



# Elizabeth Catholic Parish

*"An inclusive Eucharistic Community in the Catholic Tradition united in Jesus reaching out to all"*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C



**First Reading:** 11:1-10 – He judges the poor with justice.

### Responsorial Psalm –

Justice shall flourish in His time, and fullness of peace for ever.

**Second Reading:** *Romans* 15:4-9 - Christ, the hope of all people.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths; all people shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Matthew* 3:1-12  
- Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

### GOD'S KINGDOM IS NEAR.

John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting of their sins. Their baptism by John in the Jordan River was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

### Next Week's Readings

<b>Mon</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Gen 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38
<b>Tues</b>	Is 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14
<b>Wed</b>	Is 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30
<b>Thu</b>	Is 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15
<b>Fri</b>	<b>St Lucy</b> Is 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19
<b>Sat</b>	<b>St John of the Cross</b> Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17:10-13

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

## PARISH PRIEST

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## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

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

**Mass Times** - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm - Sun 8.30am - Thurs 9.15am (Eucharistic Service) - Fri 9.15am.  
Thursday and Friday Masses are followed by the Rosary.

**First Friday** of the month after Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

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

**Mass Times** - Sun 10am - Mon 9.15am - Tue 9.15am (Eucharistic Service during School Term)  
Wed 9.15am.

All week day Masses are followed by the Rosary.

**Magdala Chapel** (82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth South)

**Mass Times** 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of month at 9.15am.

**No Mass during school holidays.**

**Catherine McAuley School** (210 Adams Road, Craigmore)

**Mass Times** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month at 9.15 am.

**No Mass during school holidays.**

## AFFORDABLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY EDUCATION IN OUR PARISH

We are familiar with the prices for things going up up and up. Rarely do we see prices go down down and down! Well, there is good news for families seeking an affordable Catholic education for their children. You may have heard the good news that hundreds of Playford City families have welcomed the move by three Catholic primary schools to reduce their school fees. The three schools make up the Elizabeth Mercy Schools Cluster.

St Mary Magdalene's School in Elizabeth Grove  
St Thomas More School in Elizabeth Park  
Catherine McAuley School in Craigmore

Leadership teams from each school worked closely with School Boards, staff and Catholic Education South Australia, to develop new fees structures to suit each Mercy school. The decision is part of a much broader effort by Catholic Education South Australia to reduce financial barriers to all families wishing to choose a Catholic education for their child. This decision has been warmly welcomed by the families of children currently attending at our schools and by families seeking a Catholic primary education for their children.

Many families in the North have been impacted over the last few years by a broad economic downturn and uncertainty around employment prospects in the local area. Many are doing it tough and considered a Catholic education for their children unattainable and unaffordable.

We are delighted that the new fees reflect the commitment of Catholic Education South Australia to make Catholic schools a real choice for all families. The Elizabeth Mercy Schools Cluster now has some of the lowest non-government school fees in South Australia.

The Mercy Cluster have been providing high quality primary school education in the Elizabeth area for more than 60 years and are closely aligned to secondary schools Thomas More College, Xavier College, St Columba College and St Patrick's Technical College.

Come along! Book a tour! Find out more about our low fees!

Trish Jones - Principal, St Mary Magdalene's School  
Chris Platten - Principal, St Thomas More's School  
Belinda Bennett - Principal, Catherine McAuley School

Contact numbers can be found on the back page of this Bulletin.



## ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **"Children's Mass"**

6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Church

### **"Carols and Evening Mass"**

9.30 p.m. for Carols

10 p.m. Mass

St. Ann's Church

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **"Christmas Mass"**

10:00 a.m. St. Thomas More Church



St. Ann's Church  
30 Midway Road  
Elizabeth East



St. Thomas More

19 Laverstock Road

**There will be no Mass on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

### Elizabeth North CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE ST VINCENT de PAUL



The Christmas Giving Trees are in the foyer at both churches. Please take a star from the tree and buy an appropriate gift for the age group (boy/girl). Please return gifts by **December 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>**, unwrapped. Thank you for your generosity.



