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## Community Newsletter

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### 2024 Year of Prayer

*The Year of Prayer is an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with the Lord. "Prayer unites us; it makes us brothers and sisters. It is in prayer that our hearts find the strength not to be cold and insensitive in the face of injustice. In prayer, God keeps calling us, opening our hearts to charity."*

*Pope Francis*

God of blessings,  
in this year ahead,  
give us a spirit of listening,  
of openness to your word  
and longing for your kingdom.

As we journey toward the Jubilee,  
a time of new beginnings,  
we pray for help and strength,  
to heal our relationships with each other  
and all creation.

Sing your song of love over us,  
renewing our faith and courage,  
so we may join our voices together,  
discovering new harmonies of hope, new  
melodies of reconciliation  
Attentive to the Spirit,  
and awake to the needs of the world,  
may we seek your life-giving presence,  
as we join as one global family, in a great  
symphony of prayer and praise.

Amen.

### Thank you from Pat

I would like to thank everyone who helped out over Easter to help things run smooth and make our celebrations very inspiring. So many people helped out in so many ways, from Reading or being a Eucharistic Minister during our services, having your feet washed, playing music, lighting candles, attending working bees and especially to all who said yes at last minute when asked to help out in some way.

Thank you also to the many, many people who created or contributed the flowers that have decorated our church since Easter. Special thanks to Rima who took home all the silk flowers that were donated and made our beautiful vases decorating the altar, and foyer.

Special thanks to Brenda & Leah for putting arrangements around the church walls and to those who took all the paper flowers and attached them to the banner for the front of the church. This year we have had truly unique decorations.

Thank you also to Mary Dittmar who made all the Hot Cross Buns for morning tea on Easter Sunday (especially as she does not like them). They were delicious and very well received.

Easter photos on the next page.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed items for our **Easter hampers**—we ended up with 6 hampers and raised over \$440 for our parish. I had the great pleasure of ringing and advising our winners of their prizes and the excitement was a joy to behold.



### *Our Parish Vision*

*A Catholic community enriched by, and centered on, the Eucharist,  
empowered to bring the Good News to all.*

**Palm Sunday**



**Easter Vigil**



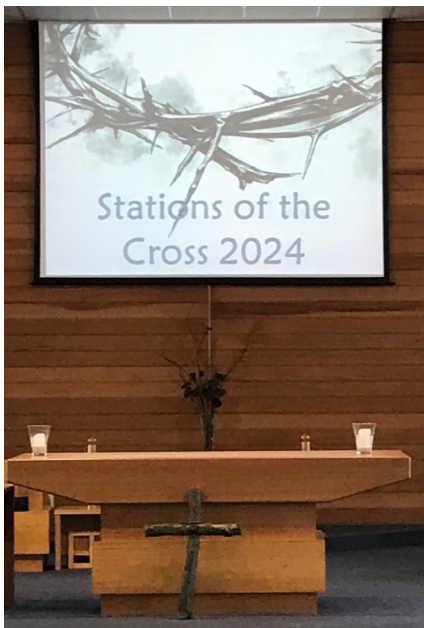
**Easter Sunday**



**Holy Thursday**



**Good Friday**



**Flowers**



## **Parish Pastoral Council** **Region 3 Assembly , Sat May 4, 2024 11am-3pm**

At the end of the Diocesan Assembly in October last year, it was announced that Regional Assemblies will be held across the Archdiocese in 2024. There has been many assemblies that have been held and the feedback has been very positive. Our Assembly will be held on Saturday May 4, 2024 (which is very soon) 11am – 3pm at Sacred Heart College, Champagnat Campus (28 Percy Avenue Mitchell Park). There will be clear signage to indicate parking and directions to the presentations.

We are part of Region 3 which includes 9 parishes and 23 schools. The parishes include *Emmaus* (Goodwood, Kingswood, Colonel Light Gardens ), *Edwardstown*, *Plympton*, *Gleneig/Glengowrie*, *Brighton*, *Hallett Cove*, *St Ann's* (Seacombe Gardens and St Mary's), *Aberfoyle Park* and *Blackwood*. Our Region also includes 23 schools which are connected to the parishes.

