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St. Ignatius Loyola - Feast Day: July 31

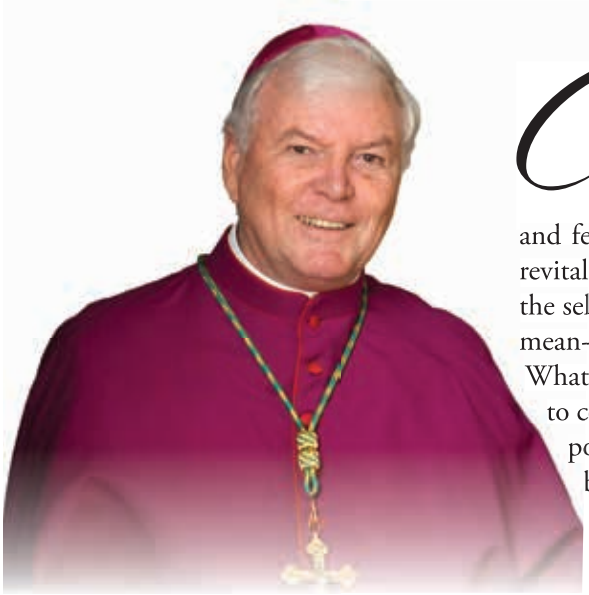
One of 13 children, St. Ignatius Loyola was born in 1491 into a family of minor nobility in northern Spain. As a young man Ignatius was inflamed by the ideals of courtly love and knighthood and he dreamed of doing great deeds.

In 1521 he was gravely wounded in a battle against the French which precluded him from his passion of serving in the Military.

Whilst recuperating, Ignatius experienced a conversion and began reading about the lives of Jesus and the saints which aroused his desires to do great things. He realized that these feelings were clues to God's direction for him.

Over the years, Ignatius became an expert in the art of spiritual direction. He collected his insights, prayers, and suggestions in his book *The Spiritual Exercises* which is widely accepted as being one of the most influential books on the spiritual life ever written.

With a small group of followers, Ignatius Loyola founded the *Society of Jesus*, or the *Jesuits*. He conceived the Jesuits as "contemplatives in action." This also describes the many Christians who have been touched by Ignatian spirituality.



Christ in Disguise

Train loads of events fill our daily lives. If we don't reflect on our experiences, we will never pick out what our experience of the major events is telling us, how the finger of God is tracing its patterns through our lives. So what has our experience of the major Seasons of Lent and Easter taught us?

There were significant Gospel stories given to us through Lent – the barren fig tree, the prodigal son and his elder brother, the woman taken in adultery. Did we learn their lessons? The fig tree was barren, but was spared, but had to be dug around and fertilised. What have we allowed to revitalise the fig tree of our lives? What of the selfishness of the prodigal son and the mean-heartedness of the elder brother? What of the woman whom Jesus refused to condone or condemn, but whom He pointed in a new direction? Have we been open to the graciousness of God transforming us?

In celebrating Easter we are not commemorating an anniversary, something that happened two thousand years ago. The question is not, what happened to Jesus two thousand years ago, but rather, where is what happened two thousand years ago to Jesus happening now, again for us. In other words, what are the signs of the resurrection in our lives? They are there, in the hope and love and kindness and goodness that surrounds us, but we must look. That means we must reflect, haul off and take time to ponder.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta told her Sisters they must look for Jesus in disguise among the poor. In the Gospel accounts often the disciples did not recognise the Risen Christ at first. Mary Magdala thought He was the gardener. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognise Him until the breaking of the bread. The disciples who went fishing did not recognise Jesus on the shore, until Peter said, "It is the Lord." So we must look carefully and be prepared to have minds and hearts open to seeing Him in those around us, even the quite unlikely.

"It is the Lord."

There is so much for our spiritual lives that we could gain by looking back on our experience of Lent and Easter this year. "I stand at the door and knock" says Jesus in the Book of Revelations. Let us listen to His invitation to allow Him in by taking within us the meaning He has shown us through this Lent and Easter. And finally, the wounds of Jesus were still there with Him in His Risen Body. Earthly wounds that were transformed. So may the wounds in the Church be similarly transformed.

Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pentecost

Sunday June 9

The Christian Holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

About the Prayer to the Holy Spirit

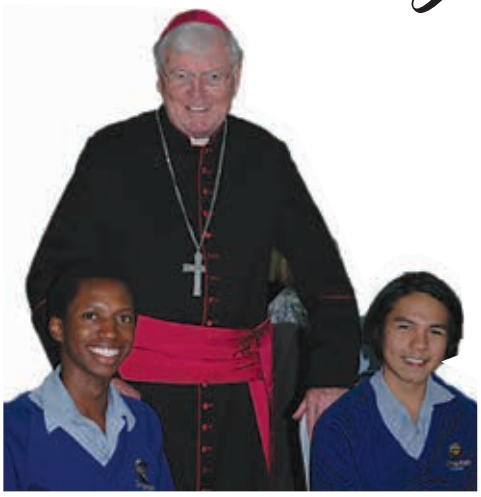
There are very few prayers to God as the Holy Spirit. This prayer was developed from the Pentecost liturgy. The first two lines are the verses sung with the Alleluia before the Gospel on Pentecost. The third and fourth lines are a quote from the Latin translation of Psalm 104, verse 30. It was part of a chant written for Pentecost. The rest of the prayer, which follows "Let us pray" (when it is prayed publicly), is adapted from the former opening prayer of the feast. The feast of Pentecost now has a new opening prayer. The former prayer is the opening prayer for a Mass of the Holy Spirit such as might be celebrated at the opening of a school year.

Organ Recital to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Installation of the Cathedral Pipe Organ

29 September at 2.30pm ~ St Mark's Cathedral ~Entry $20, Concession $15

Guest recitalist – Mr Dominic Perissinotto, Organist and Director of Music at St Patrick's Basilica Fremantle

Catholics Gather in Port Pirie



Bishop Greg O'Kelly pictured at the Diocesan Assembly with Samaritan College Students.

April 9th & 10th saw 180 Catholics gather in Port Pirie for the annual Diocesan Assembly. People travelled from as far as Ceduna and Port Lincoln in the west, Coober Pedy in the north and the Riverland in the east. It was a time for reflecting on our work as church, sharing ideas and celebrating the successes. People left with a renewed commitment and some plans for the year ahead.