### RITE OF RECONCILIATION Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 p.m. St. Thomas More Church

### EXPERIENCE THE UNIQUE FILIPINO "SIMBANG GABI" TRADITION

Simbang Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a long treasured Filipino tradition of Masses for nine consecutive days. It is a spiritual preparation to welcome the Child Jesus into our midst at Christmas. It is in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Simbang Gabi will be celebrated in our parish on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019**, at **St Thomas More Church** at 8pm. Please bring plate of food to share.

### NOVEMBER MASSES

Names of those who have requested Masses to be offered for the intention of the repose of the souls of relatives, friends and benefactors of parish families :: **Ellen Dealey and De Souza Family.**

If you have requested a Mass and your name has not appeared, or if there are any discrepancies, please contact Fr. Pat at the Parish Office.

### THANK YOU

For supporting Sausage Sizzle fundraising event. \$264.70 was raised, \$208.20 from sales and \$56.50 from donations. The total raised will be used for the children's Christmas party Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at St Thomas More Function Hall.  
*Children's Liturgy Team*



**ADVENT INCREASES OUR HOPE,  
A HOPE  
WHICH DOES NOT DISAPPOINT.  
THE LORD NEVER LETS US  
DOWN. Pope Francis**

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Parish Community

### MADELINE GRACE TILLEY

who will be baptized in St Thomas More Church  
on Sunday

Please pray for Madeline, her family and  
God Parents



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Children from ages 3 to 12 are invited to attend the children's Christmas party on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 11am to 2pm at St Thomas More Function Room. Please contact Edna on 0416 091 083 or Deb 0408 770 786.



We light candles in Advent to remember that Christ can bring light (guidance and warmth) to the darkness in our lives and in the world. We also remember that Christ's light can burn away what holds us back from our full potential. Take time in Advent to feel God's compassion in the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Or talk with a teacher, friend, workmate, or parent about things you'd like to change. You'll realise, as you trim your Christmas tree, that Jesus is gently trimming your soul.

### SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2020

The Elizabeth Catholic Parish is now accepting candidates for the 2020 Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Parents whose children are 7 years old and above are asked to encourage their children to join. For more information please contact Fr Pat @ 0418 831 594 or email Edna Dumbrell @ [faitheducation@elizabethcatholicparish.com.au](mailto:faitheducation@elizabethcatholicparish.com.au)  
Edna Dumbrell, Sacrament Program Co-ordinator



*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*  
MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

### CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 12/13** – Christmas Favourites with your Adelaide Symphony Orchestra held at Elder Hall.

## SR. MARGARET

I ask for your prayers as I make my Annual Retreat at Kensington – beginning on Sunday p.m., 8<sup>th</sup> December. I will remember you all in my daily prayers during this time.

## CHRISTMAS COFFEE'N'CHAT CLUB



A big thank you to all who attended Wednesday and to the ladies who prepared and served. We will not be

meeting in January and February but look forward to seeing you all again at the start of Coffee & Chat Club on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. Wishing all parishioners a joyful and peaceful Christmas. *Jean, Carol, Doris & Ann*

## CAROLS NIGHT 2019

### PARA HILLS

### MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

Come and join in for a fun filled night on Friday December 13 at 6.30pm at St John XXIII Church, 50 Reservoir Road, Hope Valley.

### DECEMBER – COMING EVENTS

- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Tins for Vinnies special  
Christmas collection
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Loreto  
Legion of Mary St Ann's 2pm
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Rite of Reconciliation –  
St. Thomas More 7pm  
St. Damasus
- Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Final Contemplative Prayer  
Group for 2019  
St. Thomas More 10.00 am  
St. Lucy
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Children's Christmas Party  
St. Thomas More 11am–2pm
- Sat 14<sup>th</sup> St. John of the Cross  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Dress Rehearsal –  
Children's Mass  
Christmas Play –  
St. Thomas More 11am–2pm
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Legion of Mary  
St. Ann's 2pm
- Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Taizé Prayer Meeting  
St. Ann's 8pm
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Final Rehearsal  
Children's Mass  
Christmas Play – St.  
Thomas More 11am–2pm  
Simbang Gabi  
St. Thomas More 8pm
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> St. Peter Canisius  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> St John of Kenty  
Mass St. Thomas More  
9.15 am  
Children's Mass  
St Thomas More 6.30pm  
Christmas Carols  
St. Ann's 9.30 pm  
Christmas Eve Mas  
10 pm – St. Ann's
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass  
St. Thomas More 10am
- Thu 26<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen –  
The First Martyr
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> St. John – Apostle &  
Evangelist
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents -  
Martyrs
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph
- Tue 31<sup>st</sup> St. Sylvester

### THE LEGION OF MARY

Meet every Tuesday afternoon 2pm in St Ann's Church. **Final meeting for 2019 is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.** All welcome.