In preparation for our Region 3 Assembly many regular meetings have been held since December last year. These meetings have resulted in meeting, communicating and developing friendships with many members of other parishes and schools. We have exchanged ideas together, shared our hopes for the future and discussed the problems and obstacles that exist for all of us.

The Assembly will be a time of gathering, meeting, conversing, eating ( yummy morning tea and Sausage sizzle lunch), enjoying each other's company and discussing just what is going on in each of our parishes and schools. By celebrating what is already happening we can be inspired and hopefully get a new 'lease of life' for our church and school.

The plan of the day will consist of a number of presentations from a variety of ministries and activities which are carried out in our schools and parishes. Our Church will present 2 short presentations. Our School will be displaying exciting happenings which have recently occurred during the year.

At the end of the presentations there will be an opportunity to write comments and join discussion groups.

*All school families and parishioners in our parish are invited to this event.* This is also a great opportunity to put into practice the vision set out by our Archdiocese in *Being Church Together*.



It is a free event and you can register for this in the following ways

You can choose to use the QR code which is on the table in the church foyer. You place your phone on the QR Code and it will take you to the 'Try Booking' site where you fill in your name and email address and submit.

Or You can complete the Regional Assembly Registration Form which is also available on the table in the foyer. Fill in your name, email address & dietary requirements and place this form into a box in the church foyer. Pat will kindly inform the office of your attendance.

If you have any questions about this event please contact a member of our parish council.

## **Important work for the Parish Pastoral Council in 2024**

### **Synod on Synodality**

This Assembly was held in Rome, October 2023. We have recently received an interesting and thought provoking report on this work. As the Church prepares for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024, our local Churches are invited to contribute to the thoughts and ideas for this upcoming Assembly. The church is a church for all Catholics and informed respected discussion is now required to let Synod members know how lay people think and feel about these matters.

On Saturday/Sunday 11/12 May we will be placing copies of important chapters of this report in the church foyer. These chapters from the Synthesis Report are available for you to take home and reflect upon. The entire report is available to you as well. Please contact Pat for a copy of this.

*Chapter 8: Church is Mission.*

*Chapter 9: Women in the Life and Mission of the Church.*

*Chapter 11: Deacons and Priest in a Synodal Church.*

*Chapter 16: Towards a Listening & Accompanying Church*

You are invited to reflect upon the following questions

*What consoled me or struck me as I read the chapter?*

*What did I think? What did I feel? What was the Spirit saying to me?*

*What are important key points you would like to add about the readings?*

Can you please return your thoughts, reflections, opinions and ideas and place them in a box in the foyer? By the 30th May.

This information will be very important and useful for our church, the community and the upcoming second session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome later this year.

### **Our Strategic Plan**

Our Vision is

***A Catholic community enriched by and centred on the Eucharist, empowered to bring the Good News to all.***

***Ministry:*** We proclaim the Good News, strengthened within our community by being an active people of God.

***Community:*** A faith filled community that is welcoming, inclusive, caring, empowering and outreaching.

***Liturgy:*** We celebrate our Catholic faith through involvement in the Sacraments and Scripture, encouraging all to actively participate and respond by being members of Christ.

Our plan was formulated through a process of renewal and reflection undertaken by our Parishioners, School Community and PPC with input from the wider Hallett Cove community, which also shaped the Parish responses to the Diocesan Strategic Planning process. We will revisit our plan later this year.

### Searching for Parish Engagement Scale

Our Parish/ School took part in "Enhancing Catholic School Identity" Survey in 2023. We have recently received the results of this survey. We will be discussing these results in upcoming Parish Pastoral Council Meetings. Thank you to the parishioners, children and staff who participated in this survey and we will be sharing this information with the parish at a later date