There were four main sessions over the two days. Each session began with a reflection on scripture related to the theme. Fr Michael Trainor from Adelaide led this reflection. Each of the four regions of the Diocese then described how they worked with the youth, worked in ministry, assisted with the role of their priest and celebrated community in their area. A discussion was facilitated by Pauline Connelly and Sarah Moffatt, both from Adelaide. Each person was then asked to commit to a positive action that they could achieve in their own parish.

Inset: Students from St Joseph's Barmera pictured with the Bishop.

Clergy of the diocese of Port Pirie file into the Cathedral for Chrism Mass.

The Diocesan Assembly concluded with the Chrism Mass. The Cathedral was full as Bishop Greg O'Kelly, the priests of the diocese, people from the parishes and students from the schools celebrated Mass. The Bishop blessed the Holy Oils for use in the sacraments around the Diocese for the next year and everyone, priests and people renewed their commitment to the work of the church.

One participant summed up the Diocesan Assembly by saying, "To hear of so many different and varied activities in the parishes gives me hope for the future."

Michael Preece

Amazing love produces Amazing forgiveness

Farid Ahmed and his wife were leaders in the Christchurch mosque for 20 years.

Farid's wife was murdered by the terrorists who attacked the worshippers on 15 March 2019. These are some of his words at the national remembrance ceremony.

People ask me why did you forgive someone who has killed your beloved wife?

First, I have a faith. I believe in Allah, and Allah says if we forgive one another, he loves me, he loves us.

Also, I don't want to have a heart that is boiling like a volcano. A volcano has anger, fury, rage; it doesn't have peace. It has hatred; it burns itself within, and it burns the surroundings. I don't want to have a heart like this and I believe no one does.

I want a heart that is full of love and care and full of mercy and will forgive lavishly, because this heart doesn't want any more life to be lost... doesn't like the pain I have gone through, that any human being should go through. That's why I have chosen peace, love and I have forgiven.

People have asked me, why do you love him as a human brother? And the answer to this is... we are one single family.

We are human brothers and sisters. How can I hate my human brother? I don't agree with what he has done... probably he has misunderstood the whole thing; probably he has gone through suffering in his life, some traumatic thing has happened, and he could not process his suffering in the right way. I don't support his action, but I cannot deny he is my human brother. Each human being is my brother or sister. This is what Allah taught. I cannot hate him. I cannot hate anyone.

I would like to say a couple of words for humanity.

> *"People have asked me, why do you love him as a human brother? And the answer to this is... we are one single family."*

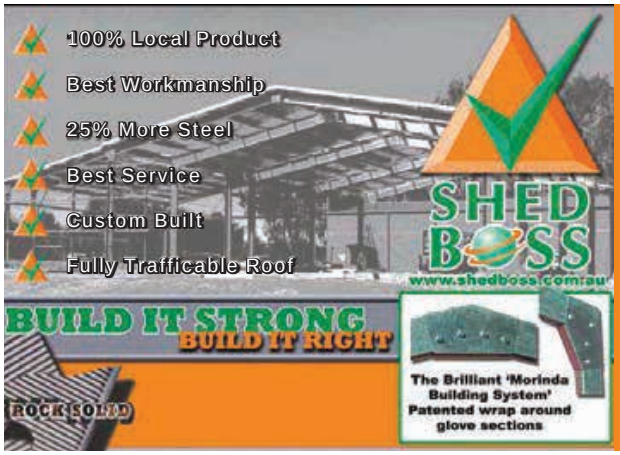
We all want peace. We say that we want peace. But we have to start from somewhere. We have to start cleaning our own heart first. We have to change our attitude. If our heart is full of love then peace will start from here. Each one of us has responsibility from wherever we are to at least start from our heart.

We have to change our attitude. Our attitude should be that we are one family, regardless of faith, religion, culture and language.

In the garden there are different types of flowers, but together they make a beautiful garden. We must be like this. I may be a different culture, you are a different religion, I'm a different religion, you're a different religion, but together we are one garden.

May Allah guide us towards peace, safety and security, and may Allah make New Zealand peaceful and the whole world peaceful.

Good News, the newsletter of the catholic charismatic Renewal



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Josephite Sisters Jubilee

The jubilees of several Josephite Sisters were celebrated at St. Ignatius Church, Norwood on Saturday 23rd March.

Sisters Angela Mahar, Lianella Girardi, Marie Egan, Kerry Keenan, Caroline Duggan and Josie Huppatz were all honoured as Golden Jubilarians (50 years of Profession). Sr. Teresa Taggert was recognised as a Diamond Jubilarian (60 years).

All the Golden Jubilarians have ministered in the Port Pirie Diocese over those 50 years.

Many family members and friends attended the service, as well as about 30 priests who acknowledged their appreciation of the Sisters who had worked side by side with them in both city and country districts.

Do you recognise this church?

If you think you recognise the inside of this church, let us know at thewitness@pp.catholic.org.au

Josephite Jubilee Sr Kerry Keenan.

Jubilee Celebrations

Priests gather to celebrate Fr John Folkman's 25th anniversary of ordination

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Inspiration

The time of Pentecost is upon us. "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle within us the fire of your divine love". It is a good word enkindle. It means to set something alight, to create a new reality, to produce light and warmth. We have just completed the listening phase in preparation for the Plenary Council I 2020.

An extraordinary number of more than 220,000 people were involved in the 17,400 submissions made in response to the question, "What does God want of us in Australia at this time?" When one thinks of the challenges and disedifying episodes that have blighted the Church in recent times, it is remarkable and consoling to note the intense interest and love for the Church that prompts such large numbers to go to the trouble of communicating their thoughts to the Bishops.

Some of the answers are not as broad as the question, and were more like what an individual thought might be a good idea for the Church. Some suggestions would be beyond the scope of the Plenary Council. For example, the request for women's ordination. The Australian Church could not legislate for that, because we are part of the Universal Church, and cannot act separately from the whole Church. Other thoughts are stimulating, such as a renewal of sense of mission amongst all members of the Church, in acknowledgement of the vocation baptism gives us. There are also many stimulating suggestions concerning the governance of the Church and ways to change a clericalist culture which has all authority in the hands only of the ordained.