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

**Final Meeting for 2019 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10:30am at St Thomas More's in the room behind the kitchen. For further information, please give me a call; Robyn on 0414365234.

## WELCOME

Welcome to any new parishioner. If you wish any information about our parish please fill in the form below and leave with Father Pat at Mass Centres.

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

### PARISH CENSUS FORM

If you are new to the parish please fill out a census form which you will find at the back of the church.

### BULLETIN NOTICES

Please be aware all notices for the bulletin can either be emailed direct to Ann Murray [methil48@hotmail.com](mailto:methil48@hotmail.com) or left at Parish Office no later than Tuesday.

### PARISHIONERS ON THE SICK LIST



Romeo Hajek, Barbara Fuda, Adele Kalil, Bob Sherman, Josie Hughes, Raymond McGowan, Don McDeed, Henry McGoran, Flordelisa Lugtu, Patrick Hughes, Madona Blanch, Bessie Kelly, Barbara Kosewicz, Ivan Baker, Shienamae Falogme (aged 8 months), Lachlan Hill, Graham Haylock.

*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:

### ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

Joan Lydiate, Peter McTaggart.

### Week 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

1st Collection	\$
Planned Giving (received)	\$
Loose	\$
Direct Debit	\$
Planned Giving (Pledged)	\$
St Vincent de Paul	\$

## MARY MACKILLOP MUSEUM

### Adelaide's Newest Museum!

Opens from 3 December. Opening Hours 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Sunday. Closed between Christmas and New Year, and Good Friday. Address: 19 Phillips Street, Kensington. Street parking only. Enquires 8130 5900.

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



St Paul's of the Cross Parish, Glen Osmond/Parkside once again have very generously offered a number of Christmas Hampers to the Elizabeth Parish. If you think a Christmas Food Hamper, which contains Christmas Goodies along with some every day staples, will assist your family this Christmas - please let us know. You can leave your name, address and contact number at the Parish Office on 8255 1191, or let Fr Pat or Bernie know you would like one and then Bernie will be in touch at a later date with more details. A date for the pickup of hampers will be published later in the year, however, if collection from the Parish is an issue for you - we can arrange delivery.





### Pastoral Team

Pastoral Visitor

Bernadette Hedges 8255 1191

Baptism Co-Ordinator

Deb Jurkowski 8284 3731/ 0408 770 786

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm**

Parish Manager

Susan Dangalan 8255 1191

Sacrament Program Co-ordinator

Edna Dumbrell 8255 1191

Parish Pastoral Council

Bernadette Hedges 8255 1191

Parish Finance Council

Theo Toonen 8252 0340

African Liaison Officer

David Shepherd Mutusva 0451 456 309

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Lyell McEwin Chaplain

Robynne Malone 8182 9093

Calvary CD Chaplain

Fiona Rice 8282 5395

Sacristans: Ann Anderson/Jean Luke (6pm Vigil)

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

Margaret Kennedy/Clara Porlaje (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

**Catholic Schools in the Parish**

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St Thomas More 50 Yorktown Rd, Eliz Park 5113 Ph 8255 1699

Catherine McAuley 210 Adams Rd Craigmore 5114 Ph 8284 1666

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At Catherine McAuley School we acknowledge the uniqueness of each individual and the gifts that each child brings to our community.

Students are provided with a rich learning environment which promotes their academic, spiritual and moral development within the context of our Catholic tradition. Students have access to a wide range of Information Communication Technology and are taught skills to enable them to be active 21 Century learners.

Please contact the school on Ph 8284 1666 if you have any queries or would like us to send you an Enrolment Pack or visit our website

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