Helen Thompson  
Chairperson PPC

### Parish Finance Council

Have you ever taken a few minutes to look around the church building and wonder at how good it looks after 30 plus years. This is mainly due a number of volunteers who are kept busy with working bees, and general maintenance as well as special projects. Over the last year or so we have repaired a number of the sliding windows and doors, the window sills have all be lacquered. The toilets cisterns have been repaired and are now leak proof, for the time being. The roof has been repaired a number of times and whilst this is on ongoing concern we have been able to minimise the water damage. We have secured all of the locks on the air conditioners compressors, so no more little fingers turning off the units outside. The tabernacle has been stripped down and is undergoing refurbishment. A purpose built table is ready to be installed once we have approval from the Archdiocese. Most of the burnt out heaters have been replaced with new ceiling tiles, damaged tiles have also been replaced and we are progressively replacing the old lighting with more modern led spotlights – just waiting for the next delivery of new ceiling tiles to continue the project. Whilst we had the scaffolding we have removed many of the metal hooks that have served their purpose. All of these changes take time and effort but it has made the inside of the church look very neat and clean at very minimal or no cost.



Thanks to all of have provided skills, knowledge and time – without your support it would be a vastly different.

### Students run for Project Compassion

More than 500 Year 5 and 6 students from seven Catholic primary schools came together in beautiful weather to participate in the 2024 Caritas Fun Run on February 19.



The students completed either a 3km walk or 6km run on the sand starting from Angus Neill Reserve and looping between Brighton and Seacliff.

Ben Ryan, APRIM at St Martin de Porres, said the event gave the children the opportunity to physically challenge themselves and kick off the season of Lent and their fund raising for Project Compassion.

"Tracey Tessitore, from Caritas, passionately encouraged the students to think about the giftedness of their lives and to consider where their Project Compassion donations go," Ben said.

"Following the run on the beach, the students participated in a treasure hunt in the park, where they searched for 30 hidden 20 cent pieces that symbolically represented the 30 pieces of silver paid to Judas.

"It was explained to the children that they were taking these silver pieces and instead of turning away from God's will, like Judas, they were turning towards God's will by transferring the silver pieces into a donation for Project Compassion."

The 30 pieces of silver were then placed into one of the iconic Project Compassion boxes.

Schools who participated were: St Martin de Porres, Sheidow Pk; St Bernadette's, St Marys; Emmaus, Woodcroft; Antonio, Morphett Vale; McAuley Community, Hove; St Joseph's, Kingswood; and Stella Maris, Seacombe Gardens



## Vinnies

In the past Vinnies sought donations of food during Lent. However, since Lent was early this year we have decided to move this initiative until June each year where we will combine it with the Vinnies Winter Appeal.



Oz Harvest have produced an interesting report recently in relation to global & Australian food waste:

- One in nine people globally do not have enough food to eat, that's 793 million people who are undernourished
- If one quarter of the food currently lost or wasted around the world could be saved it would be enough to feed 870 million hungry people
- Majority of food waste in Australia comes from our homes (2.5 million tonnes)
- More than 25 million hectares of land in Australia is wasted to grow food that is not eaten
- 3.7 million households in Australia struggled to put food on the their table this year
- The number one reason households in Australia struggle to put food on the table is the cost of living

Your Vinnies group really appreciates the generosity of the Church, School & Knights of the Southern Cross communities so together we can do our part in helping families put food on their tables.

### Vinnies Winter Appeal 2024

Please bring any items on the week specified and place in the box in the Foyer:

**1st/2nd June**

Breakfast Cereals, Long life milk

**8th/9th June**

Tinned fruit, vegetables, fish or meat

**15th/16th June**

Tea, Coffee, Milo, Biscuits

**22nd/23rd June**

Jams/spreads or Tinned/ packet Soups

**29th/30th June**

Tinned Spaghetti/ Baked Beans, pasta sauce



## THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (SA) INC.

Brighton – Marion – Hallett Cove - Glenelg Branch



We continue to have an active KSC Branch, although the world is having its usual ups and downs, no different to life in Australia. However, our KSC Branch will continue to foster the Catholic faith amongst its members and to support those who are in need. We do this by supporting your parish Vinnies conference plus four other conferences.

We remember those that are sick in our KSC community and in our parish/s, pray for them in our Masses & Prayers.

The Formation Program continued with the Gospel of Mark. 'Jesus in the desert 40 days & nights'. There was a reflection and discussion on how this event is in our daily lives today.