The stage for listening and dialogue is now accomplished, and the National Centre for Pastoral Research is undertaking the mammoth task of analysing the responses and grouping them into themes. These themes will then be presented for further discernment nationally in the Church. These themes will be announced at Pentecost, in early June.

After that, guided we pray by the Holy Spirit, working groups will attempt to devise the agenda for the Plenary Council in October 2020. The Chairs of the working groups are lay women and men.

It is providential that the Australian Bishops will be going to Rome in June for a week of conferences with the Vatican administration, a preliminary retreat, and a two hour interview as a group with the Holy Father. Pray that this time will be a time of inspiration for the Bishops that they may be better attuned to the voice of the faithful and hear the murmurings of the Spirit calling us to rebuild a Church that reflects the message and beauty of Christ.

Meet Zoe Dorothea Moss who was Baptised at the Roxby Downs Church on May 25, 2019.

Pictured with parents Mark and Rachael Moss and Godparents Kurt and Rebecca Haines

"Hope springs eternal!"

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Movement around the Diocese

Many gathered to farewell Frs Francis and Harold.

On May 18th, Sr Helen Duke hosted a 'farewell & thank you' dinner at her home for Sr Kaspar who will be leaving the diocese and heading home to India. Nine of the religious were treated to a delicious 3 Course meal and Sr. Kaspar was presented with some 'Aussie' mementos to take home with her.

Frs Harold and Francis cut their cake.

Kadina/Wallaroo/Moonta farewelled Fr Ramel and wished him Happy Birthday.

Principal Bernadette Lacey, Sr Pat Hogan and the students of St Barbara's Primary School welcome Fr Francis to Roxby Downs.

Fr Steve accepts a farewell gift from Craig Hore.

Principal of St Joseph's School Port Lincoln, Dr Sandra Hewson, Fr Steve Ardill with Senior Leaders Brooklyn Binns and Hamish McNamara at Fr Steve's Farewell Liturgy.

Farewell Fr Jimmy, from Quorn.

Port Augusta Parishioners gather to bid farewell to Fr Paul Crotty.

Welcome Fr Jimmy to Port Pirie Parish.

Youth Activities around the Diocese

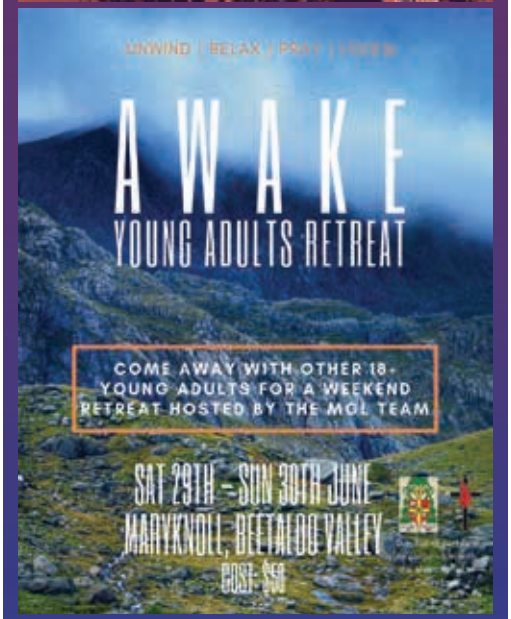
At the concluding Mass of World Youth Day in Panama, Pope Francis reminded the young people that: "We are on a journey, keep walking, keep living the faith and sharing it. You are not the tomorrow, you are not the 'meantime,' You are the Now of God!"

As we continue to reach out to the young people of our diocese and they reach out to us – we do it "now" in our although seemingly small and insignificant ways. We trust in the Lord, who is always there with us at the present moment, in the "now" of our lives, of our diocese and of the young people.

I would like to personally invite the young people and our diocese to come together in prayers and in support of the following events scattered around the pages of this edition of witness. AWAKE Retreat for Young Adults, UNLIMITED Youth Camp for Young People and "The Now of God" events for several parishes around the diocese. All these events are in relation to the visit of the MGL Team in June/July. And in December, there's a big gathering of Young People of Australia in Perth entitled "Listen to what the Spirit is Saying." And if you are able, help us with your donation from the heart. All geared towards allowing the young people to experience God who is always present in their lives and in our world!

Please cut it out and give it to the young people you know. Cut it out and put it on your fridge and pray for the young people and the events every time you see it. Take a photo of it and upload it on your facebook page and remember it every time you pray specially at Mass. Together with the young people, all of us are the 'now' of God in creating this world a blessed place to live in. In Christ, Fr Harold

fr Harold Camonias, Youth Minister.



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Youth Festival Prayer 2019

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, you come to us in the stillness and silence of this Great South Land.

Give us the courage to open our hearts and ears, to listen to your voice as we seek to foster the growth of your Church in Australia.

Grant us the desire to know Jesus and say our 'Yes' to his invitation to spread the joy of the Gospel.

We ask for the gift of hope as you guide us in our search for purpose and meaning in our lives.

We pray together as young people that we may love and care for all of creation.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, our brother and our companion, who lives with You and the Father forever and ever.

Amen.

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From Hawker to The Philippines

Taken in Palawan, Leah and Richard left, are pictured with some European tourists doing Island hopping, Kyak and snorkelling.

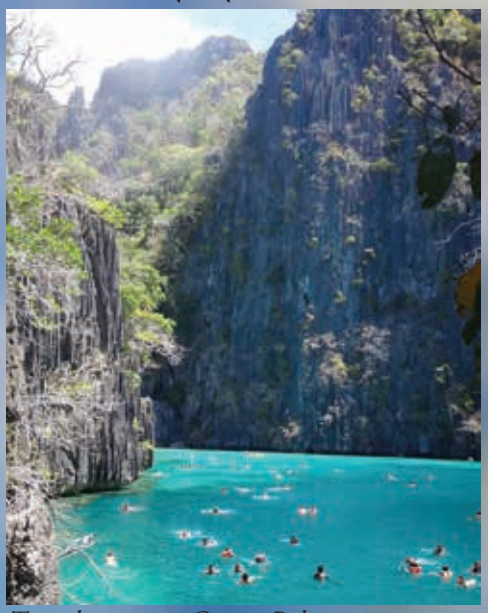
The Philippines were never on our wish list for a holiday destination. Until Richard got to know Fr Jimmy, who joined the Kairos team last year. Kairos is a Christian, ecumenical prison ministry, which transforms lives and gives hope to the guys inside and their families, with a good number now supporting Kairos themselves. It is an amazing ministry to be involved in and we need more men for this year's short course, so if anyone would like more information, please talk to Fr Jimmy or ourselves (Richard & Leah). The first team formation is 13th April at the Lutheran Church at Port Augusta and is a great way to get an idea of what Kairos is all about and meet some of this year's team.

