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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

St Ann's Church (30 Midway Road, Elizabeth East)

Mass Times - Sun 8.30am - Fri 9.15am.

St Thomas More's Church (19 Laverstock Road, Elizabeth North)

Mass Times - Sat Vigil 6pm - Sun 10am - Mon 9.15am

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL PARISH OFFICE 8255 1191 TO REGISTER FOR 10AM MASS

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT AT EVERY MASS THERE IS A NEED WHEN ENTERING CHURCH TO REGISTER YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)

"HE'S REALLY HIGH UP IN THE CHURCH!"

Over the last few years it has become apparent to me that many people suffer needlessly because of false convictions based on flawed information or opinions expressed by well intentioned but misguided individuals.

I'm quite sure that there is no malice intended in these situations but is purely due to ignorance or misinterpretations.

Some time ago while I was working for the Defence Force I was called to a speak to a terminally ill civilian lady in one of the local facilities for aged care in Ipswich, and as part of the conversation I enquired whether she would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

"I would love that father," she responded "but I know I can't".

Obviously I was a little surprised by this reaction and so I then asked her why she couldn't avail herself of the Sacrament.

"Because I was married outside the Church and I know that I was excommunicated because of that," she said.

"Who told you that?" I asked.

"Well, it was my next door neighbour," she said, "and he's very high up in the Church. I think he's on the Parish Council."

I then spoke to her about her husband and why she had never been married in the Church and what she wished to do now.

"My husband died twenty two years ago," she said sadly "and I knew then that it was too late to rectify the situation."

"Did your neighbour know that your husband had died?" I asked.

"Oh yes, he even helped with the funeral arrangements," she said.

I was quite sad that this poor lady, who was obviously quite upset, was suffering in this way and who had done so for many years due to ridiculous misinformation and was facing up to death with such a heavy burden on her conscience.

After quite a long conversation during which we explored the reality of God's Love and eternal mercy she willingly embraced the Sacrament of Anointing with tears in her eyes and received Communion with obvious relief and great reverence.

Sometimes people who are "high up in the Church," can make mistakes.

Perhaps it would be best to always seek assistance from people with some subject matter knowledge and experience.

Fr. Pat.

**16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS.

The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

First Reading: Book of Wisdom - *Wisdom 12:13, 16-19* -
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no God, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.

Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. ®

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord.

For you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. ®

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. ®

Second Reading: St Paul to the Romans - *Romans 8:26-27* - **The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Matthew 13:24-43* - **Let them grow together until the harvest.**

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed dandel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the dandel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the dandel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the dandel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dandel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

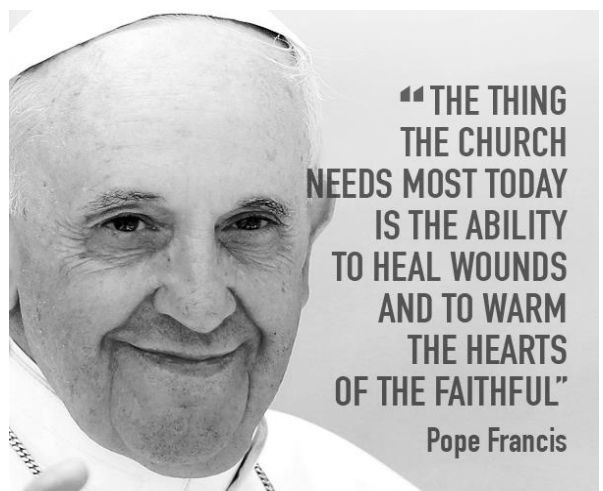


MIGHT AND MERCY

Just as power is used for good or harm, not all seeds are created equal. Jesus tells a story of good seed and bad, and how they grow together in the harvest of the world. We experience this reality in the contents of our own hearts. We have wonderful, generous impulses; and also, cruel, petty thoughts. We may be heroic in our love one day, and selfish the next. We forgive and withhold forgiveness. Our fields are waist-high in grain and weeds.

No wonder that good and bad grow together in families; parishes and schools are a mixture of charity and snobbery; politics is full of high-minded ideals and crude scandal. If we are surprised when nice people do things that are not nice, we have to look no further than this parable for the reason. Reasons are not excuses, of course. Jesus says even a tiny seed of good can create immense goodness. A bit of yeast makes the whole dough rise. The existence of evil is no reason to view it as inevitable. If you find within yourself both good and evil, you have a responsibility to grow the grain and invite the Spirit to uproot the thistle in you..

Weekly Parables for Catholic Churches



Next Weeks Readings

Mon	Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 Matthew 12:38-42
Tue	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Matthew 12:46-50
Wed	St Mary Magdalene Song 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17 John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thu	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Matthew 13:10-17
Fri	Jer 3:14-17 Matthew 13:18-23
Sat	St James, apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15 Matthew 20:20--28

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1 Kg 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

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ST VINCENT de PAUL

Have asked that **we do not collect any donations** until they advise. Bins at St Thomas More Church have been removed for the time being.