We continue to regularly support the five Vinnies conferences in our KSC Branch area. We commend the Hallett Cove Vinnies for their excellent commitment to the disadvantaged in our Parish and neighbouring parish/s.

At our recent mixed branch meeting, Craig Fosdike, your Principal of the School spoke about his experiences during his 'Camino Walk' in Spain. His adventures and many anecdotes about the walk, people they met over 700 kms in 6 months was very well received by a group of 25 attendees on a hot summer night.

The Branch meeting for 1<sup>st</sup> May there are two guest speakers. Sr Alison Roach re Catherine House and Cherian Kolparampil from 'Shalom', Syro Malabar Church.

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May there is a Crazy Whist Night to raise funds for Catherine House & the Vinnies conferences. You are welcome to both evenings.

We value your support of our functions and bottle/can collections.

Stay Safe and well and Free of Covid.

Bro Tony Schar  
Scribe



## ‘Holy Smoke’ during Mass—why?

*Let my prayer be counted as incense before you (Psalm 141.2)*

After Holy Week and the Easter Vigil this year, a number of you asked why incense was prominently used. In this article, I highlight the evocative symbolism of incense—for nothing is ‘just for show’ in Catholic liturgies.

The use of incense by the Church is biblical and liturgical, a continuation and extension of ancient Israel’s tradition. In the Psalms, incense is compared to our prayers rising up to our Heavenly Father (cf Revelation 5.8).

The cloudy fragrance of incense conveys a sense of mystery and awe to our celebrations, the amazing gift of God’s presence among us (Exodus 30.1, 6). Jesus’ burning passion for us and for our world is made tangible (*‘I have **eagerly desired** to eat this Passover with you before I suffer,’* Luke 22.15) as we participate in Christ’s great thanksgiving to his Father. Good worship involves all of our senses: sight, sound, taste, touch, and smell. Just as the pungent aroma of, let’s say, an orange, eludes simple description it silently points to an experience of rich delight. So, too, does incense in the liturgy:



it reminds us of the transcendent *‘aroma of Christ’* (2 Corinthians 2.15). We share in Christ’s pleasing fragrance through our anointing with the Oil of Chrism in our Baptism and Confirmation.

Incense is not used during every Mass, of course. But when it is used, it is intended to reveal the sublime transcendence of each Mass, beyond space and time—the amazing blending of worship of God in Heaven with that of ours on Earth, made possible only by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ (cf Revelation 8.5). Costly incense does not have an obvious or practical purpose: ‘it is a prodigal waste of precious material... the pouring out of unwitholding love’ (Romano Guardini, *Sacred Signs*). What else is worship of God? Recall Mary (sister of Martha and Lazarus) who anointed Jesus with pure, super-expensive nard before his death (John 12.1-8). Her lavish act foreshadowed the worship of the Church as it makes real and present the Eternal Sacrifice of Christ.

At various points the solemnity of Holy Mass is accompanied by the use of incense: the Book of the Gospels; the gifts of bread and wine placed on the altar; the altar cross and the altar itself; the priest’s sacred ministry; and the people, through the dignity of baptism in Jesus the ‘Christ’ (meaning, ‘the Anointed One’)—each are reverently incensed. The Church asks nothing while she incenses. She simply conveys adoration and thanksgiving to God for God’s great glory. We are purified and sanctified as this ‘holy smoke’ mingles with, and transforms, the humble devotion of our hearts.

Grains of incense (traditionally resins from special trees—frankincense and myrrh among them) are placed by the priest on burning coals in a censor held by metal chains called a thurible. The wafting smell and smoke which cloud the church is meant to bring to mind the Upper Room, a city called Heaven, and all things that take us to higher ground. The mystery of mere mortals made worthy to commune with God Almighty is breathtaking, defying all our words and actions. Grace upon grace.

Incense is closely woven into the Passion of Christ. Five grains of encapsulated incense are embedded in the Paschal Candle during the Easter Vigil. These five grains represent the five wounds of Jesus—one for each hand, each foot, and the spear that pierced his side. The use of incense during Mass, especially during the prime celebrations of Easter and Christmas, is intended to draw us ‘more gloriously’ into worship of the Mystery of God’s Love for all Creation.