Now Fr Jimmy had once mentioned that he would be quite happy to show people around the Philippines. Richard jumped at the chance to be guided by a local.

The Philippines consist of over 7,000 islands and has a population of 105 million. Before colonisation their main trading partners were Indonesia and China. They were colonised by Spain in the 16th century then came the United States and the rest could be a good reading of Philippine History and Independence Day. We thought that with our bit of Spanish, Malay (Indonesian), few words of Chinese and English we would be able to understand a bit of the language, but we were wrong and certainly couldn't pick up enough words of the Tagalog to understand what they were saying.

The highlights of the trip are hard to pick, there were so many! The absolute highlight was the privilege of being invited to Fr Jimmy's sister's beach wedding, which was a wonderful and special experience, as you know Filipinos are good at celebrating. A great joy was seeing the excited faces of students at a public school in Fr Jimmy's home town when we handed out the pens, pencils etc. that was collected locally. Someone in Hawker had also made lovely dresses and these would be handed to the poorest girls later. Thank you all for your support and contributions.

Immersion in the Filipino culture. What a privilege to have Jimmy and his friends to help us interact with and learn from the beautiful, hospitable and helpful Filipinos!



Twin lagoons in Coron, Palawan

Religion plays a huge part in the Filipino culture. The majority is Catholic. The daily 6am Mass is attended by a large number of people to start their day. Fr Jimmy's friends took us to a beautiful church in Batangas, which basically was an open wooden and bamboo structure with a reed roof. Taxis, tricycles and busses would have "Jesus is my Friend" or "God is love" written on them. Houses contain many religious statues, paintings and Christian texts; God is the centre of their life.

We are thinking of planning another immersion experience to the Philippines. Let us know if you are interested. It is a great opportunity and we are indebted to Fr Jimmy and his family & friends for this wonderful experience.

Leah Khoe, from the Ecumenical Kairos Team Quorn

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On Sunday May 20th, Fr Jimmy Pantin was installed as administrator of the Cathedral Parish by Bishop Greg O'Kelly.

Compassion and Justice for Refugees

On Palm Sunday, 14th April, a rally was held in Whyalla in support of refugees.

About thirty people attended this event organised by 'Compassion and Justice for Refugees-Upper Spencer Gulf'. This organisation is an ecumenical group and includes community minded atheists.

'Compassion and Justice for Refugees' is a member of 'Rural Australians for Refugees'. There are over eighty groups throughout Australia who were either holding their own rally or joining groups in capital cities.

To support refugees, members personally approach politicians or write letters reminding them of human rights. Rallies are held and petitions signed on behalf of individuals who may be in danger of deportation. The media is involved where possible.

This year one member, Justin Hart, contributed a song he had written about refugees 'It's a privilege to be free.' The group had learnt it and sang several other suitable songs as well. There was also a circle of silence where a photo of a deceased refugee, who had died in offshore detention, was held up. A bell was then rung, then silence. There were twelve young refugees who have died in detention in recent years.

Members read out works by Martin Luther King Jnr, the United Nations and

Compassion and Justice for Refugees

explained the work done, and what more could be done for refugees. Apart from putting pressure on the government to end off-shore detention the group assists Assylum Seeker Resource Centre to help nearly 13,000 people awaiting visas as refugees. These people need housing, food and medical supplies.

Late last year Peter Dutton cut off funding for these people. Previously they had received some support from the Commonwealth Government's Status Resolution Support Services while awaiting visas. They are recognised by the United Nations and Australian Courts as refugees but are still waiting for official recognition by the Australian Government.

Check out the views of your local member on refugees.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, St Joseph's School, Barmera

On Monday the 8th of April 5 students from St Joseph's School in Barmera celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Francis Xavier church in Barmera.

Candidates are Ryder White, Adelle Vallelonga, Avril Chabrel, Zach Hartwig and Hudson Barnett (below).

Caritas College, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Port Augusta

On Wednesday 3rd April a number of Caritas College students from Year 3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This was a significant and important step in their faith journey. When something goes astray it is natural for us to want to fix or repair it. Through Reconciliation, we become closer to God and as we learn from our mistakes we become more like his son, Jesus. For these Year 3 students, they experienced God's love and forgiveness for the first time. Fr Paul Crotty and Fr Hau Le led the celebration, which was a lovely liturgy filled with prayer, reflection and reverence. May our prayerful best wishes be with these children and their families as they continue to journey together with God's love.

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Mid Year Enrolments are Approaching Fast!

Students and staff at St Barbara's Parish School are gearing up for the fast approaching start to Term 3, and big warm welcome to our new Foundation students.

St Barbara's offer two student intakes each year, one at the start of Term 1 for children that turn 5 between November 1 and April 30, and one at the start of Term 3, for children that turn 5 between May 1 and October 31.

In addition to welcoming new students, St Barbara's will also welcome our new Foundation Classroom Teacher, Deb Blight, who brings with her a wealth of experience in early childhood teaching.

Deb will be teaching our newest student cohort, while our other well-loved Foundation teachers Trisha Hamidi and Vicky Peters will continue to teach our already established Foundation class.

"We have a strong teaching team looking after our youngest students," St Barbara's Principal Bernadette Lacey said.

"Parents can be reassured that their child's introduction into school will be a welcoming, nurturing and enjoyable experience – for all involved!"

St Barbara's newest Foundation Class will be made up of children who have been attending the school's hugely popular 4-year-old transition program, Ready Set School.

The program, which runs each Wednesday during the school term from 8.30am to 2.30pm, has proven to be a fantastic transitional program for children who are about to embark on the next phase in their education.

"Ready Set School gives the child an insight into what's expected of them in the Foundation environment, with regards to listening, staying on task, following instructions and appropriate classroom behaviour," Said Ready Set School Coordinator, Jac Quilliam.

"I love working with them, because you get to see their confidence and emotional maturity grow throughout the year until they start Foundation."

Term 3 starts on Monday, July 22, so if you are considering enrolling your child at St Barbara's, please contact the front office on (08) 8671 3207 for any further information.