JULY – COMING EVENTS

Sun 19 th	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon 20 th	School Term 3 commences St. Apollinaris
Tue 21 st	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wed 22 nd	St. Mary Magdalene
Thu 23 rd	St. Bridget
Fri 24 th	St. Sharbel Markhluf
Sat 25 th	St. James
Sun 26 th	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed 29 th	St. Martha
Thu 30 th	St. Peter Chrysologus International Day of Friendship
Fri 31 st	St. Ignatius of Loyola

LIVE STREAMING AND TV BROADCASTING OF SUNDAY MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL CHANNEL 44 REPLAY – **CHANGE OF TIME TO 5PM**

The Archdiocese is continuing to live stream Sunday Mass from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 11am. This Mass can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. For those without internet access the Sunday Mass will now be replayed on Channel 44 at **5pm every Sunday**. Visit www.adelcathparish.org for more information about Mass times for the Cathedral, its Mass centres and booking details.

CATHOLIC OFFICE FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Videos from COYYA's live streaming and recorded events including the Pentecost and Mental Health Vigils, Threshold @Home music series, COYYA History Lessons and Archbishop O'Regan's welcome video from young people can be viewed on the COYYA website and used as a resource for discussion, prayer and entertainment. Visit www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/videos

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES AND LEADERS OF LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

<http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services>. These Gospel Reflection and Prayer Resources can be used at home by families with children to reflect on the Gospel and pray together as a family each week. For any further inquiries please email Sr Jenny Seal from the Family and Parish-Based Catechesis Office.


NEW DIRECT GIVING APP

The Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App has been upgraded to allow people to contribute to the first and second collections via a credit or debit card. Users can make a one-off donation or set up recurring donations to their parish and community (second collection) and for the support of the clergy (first collection) as well as to special collections held throughout the year. A short YouTube video has also been produced to demonstrate how the app works. (<https://youtu.be/DvnbCbDUgOE>). If you have any inquiries, please E: cathcomm@adelaide.catholic.org.au

BULLETIN NOTICES

If there is a special occasion you would like mentioned in an **upcoming edition of the bulletin** or if you or a family member would like to be included in the sick list, please let us know so we can keep you/them in our prayers. Please be aware all notices for the bulletin can either be emailed direct to Ann Murray methil48@hotmail.com or left at Parish Office no later than Tuesday. Phone 8255 1191. *Bernadette Hedges/Pastoral Visitor*

PARISHIONERS ON THE SICK LIST

 Romeo Hajek, Adele Kalil, Bob Sherman, Josie Hughes, Henry McGoran, Flordelisa Lugtu, Madona Blanch, Barbara Kosewicz, Ivan Baker, Shienamae Falogme, Lachlan Hill, Cobie Looyestyn, Mary Bryant, Miriam McCluskey, Philip Smith, Pat McCluskey, Brenda McKerney, Terry Cashin, Noreen Slevin, Margaret Douglas, Margaret Barnes, Maria Whitethorn, Michelle Robb, Patsy Simpson, Dennis Reimann, Trevor Furner.

For Privacy reasons, permission from the sick person is required prior to placing their name in the bulletin.

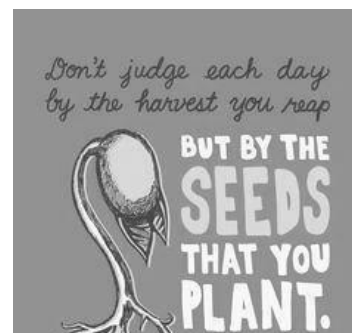
Prayer Registration Slip

Please fill out the registration slips situated on the table in the foyer and place in the box provided.

Please note that names on the Sick List will remain for six weeks unless Parish Office is otherwise notified.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES:



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfil God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

WELCOME BACK

On Monday our students return to school. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter into the next term.

BLACKFRIARS

Principal Tours Thursday 6th August 9am and Thursday 3 September 9am. Register today on 8169 3954 or at blackfriars.sa.edu.au/visit.

PREPARING FOR OPEN WEEK

Catholic schools around the State are getting ready to tell their stories and open their doors to the wider community next month. **Catholic Schools Open Week** will be held from 10 – 16 August and will serve as a way for parents in the community to visit their local Catholic school and learn more about what they have to offer. A magazine, which will appear in **The Advertiser on 1 August**, will also include information about each school and feature outstanding achievements by Catholic school students.

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Carol Mackle/Jean Mohan (St Ann's 8.30am)

Clara Porlaja (St Ann's 8.30am)

Donna Kirkbright (St TM 10am)

Planned Giving: Theo Toonen 8252 0340

Centacare (Catholic Family Services) 8215 6700

St Vincent de Paul Society Assistance Hotline 1300 729 202

Beyond Blue (Depression/Anxiety) 1300 224636

Lifeline Australia (Crisis Support/Suicide Prevention) 13 11 14

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) 13 14 78

Translating and Interpreting Service 13 14 50

Elder Abuse Hotline 1800 372 310

St Vincent de Paul Society "Family Centre, Elizabeth 8255 8547

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Sunday, 19th July 2020
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We pray for Pope Francis and for the Church. May it always pray in the Holy Spirit so that every member will open their hearts to God who knows their deepest feelings.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that, in a world full of the weeds of greed, lies and corruption, we will find, in the Word of Jesus, the grace to be generous, truthful and to act with integrity.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide Pope Francis, and all involved in the appointment of a new bishop for the Diocese of Port Pirie, so that Bishop O' Kelly will be able to rest from his labours.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for people in all places around the world where Covid 19 pandemic is present among the poorest. May all governments come to their aid in a spirit of human solidarity.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that we sinners, along with all who feel the burden of their sins, will firmly trust that God is just in judgement, calling us to repentance and showing us how to be kind to one another.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May all our departed parishioners, relatives and friends shine like the sun in the Kingdom of the Heavenly Father.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, hear our prayer.