This is also why incense is used during funerals: the earthly remains of the deceased are incensed because our human bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit through Holy Baptism. Love is stronger than death. Equally, the prayers of the faithful rise up to God like incense and send the deceased home to God in confident hope of God’s mercy and love.

Whether or not incense is used during the celebration of Mass or other liturgies, let us pray for the grace to recognise that the collective prayers of the faithful, brimming with humble gratitude and exultant praise (beautifully brought to fragrant expression through the use of incense), are always a sweet-smelling sacrifice to our Loving God.

Deacon Tim Grauel

## MY JOURNEY TO LIFE WITH MOTHER, MARY MACKILLOP - Denise Davis 2024

I was baptised in 1940 at St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Brunswick which was our family parish church and later began my primary schooling at the adjoining parish primary school in 1945. The school was run by the Sisters of St Joseph who appeared up front in my life for the next 3 years. The strict discipline, the clanking of rosary beads and the swish of air as they passed by in their long voluminous habits was a constant as was the sharp poking of a ruler if caught slouching or leaning at the desk. The starched wimple hid any sign of their humanity or personality, I presumed that they all belonged to St Joseph and were very holy. Upon reflection, I realise that there was never any mention of their founder, St Mary MacKillop who had died a little over 40 years previously, so I had no knowledge of her at all at this period in my life. Our

family moved to our new home Greensborough, (outer suburb of Melbourne) in 1948 and all my primary and secondary schooling then continued under the Sisters of Mercy.

My husband Ian Davis and I were married in 1962 in Melbourne. Ian was educated by the Marist Brothers as a boarder at Assumption College, Kilmore. We were both active parishioners and raising our children in the Catholic faith...as we had both been raised.

In the early 1970's we moved to the little township of Melrose in the Southern Flinders Ranges, 300km north from Adelaide. This total change of lifestyle was exciting until we realised that we had now lost the support of our families, friends and church communities in the upbringing of our family of four young children.

The Booleroo Centre parish church was 18 km south-east and the closest Port Augusta parish church 24kms north at Wilmington. It was then we discovered that there was a Josephite Motor Mission based at Port Augusta which covered the large area north of the Ranges. Sr Elizabeth Morris SJ was my first contact with this Mission and she became my steadfast friend and mentor in the continuing religious education of our family. It was Sr Elizabeth who brought Mother Mary MacKillop into my life. I was fascinated by the early history of this region which had been serviced firstly by the Jesuits riding horseback from Sevenhill across the vast Willochra Plains in the 1870's and then the courage and faith of the St Josephite Sisters who followed in their footsteps. The Motor Mission Sisters brought the new Vatican II changes in religious education to us during the 1970's. There was a three-weekly circuit of school and home visits where the Sisters supported each family in their own faith journeys plus religious seminars, preparation for the Sacraments, school holiday camps at Pekina and a regular Friday evening gathering group of teenagers who met at Melrose for some time.



The Sisters were given permission to stay overnight with a parish family during the week to save the time and energy that it had previously taken to return to Port Augusta each night. I always felt it was so reminiscent of the journeys Mother Mary MacKillop had taken herself over 100 years previously. And so our family was raised in faith with the blessing and guidance of the Josephites and our various parish priests.

After our children had all moved away on to their chosen paths, Ian and I moved south to Mannum in 1999. We found it such a blessing and so exciting to have our own church and church community at Mannum and both became actively involved. Sr Elizabeth continued walking with us and called in whenever she was in the area.

At this time, I was actively researching and writing the Lyddy family history and made the amazing discovery that two of my husband's great-aunts had entered service with Mother Mary at Gouger Street, Adelaide in the 1860's prior to her excommunication. A trip to the wonderful MacKillop Centre at Penola followed where we located two references to these young women in correspondence between Fr Tennyson Woods and Mother Mary MacKillop.