National Evangelistic Team Ministries

At the end of First Term the Senior Students from Our Lady of the River Catholic School and St. Albert's Catholic School teamed up to participate in some workshops presented by NET Ministries. NET (National Evangelistic Team) Ministries is a group of young Catholic people who visit schools and parishes around Australia to put into action the Church's mission to teach about God's kingdom and the Gospel Values we live out daily in our Catholic Faith.

The workshop provided the Year 6 and 7 students with a wonderful opportunity to take some time to reflect and to learn what 'Steppin' Up as a Leader' is all about in the footsteps of Jesus. Students were challenged to think about the actions and choices they can make in their daily lives to make life better for others using Jesus as a teacher and example. The Year 4 and 5 students were inspired to consider how they have the capacity to take a stand and speak up for what they believe in as they explored the NET Ministries 'Encounter Day'. Changing the world begins with them choosing to be 'agents of service and change'. It is the small changes they make that can brighten up their lives and those of others around them.

The smiles in the photos are testament to how much the students enjoyed their time with the NET Ministries team.

Rosemary Perre

St James School Jamestown

Students presented Holy Week plays reflecting the journey of Jesus through the events of Holy Week. Preparing our hearts for the joyful resurrection of Jesus.

Above: The Stations of the Cross – Jesus meets his mother Mary. Maisie Wilson (Mary) and Maggie Clark (Jesus).

Right: Palm Sunday- the disciples find a donkey for Jesus. Ethan McCarthy, Hugh Sutter and Lottie Richmond

Caritas College Bucket Relay

On Thursday 11th April the Caritas College Year 12 students participated in a Bucket Relay for Project Compassion. Their job was to work in teams to relay buckets of water around the school to highlight the distances those living in developing countries have to walk to gain access to clean water every day. The year 12's extended an invitation to the students in R-11 to come out and join them in the relay, and they were very thankful to the Year 1/2 classes who did just that. While we managed to raise $96 the intent of the exercise was also to raise awareness of the issues faced by people, young and old in quite a few communities around the world. So the next time you turn on a tap to get a drink of water, brush your teeth or take a bath, take the time to think about how grateful you are to not have to walk several kilometres a day to draw water from a dirty well into a bucket that you then have to carry home.

"Next time get a drink of water, brush your teeth or take a bath, think about how grateful you are to not have to walk several kilometres a day to draw water from a dirty well"

Spencer Gulf Athletics

Recently St Mark's College hosted the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival. The four Catholic high schools around the Spencer Gulf gather every year in athletic contest and it was our turn this year to host. It becomes a day for excellence and courage and, as it turned out, it was a day of victory.

We gathered with a great sense of excitement and anticipation. The success of the day is about the rivalry, and the determination and the efforts that the students make. It's about four wonderful Spencer Gulf Catholic schools, with our unique educational philosophy, coming together.

The Port Lincoln group stayed the night in the new gymnasium and the Bosco teachers made sure that they ate well and were comfortable. As a Salesian school we have a special ethos around welcome just like the Good Samaritan care of Whyalla and the Josephite traditions of Port Lincoln and Port Augusta. The underlying philosophy of this place is that it is where friends meet and enjoy themselves. That's what the day was about even though we were all here to win the carnival.

The day began with some tremendous efforts and it was sustained until the last relay. They

ran fast and jumped high, threw long, leapt into sand, passed batons with vigour and effort. On one level the honour of the school was being held high but at a much more important level there was a respect for the efforts and the skill, the courage to compete and the quality of friendships. Our schools were on show. They did so well.

Greg Hay, Principal

St Albert's Catholic School, Loxton captains, Tess Hansen and Reese Westbrook with Mr Howard Hendrick

Holy Week and Easter celebrated by St Joseph's School, Port Lincoln

At the end of Term 1, Primary students reflected on the events of Holy Week during reverent liturgies and prayer times. The Reception students and their Year 12 Buddies participated in their own special liturgy and shared hot cross buns afterwards, with a new understanding of the symbolism of the buns.

Year 12 student Jessie Ryan with Reception student, Mitch Davidson

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Father Patrick Leo Kelly, c 1902. Family archive

Father Patrick Kelly

Patrick Leo Kelly (1873-1943) was a robust man once hailed as 'the champion long distance traveller of the Commonwealth on Eyre Peninsula'. He was an amateur footballer, mathematician, surveyor and Priest.

Patrick was born at Mt Rufus, on the outskirts of the town of Mintaro in the Clare Valley of South Australia. Patrick completed his degree in Mathematics with Honors at the University of Adelaide. He taught at his alma mater for a year before joining the Government Survey Department, a position that no doubt prepared him for the rigours of travel.

For two years, when he wasn't playing football for Norwood, he was traversing the remote regions of South Australia. In 1894, his survey party had the distinction of fixing the point of the 'dig tree' associated with the Burke and Wills expedition of 1860-61. Patrick trained for the priesthood in Manly and was ordained in 1902. Barely a year later, he was posted to Port Lincoln to assist an elderly Danish priest, Father Jorgensen.

The Catholic priests sent to St Mary of the Angels church in Port Lincoln were responsible for what was then the largest and one of the most inaccessible parishes in the Commonwealth, some 55,000 square miles in extent. What would eventually become 35 years of extensive travel over Eyre Peninsula, initially commenced when Father Kelly took up a 'four-in-hand' buggy.

He journeyed as far as Eucla on the Western Australian border, a round trip of over 1931 kilometers that took him three months each year.

Fr Kelly and Fr Jorgensen in the four-in-hand buggy they both separately used to travel for 3 months of the year as far as Port Lincoln to Eucla, circa 1904. Family archive.

In 1912, he purchased one of the first cars on Eyre Peninsula, an Overland motorcar. His travelling efforts were much acclaimed in his own lifetime.

After more than three decades, Father Kelly was recalled to Adelaide. His farewell on the shore of Port Lincoln was unprecedented and replete with band, streamers and speeches. Within a year of his posting to Brighton, Father Kelly was made Archdeacon. He died in 1943 and although he was initially buried in West Terrace, his remains were moved to Port Lincoln.

