (reduced entry \$8) or pick up a guidebook and follow in Mary's footsteps by completing the Kensington-Norwood Mary MacKillop Heritage Walk. Please visit: <https://mmsm.org.au/events/feast-of-st-mary-mackillop-2/>

8 Aug: Listening Day: Initiative of ACBC Disability Projects Office

Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission, and Service

The purpose of the pilot Listening Day is for the Disability Project Office (DPO) to facilitate direct consultations between the DPO, dioceses, and people with lived experience. The Listening Day is an initiative of the Disability Projects Office (DPO) of Canberra and the Catholic Accessibility Forum (CAF). The CAF is an informal and growing group of experts, advocates and/or lived experience who meet with the DPO to discuss how the Church community can do more to assist people with disabilities. A key initiative is for the DPO to seek out and listen to those with the greatest understanding and knowledge. In the spirit of synodality, it is critical that the DPO facilitate listening processes and discussions to help close the gap between words and actions.

When: Friday August 8, 10am-2pm, lunch included

Where: Centacare (Level 2, John & Mary Fennescey Rooms): 45 Wakefield St, Adelaide.

If you would like to RSVP, require specific assistance with catering or transport etc, please contact:

Sanjay Mohanaraj, Office of Justice, Healing and Inclusion- Archdiocese of Adelaide on P: 08 8210 8270 or E: smohanaraj@adelaide.catholic.org.au

9 Aug: "A Day with Mary MacKillop": Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

A Day with Mary MacKillop will be held at Bethany in the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre on Saturday, 9th August. On this Reflection Day, you are invited to come to Kensington and spend the day where Mary MacKillop lived for 11 years. Find answers to questions about Mary and learn from her, so that we can be a gift for others. Facilitated by Mary Ryan RSJ, the day is suitable for all adults and is approved as a SAM by CESA. Bookings are essential. For more information <https://mmsm.org.au/retreats/a-day-with-mary-mackillop/>

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.

10 Aug: Cathedral Young Adults Group: Our Call to Mission by Fr. Dean Marin

"The Cathedral Young Adults Group invites all young adults to our next gathering: 'Our Worth, Our Hope, Our Call to Mission' - a talk by Fr. Dean Marin. The meeting will be held on Sunday, 10th August, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Cathedral Hall." **Kindly note that the Youth Group is open to people of ages 18-35 only.**

11 Aug: Cathedral Parish Scripture Study on the Gospel of Luke

The Cathedral Parish Scripture Study Program invites everyone to join its next bible study program, which will explore Luke's Gospel. The program will start on Monday, August 11th, 19:30-21:00pm, in the Cathedral Parish Hall and then continue for Monday evenings until the end of November. Study materials will be provided, though we invite participants to make any donation that is possible to support this Adult Faith Formation initiative. To help you discern your contribution, we offer you two levels of payment to consider: full cost \$25, concessional rate \$20. Bookings are strongly recommended, please contact the Cathedral Parish office or Florian Ploeckl at ploeckl@outlook.com

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. All are welcome to attend.

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.**
- **All parishioners travelling by private transport will need to pay a nominal fee of \$15. This is to cover expenses relating to refreshment and the museum.**
- **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 Agnello 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.
- Please ensure you carry water, a hat, sun-glasses, an umbrella (in case it rains), any medications (since the journey is 4 hours each way) and possibly a foldable chair (if you have one at home) since seating is very limited at the venue for lunch.
- Kindly inform Agnello or the Parish office of any health challenges that you may have prior to booking so that the same can be noted for the journey.

Latin Mass Community Notices

Confirmation class continues today.

The Post-1st Holy Communion class will be held today Sunday 3rd August at 11am.

This Friday is the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. There will be a Low Mass at 7am and a Sung Mass at 6.30pm on Friday.

The Rosary Pilgrimage to the churches of the mid-north is on Sat. 16th August. Please take a flyer or talk to Rob Marsh for more details.

There will be a Confraternity of St Peter retreat morning on Sat. 30th August. The theme will be "Searching for and Maintaining Peace." All Confraternity members welcome. Please see flyers for details.

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.

21 Aug: God and the Stars - Part 3

Following the success of the *God and the Stars* events last year, Lockleys parish is excited to announce God and the Stars – Part 3! This time the parish is planning a visit to the University of South Australia Planetarium at Mawson Lakes to enjoy a guided viewing of the stars and galaxies that make up our universe.

Date: Thursday August 21

Time: 7pm (90-minute session) Cost: \$25 per person

Carpooling will be arranged for those unable to drive to Mawson Lakes. Places are limited, so if you're interested, please register by emailing the parish office at info@lockleysparish.com by 14th August. For more information, visit: <https://unisa.edu.au/connect/galleries-museums-and-centres/adelaide-planetarium/>

30 Aug: A Pioneering Journey in Science and Faith—Book Launch

ATF Press invites you to launch a book by Fr. Roderick O'Brien on Fr. Julian Tesion Woods by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan at 2pm Saturday, 30th August 2025 in the Cathedral Hall, Wakefield Street, Adelaide. To RSVP please email: hgregan@atf.org.au by Monday 25th August.

Adelaide Cathedral Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is a growing group of primary school-aged students who usually sing on the first 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 you details to the Music Team at music@adelaide.catholic.org.au



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.

Donations to Young Organists Program

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish currently sponsors, through a scholarship program, the formal training of a group of Young Organists under the tutelage of well-known Adelaide organists Gina Dutschke and Mark Joyner. The program is in its third year and presently 10 students are continuing with their tuition. A number of these students are now at the stage where they can assist playing at Mass and support both the children's choir and the adult choir. Donations to support this vibrant initiative may be made by contacting the Parish office and requesting the bank deposit details specifically for the Young Organist Scholarship Fund. Enquiries about possibly joining this programme should be made in writing to music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

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.

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.