My husband died suddenly in June 2009 at Mannum and my life was shattered. Slowly I began to focus on how I could live this confronting new life. I moved to Woodcroft in 2010 and began attending Mass at the MacKillop chapel at nearby Emmaus school and it was there that I finally found my inner peace. I went to Sydney in 2011 for a couple of weeks to help find my independence and travel alone. I spent one blessed day at the MacKillop Centre at North Sydney and found the peace and comfort there that has given me the faith and courage to continue my journey of life.

I contracted a chronic illness in 2019 which has led to my health slowly diminishing. So I now find myself walking with Mother Mary MacKillop and contemplating her ill-health in her aging years too. She is with me constantly and I feel so deeply blessed to have her presence so strongly in my life. I pray daily to her for faith and courage in my prayer life and in my daily life...and look

forward to meeting her in the not too distant future!

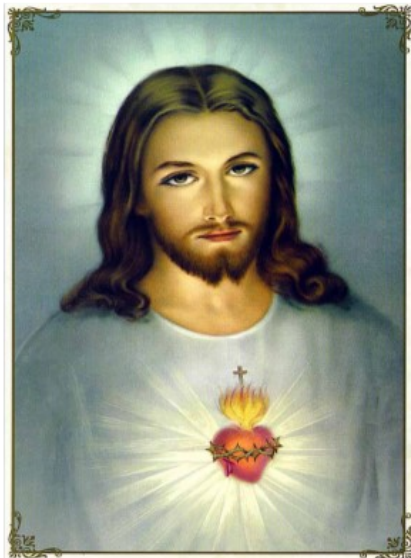
PS The cycle of life continues...Sr Elizabeth Morris SJ has been commissioned to write the history of the Motor Mission Sisters in South Australia and I have had the privilege of being one of the proof readers for this manuscript...

God is good indeed!



**Year of Prayer (2024)**  
**Hallett Cove Parish Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament  
and Pray the Rosary**

**CORPUS CHRISTI, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**



**The Most Sacred  
Heart of Jesus**

**7<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am Mass**



**The Immaculate  
Heart of Mary**

**8<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30am Mass**

**At St Martin de Porres, Hallett Cove, on  
Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, the Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed  
following Mass  
until the Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> June Mass.**

**We invite you to spend some time with Jesus during these 24  
hours.**

**The Rosary will be led and recited every third hour:**

**9AM (8.50am), 12MD, 3PM, 6PM, 9PM, 12MN, 3AM, 6AM, 9AM (8.50am)**

*To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary, the face  
of Christ.*

*St John Paul II (2002)*

**For safety reasons, we always need at least two people with Jesus  
throughout the 24 hours.**

**Consider joining individually, as couples, with family, friends, existing  
ministry groups**

**(e.g., Leadership Teams, Ministers of Communion, Musicians, Parish  
Council, Rosarians, School, Shed Members, St Vincent de Paul), family  
groups, or cultural groups (recite the Rosary in your native language  
together).**

**Coordinators/Contact: Pat\* & Tony Carlisle (\*0405 397 667)**





**Home Masses**

If you would like the opportunity to celebrate a Mass in your home, please contact the parish office to organize a date and time.



**Craft Group**

Our craft group meet each Thursday at 11am in the church foyer. Bring your own craft. They are a small but very supportive group who meet for a chat and coffee and even do some craft.

All are welcome to join them whenever you can.

**Anointing of the sick**

On the 1st Friday of each month during our 9.30am Mass we offer Anointing of the Sick.

All are welcome to attend and be anointed.



**Supper and Morning Teas**

Due to the success and community building efforts and demand, we now have suppers and morning teas twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen to set up,

serve and clean up, please contact Pat in the parish office to be added to the roster. Donations of food or wine always welcomed.



**Ecumenical service**

In February we hosted an Ecumenical service with the Hallett Cove Ministers association. The focus was on the Chaplains for the local schools and the work that they do. Thank you to the many parishioners who attended the service and supported our community. It was interesting to hear about the schools and the challenges facing the chaplains in our area.