Jodie Vandepeer, MA (Art History), 2019

Reflection Day "The Bountiful Father"

On Saturday 20th Oct.2018 a group of fourteen men assembled at Makowiecki's place Point Boston [20kms Nth of Pt. Lincoln] for a day of reflection on the theme of "The Bountiful Father", led by Fr. Khalid.

After a short period of intermingling Fr. told of some of his background in Iraq and his current ministry in the prisons. From his experience in this ministry he emphasised with examples that there is always hope.

This was followed by a reflection on the Gospel of "The Bountiful Father" more familiarly known as the Prodigal Son. After which the gathering divided into smaller groups of three or four to consider certain points of the parable.

Then some hymns were sung accompanied by guitarists from the group and then Mass which preceded a very adequate lunch.

After a period of free time during which most walked along the nearby beach, we reconvened to be led in the "Chaplet of Divine Mercy" by Brenton at three o'clock.

The theme for the final exercise for the day was joining together as individuals in a group. This was done by each individual adding his own filling to a pizza base, excellently prepared by Michael. After cooking and consumption we dispersed to our homes.

We are indebted to Michael for the venue, the musicians and Fr. Khalid for his leadership

John Mellor

Mothers celebrated at School Liturgy

St Barbara's mums at the Mothers' Day Liturgy.

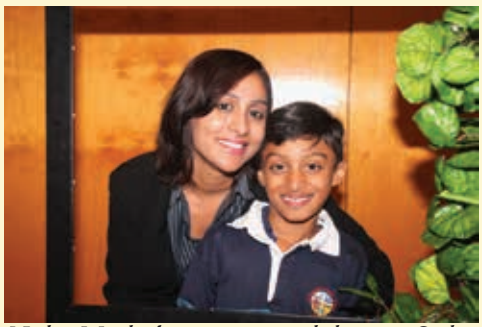
St Barbara's Parish School celebrated the wonderful mothers in their community ahead of Mothers' Day last week, with a touching liturgy on Friday, May 10.

Middle School teacher and Event Coordinator Chrissie Grocke said, "The Liturgical Celebration began with a candle lighting litany, followed by a beautiful song, and concluded with a blessing of all mothers present.

"There were very few dry eyes in the room when the whole school student body sang 'You're my Mum' by J Flores to their mothers. "Thank you to all who attended."

Mums, staff and children alike were treated with homemade scones, jam and cream – made especially for the event by students, and a warm cup of tea or coffee.

In the week leading up to Mothers' Day, students were also given the opportunity to pick up a bargain gift for Mum, at student-manned gift stalls that were open every day before school.



Nisha Muthukumurana with her son Seth

Anna O'Rourke with her daughters Maisie and Sunny Rose

Annual Gathering of Religious with Bishop Greg

Religious Women; Srs Elizabeth, Gail, Stancea & Anne, Philomena, Sr Margaret, Mary, Claire. Srs Patricia, Cheryle, Ruth, Nancy, Moreen, Helen, Kerry, Mary, Christine, Kaspar, Enid, Elizabeth, Bishop O'Kelly, Sr Delma.

On Monday 8th April all the Religious and from the Diocese gathered at the Chancery.

We were graced with the presence of Sr Margaret Cleary (Josephite Leader) Sr. Stancea (Leader of the Missionary Sisters of Service), Sr. Enid Wood O.P. (Vicar for Religious Adelaide Archdiocese), Sr Ruth Egar (Sisters of Mercy)

and Sr. Elizabeth Morris RSJ. Philomena Jeffrey (Oblate SGS) Mary Bartlett (Josephite Covenant) Claire Conaghty (Passionist) also joined us.

Sr. Kerry welcomed everyone, especially our visitors from Adelaide and our two new Sisters of St. Anne, Sisters Nancy and Elizabeth. Bishop Greg addressed us—thanking us and giving affirmation of our presence in the Diocese.

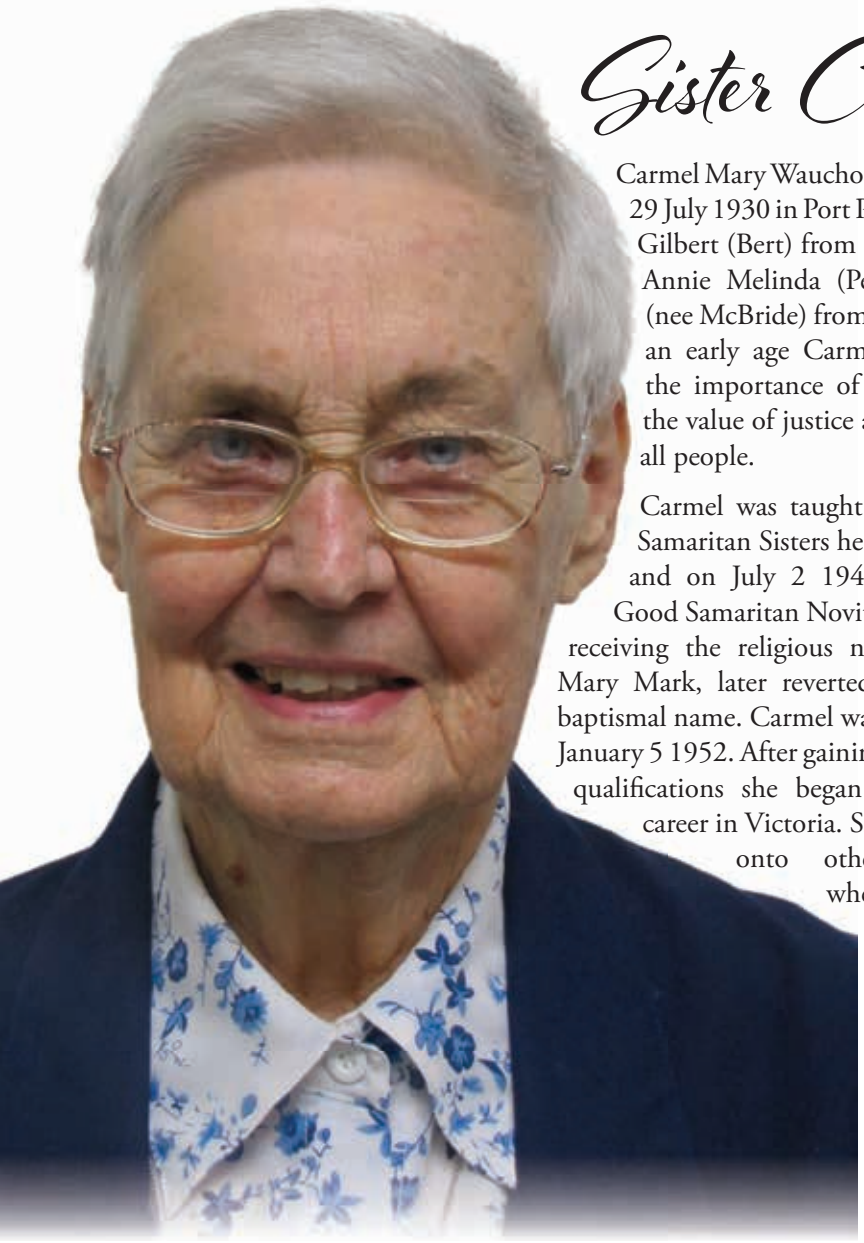
Sr. Stancea then shared with us very interesting information re the possibilities for the future of smaller Religious Congregations and the support that is being offered.

Bishop Greg celebrated Mass with us in the Cathedral before we moved to the Travelway Motel for Dinner.

Sr. Stancea Vichie MSS.

Sr. Patricia Hogan Our Lady Sacred Heart thanked Bishop Greg for his support and kindness to the Religious of the Diocese.

Sister Carmel Wauchope



Carmel Mary Wauchope was born on 29 July 1930 in Port Pirie to Andrew Gilbert (Bert) from Gladstone and Annie Melinda (Peg) Wauchope (nee McBride) from Eurelia. From an early age Carmel understood the importance of her faith and the value of justice and respect for all people.

Carmel was taught by the Good Samaritan Sisters here in Port Pirie and on July 2 1949 entered the Good Samaritan Novitiate in Sydney receiving the religious name of Sister Mary Mark, later reverted back to her baptismal name. Carmel was professed on January 5 1952. After gaining her teaching qualifications she began her teaching career in Victoria. She later moved onto other ministries where she was known and loved for her gracious hospitality, her beautiful smile and her readiness to welcome everyone as neighbor.

When Sr Carmel left Western Australia where she ministered to the people of the outback towns of Mt Magnet, Laverton, Leonora and Leinster, she moved back to Whyalla and became a regular visitor to refugees and asylum seekers at the Baxter Detention Centre. Robyn Hughan, a campaigner for human rights made a documentary on her work at Baxter called A Nun's New Habit – A Documentary of Love, Compassion and Refugees. In response to this film, the Melbourne "Age" published a double page tribute to Carmel listing the facts of this ministry and praised Carmel for her exceptional compassion and practical kindness.

Sr Carmel's rich prayer life was nourished by her awareness of God's presence in all creation, especially the unique beauty of the Australian outback. She loved the dry land of the mid-north. She loved the saltbush, the wildflowers and the golden crops.

I enjoyed Carmel's presence when I lived at Marian House in 2016 while doing my formation as a spiritual director. In May 2017 Carmel move to Southern Cross Care in Keon Park.

Sr Marie Oshea

Death of Bobby Brown

Bobby Brown and Fr. Paul Bourke after an epic Grand Final match in 1993.

"I thank my God each time I think of you and when I think of you, I pray with joy". Taken from St Paul in his Letter to the Philippians. Fr. Paul Bourke used these words when he shared a short reflection at the Funeral of Bobby Brown at the Anglican Catacomb Church in Coober Pedy on April 5th, which was conducted by Pastor Trevor Altman.

A Coober Pedy man for nearly all of his life, Bobby, a life-long teetotaler, died on the 14th of March after a long journey with Dialysis. He was an unassuming man with the deepest love of God and neighbor; something he lived without fear or favour in family life and celebrated in his practicing Christian Faith.

In late 1984 he invited Fr. Paul to join the Umoona Basketball team in Coober Pedy and the invitation lasted 9 years, with many epic battles played out on the town courts. Basketball in those days was a most popular night with so many of the Town turning out, especially the youth and families.

From that invitation a lasting friendship endured. Bobby's Faith in the Lord was who he was. His pride in who he was, radiated the gift of gifts to his family and all who knew him. There was never pretense, just sincerity and respect, with an infectious spirit of Joy and an embrace of all cultures.

In each of the Parishes Fr. Paul moved after Coober Pedy Bobby sought him out to call for a cuppa and chat. In latter years as his health declined Lois, his wife, would drop him off and Fr. Paul then take him home.

Leaders in our Diocese heard him share an on the Couch with Fr. Paul at the Annual Conference 4 years ago in Whyalla. The game was the beginning, but his earthed family life, his own personal tragedies, his turning to God and his obvious love of family were simply shared.

Bobby was buried in the Coober Pedy Boot Hill Cemetery, in the sandstone he knew so well and amid the community that he traversed with dignity and pride.

Fr Paul Bourke

Diocesan Connections

Michael Preece, Pastoral Assistant to Bishop Gregory O'Kelly spent a day recently with the Ministry Formation Program (MFP) Team in Adelaide.

The Team had attended the Port Pirie Diocesan Assembly in May and engaged with many people who were interested in formation for ministry. At the Assembly, Bishop Greg presented MFP Graduation Certificates and Dayton University Course Certificates to Julie Andriessen, Mary Bartlett and Claire Conaghty – all who have completed formation for ministry.

Michael and the Team discussed connecting and sharing for formation across our two Dioceses. The tyranny of distance was addressed and how we might overcome this by using IT wisely.

Resources were shared and the day was capped off by sharing a lovely meal together to forge relationships.

All in all it was a lovely day and we hope to repeat it before too long.

From left; Margaret Speechley, Michael Preece, Aldo Floriani, Suzanne Horan and Annette Heinemann.

Harley Davidson Ride for Vida and Ruth

Life at the Barunga Homes Aged care facility in Port Broughton, at least for 2 of the residents, 89 year old Ruth Hayes and 96 year old Vida Lodge won't quite be the same from now on. They recently had the thrill of their lives when Barunga Homes House Leader, Darren Robinson, took them for a ride around Port Broughton on the back of a Harley Davidson motorcycle. The two ladies had the times of their lives and Darren says you couldn't get the smiles off their faces, they had such a wonderful time.

The ride came about when Ruth was telling Darren how when she was younger she would ride on the back of her friend's beach racer when they went to Sellicks's Beach in Adelaide. In those days they used to race along the beach at great speed, in fact Ruth says she can't believe they used to do it but she did many times.