"May you never be the reason why someone who loved to sing, doesn't anymore. Or why someone who dressed so uniquely, now wears plain clothing. Or why someone who always spoke so excitedly about their dreams, is now silent about them. May you never be the reason someone gave up on a part of themselves because you were demotivating, non-appreciative, hypercritical, or even worse—sarcastic about it.

— Mostafa Ibrahim

**A little humour**

A couple in a small town want to have children but the wife is having trouble falling pregnant, so they go to see their local parish priest. The priest tells them their timing is spot on as his archbishop has ordered him to Rome for 10 years, and he's leaving tomorrow. "As soon as I get there, I'll light a candle and say a prayer that you will be blessed with children," he promises.

After 10 years the priest returns to the little town. The first thing he does is visit the couple's home. The wife opens the door; three little children on her arms, a couple of them hiding under her skirt, and others playing near her. The priest counts as many as ten munchkins!

"This is a pleasant surprise," exclaims the priest, smiling. "It seems like God listened to my prayer. But where is your dear husband?"

"My husband travelled to Rome," says the wife with a tired look on her face.

"To Rome? Why on earth would he go to Rome?"  
"To blow out that bloody candle you lit!"

**Resurrection Garden**

This year I came across an idea for a Resurrection garden—this is a beautiful way to share with your children the story of Holy week as you add pieces to the garden each day.

I had a great time putting mine together and talking to my grand daughters about the garden.

Cassie made one too!



# worldwide marriage encounter



## live your best life in love

### What happens in a WWME experience?

Over the course of the experience - typically, a weekend - three couples and a priest will provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help you work through common themes we can all relate to, such as:

- Exploring our personality styles
- Appreciating our differences
- Listening in a new way
- Communicating intimately
- Addressing difficult topics
- Discovering God's desire for our marriage
- Continuing the journey



While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the WWME experience is on the ups and downs of married life.

Married couples of any denomination, mixed faith or without religious affiliation are welcome.

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply.

There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.



#### Weekend Dates:

1-3 November 2024 Royal Coach Motel Kent Town

2-4 May 2025 and 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2025 Venue TBA

Bookings: 0493 747 478 [sabookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:sabookings@wwme.org.au)

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CELEBRATING  
**75**  
YEARS

### **The Marian Procession**

The Marian Procession began in 1949 and is the longest running consecutive Catholic event in Australia. This year the Procession celebrates 75 years and will continue its path in the streets of the Adelaide CBD. It began and flourished at the Rostrevor Seminary and has been hosted in an array of venues such as various parklands throughout the CBD, the Adelaide Showgrounds and once in the Cathedral due to inclement weather.

The Marian Procession is a wonderful opportunity to gather communities together and provide a prayerful experience with Mary at the centre. For the first time we will not gather behind community/parish signs provided by the Archdiocese, rather focus on walking together, as One Church.

Each year a different Marian image or theme is selected for the Procession aimed to highlight a feast or event within the Catholic Church or celebrate a local community or parish.

This year, we celebrate the Marian Procession on Pentecost Sunday. The Procession is followed by a time of prayer, a reflection on the Gospel, a collection and concludes with benediction.

The simplicity has always been and will remain in the act of gathering, praying the rosary and coming together in community to be a public witness of our Catholic faith.

### **Q&A**

#### **Why has the route changed?**

Due to a Port Adelaide Football club home game and road closures surrounding this, there is no access to the 2023 starting location in the Torrens Parade Ground.

#### **How will I find my community/group/parish when I arrive?**

This year, community/parish name signs previously provided by the Archdiocese will not be put out. There will be coloured signs that can be used as designated meeting points if necessary. We hope this will encourage us as a Catholic Community to walk together, as One Church. Communities and Parishes are still welcome to bring their banners or icons of Mary to process with.

#### **What is the distance of the procession?**

Approximately 1.5kms

#### **If I do not belong to a Parish/Community, can I still process?**

YES! All are welcome to join no matter your experience.

#### **What do I need to bring or wear?**

Rosary beads, umbrella, appropriate footwear

#### **What if I cannot process?**

The Rosary will be led from Victoria Square where the choir will also be singing. To ensure we are all following the same prayers and hymns, there will be speakers scattered throughout the procession using Bluetooth connections.