Darren asked if she would like to go for a ride around town on the back of a Harley and she responded with a resounding 'yes'. Vida, who is the next door neighbour to Ruth wasn't going to miss out either so on Wednesday the 7th of March, with the ladies in full motorcycle attire, Darren took the two ladies out on the Harley Davidson.

Living in Aged Care gets a lot of bad publicity at times. Aged care homes can often be a place of loneliness and boredom but that isn't the case at Barunga Homes. Up until recently, Darren was the Diversional therapist at the home, responsible for providing activities for the many residents who live there. Darren is now the House leader but he still gets to do a lot of the activities with the residents.

After being the Diversional Therapist for approx. 8 years, he and the other staff are well aware of how important it is to provide the residents with the opportunity to live their lives to the fullest. Sometimes it can be only the smallest of things or the unexpected surprise for the residents that make all the difference.

Darren says he loves having the chance along with his work colleagues to make all the difference, for the lives of the Barunga Homes residents.

Darren Robinson, Diversional Therapist Barunga Village

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Brinkworth Museum former Catholic Church

Memorial Stained Glass Windows of the Brinkworth Historical Reserve Museum formerly, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Church, Brinkworth are in memory of families associated with members of the congregation.

John, Deb and Damien Coffey.

On Sunday 5th May many locals and relations of families whose names are on the beautiful windows gathered for the launching of the book honouring these ancestors.

Monsignor Ray Pope, was invited to launch the book.

Fred Adams was instrumental in organising the day and the beautifully presented book.

Palms at inner entrance to Port Lincoln St Mary of the Angels Church.

Saint Leo Church at Tumby Bay went all out to celebrate Palm Sunday this year.

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Senior Sergeant Tristan GRAHAM (left) and Superintendent Damian POWELL (right), with Fr Francis on ANZAC day in Crystal Brook

Biggest Morning Tea

Top: Aileen McLaughlan raised over $500

Bottom: Door prize & raffle winners Geradline Dowler, Annette Spect, Theresa Martlew & Jan Stockdale.

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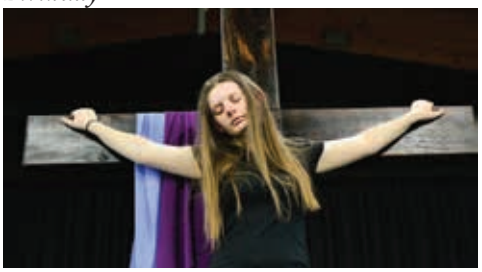
Bishop Greg wishing Alice Grieg Happy Birthday



Snowtown Fundraiser

Snowtown Parish Annual Card Day Fundraiser.

Combined Barmera Anniversary Celebrations.

On Sunday 16th June the St Francis Xavier community together with St Joseph's School in Barmera will celebrate a combined anniversary. The school is celebrating 65 years and the church 50 years.

Together the community will celebrate mass at St Francis Xavier's at 11am followed by a luncheon at St Joseph's School.

All past parishioners, staff and students are invited to join in our combined celebrations.

For more information, please contact Tricia Kingham 08 8588 6100.

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	6pm Vigil	8am	10am
1st/2nd June	Peterborough	Pekina	Booleroo
8th/9th June	Peterborough	Booleroo	Orroroo
15th/16th June	Peterborough	Wirrabara	Booleroo
22nd/23rd June	Peterborough	Orroroo	Laura
29th/30th June	Peterborough	Orroroo	Booleroo

Cleve Parish - Fr Leon Quinn PP

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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cleve	SAT	6.00pm				6.00pm
	SUN		9.00am*	11.00am	8.30am	
Wudinna	SAT		6.00pm			
	SUN	8.30am		9.00am*	11.00am	8.30am
Kimba	SAT			6.00pm		
	SUN	11.00am	8.30am		9.00am*	11.00am
Cowell	SAT				6.00pm	
	SUN	9.00am*	11.00am	8.30am		5.00pm

*Lithogy of the Word with Holy Communion

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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Coober Pedy	SAT	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm
	SUN	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	10.00am	11.00am

Cummins Parish - Fr Kevin Matthews PP | Phone 8676 2194

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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cummins	SUN	10.30am	8.00am	10.30am	8.00am	10.30am
Tumby Bay	SUN	8.00am	10.30am	8.00am	10.30am	5.00pm
Elliston	SUN	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	8.00am
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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Jamestown	SAT	7.00pm	7.00pm	7.00pm	7.00pm	7.00pm
	SUN	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
Burra	SUN	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Gladstone	SUN	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am	9.30am

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Kadina Parish - Fr Matthew Newman PP

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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Wallaroo	SAT	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
Moonta	SUN	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am
Kadina	SUN	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Port Broughton	SUN	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm

Port Augusta Parish - Fr Jim Monaghan PP

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Port Augusta	SAT	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm
	SUN	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Wilmington	SUN	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am

Port Lincoln Parish - Fr Ben Mkuchu PP

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Port Lincoln	SAT	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
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Coffin Bay	SUN	6.00pm				

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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Cathedral	SAT	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
	SUN	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Solomontown	SUN	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm	5.00pm
Crystal Brook	SUN	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am
Redhill	SUN	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am

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Summer	SAT	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm	6.30pm
Hawker	SUN	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Leigh Creek	SUN	5.00pm				

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Roxby Downs	SAT	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Streaky Bay	SUN	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am	11.00am
Ceduna	SUN	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm	6.00pm
Chandada	SUN	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am
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		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
St Teresa's	SAT	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm	6pm
	SUN	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am
Our Lady's	SUN	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
	SUN	5.30pm	5.30pm	5.30pm	5.30pm	5.30pm

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Berri	SAT		6.30pm		6.30pm	
	SUN	9.00am		9.00am		9.00am
Barmera	SUN	6.00pm	11.00am	6.00pm	11.00am	6.00pm
Waikerie	SAT		6.00pm		6.00pm	
	SUN	11.00am		11am		11am
Morgan	SAT	6.00pm		6.00pm		6.00pm
	SUN		9.00am		9.00am	
Loxton	Phone 8588 2452					
	SUN	11.00am	6.00pm	11.00am	6.00pm	11.00am
Renmark	Phone 8582 1894					
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