#### **What if the weather is inclement?**

The Procession will still take place (unless there is a severe weather warning) however the liturgy will be moved from Victoria Square to the Cathedral.

#### **How will we know if the event location has changed or if the event is cancelled?**

The best way to keep up to date is via our facebook page or website.

#### **Where is the best place to park?**

Public transport is a great option given the CBD location, however parking is available surrounding Victoria Park or on Wakefield Rd.

#### **Will there be transport from Victoria Square back to the starting point?**

There will be buses available at the conclusion of the liturgy for drop off to the starting location.

#### **Will there be facilities available?**

There will be toilets available at both the start and finishing points of the procession.

#### **Will there be seating?**

Yes, seating will be provided but capped at 1500 seats.

#### **Will there be food and water available?**

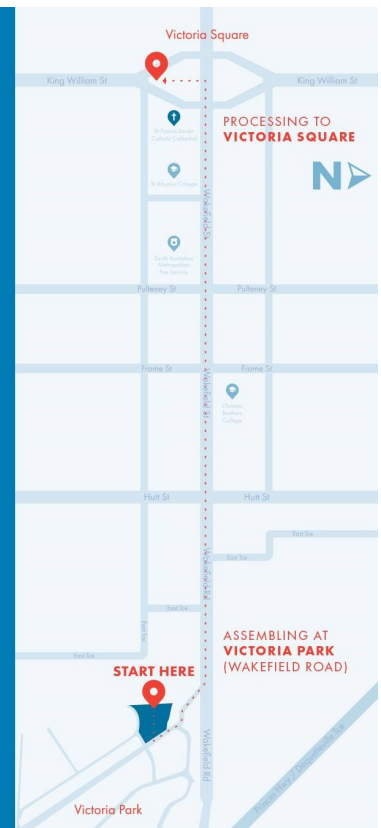
The SA water Quench bench will be available in Victoria Sq to refill personal bottles. Some water will be provided at the beginning and end of the procession, but we strongly encourage all participants to bring their own water bottles. No food will be provided at the event.

#### **How long does the event go for in total?**

The Procession and time of prayer following should conclude at approx. 4pm.

## **PROCESSION ROUTE**

ASSEMBLE  
**1:30PM**  
PROCESSION  
**2:00PM**



For further information or any queries, please contact the Archdiocesan Events Office on 8210 8220 or email: [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

**You Count!  
Be Counted.**

**May Mass Counts**

During May we have to count everyone who attends our weekend Masses, and the number of hosts taken for sick visits.

As per last year, when you come into Mass can you please place a token in the bucket that best represents your gender and age bracket, and also let the sacristan or myself know if you are taking communion to the sick.

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**Pentecost—19th May**

The Feast of Pentecost is the birthday of the church. Our celebration color is red, so we are asking you to wear something red to Mass and there will be food and drinks after both Masses.

Come and join the party.

We will also have an adult baptism and 2 confirmations during our 9.15am Mass on the Sunday morning

To celebrate the many countries from whence we come, we would like to have people recite parts of the Our Father in their own language. If you are able to do this, please write your name on the sheets in the foyer.

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**Children's Liturgy**

Did you know that we offer Children's Liturgy at most Sunday morning Masses and on the 1st Saturday of each month during the 6pm Vigil Mass. This is held in the foyer during from the beginning of the readings till Offertory time. This is a chance for the children to hear the gospel in a way they can understand and undertake activities relating to the gospel of the day. All primary school aged children are welcome. Littlies are very welcome too as long as they bring a helper.



**Happy Mother's Day**

*Wishing all Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day  
for Sunday 12th May  
May you be truly spoiled  
and appreciated for all you do!*

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**Laudato Si week**



Laudato Si week will be celebrated from the 19th—26th May. We will celebrate Laudato Si Sunday on the weekend of 25th & 26th May, which is the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "firstfruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love.

This Laudato Si' Week, let us gather in community to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2). Laudate Deum is a reminder about the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises.

*Let us look at our spaces in our homes and communities, and come up with ways to improve our practices or change methods so as to help save our planet and it's people?*

