



Catholic Communities of:
St Matthew's, Bridgewater.
Our Lady of the Rosary, Stirling East
St Joseph the Worker, Lobethal.
St Matthew's, Birdwood.
St Catherine's Catholic School, Stirling.

11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

13th/14th JUNE 2026

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SUNDAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus sees the "troubled and abandoned" crowds and he has a concern. He must have help to address their needs, So he calls together the Twelve – his first official disciples. He shares his vision with them; he invites them to see what he sees. They accept his invitation to follow him and to see with his eyes. Jesus brings this unlikely group together; he and his vision are the binding elements that keep them from fragmenting. Little by little he helps them look out at the world around them – with his eyes. He knows who they are; how different they are. And even though he is not finished with them yet; even though they may feel inadequate to the task, without degrees in Philosophy and Theology, not religious experts – he sends them out. They have been learning to see with his eyes and to notice and tend to those who are sick, those considered unclean, the lepers of society; the dead in body or spirit; those possessed of other spirits, who are "not themselves," because they are crazed and distracted. Those Jesus sends are to invite the very ones Jesus would have invited, so that they too will learn and receive what the disciples learned and received from Jesus.

Many of us here in church today probably aren't part of the same social circles. We certainly aren't all family members. Probably there are some here we'd wish would just go to another church! We are here, not because we are naturally drawn to each other, but because we were baptized. The same water was poured over us and the same words said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We have been called out, named the way the Twelve are named for us today. And like them, we too are sent. We are like that woman who works for the homeless. As she said, "Each of us has to look around us." In some way, where we live, work, recreate and go to school, we are called to see with Jesus' eyes, and act accordingly.

No one can tell us exactly where and when we are to respond to Jesus' call. We will just have to look out and see and hear the way Jesus did. And through our baptism, that is what we are being prompted and empowered to do. Today we pray for each of us: "Help us see what you want of us, help us not settle on being just occasional Christians, but "full time Christians." Give us sensitive sight, your eyes, for the world. We pray too for those recently baptized, that our example will help them have vision and sensitivity to those who need them."

JESUS COMPASSIONATE SHEPHERD



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Matthew's Birdwood

8.30 am: 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

St Joseph's Lobethal

8.30 am: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays of the month

St Matthew's Bridgewater

6pm Saturday Evenings

10.30 am Sunday

Our Lady of the Rosary East Stirling

5.30 pm Sunday

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS ...

For those recovering from surgery, illness and the sick: Margaret Carroll, Betty White, Anne MacDonald, June Harvey, Jeff Oliver, Mirla Mills, Judy McPhee, Krystina Rowland, Carolyn Whitfield, Margaret Surguy, Damon Currow, Frank Berra.

June Anniversaries:

Phyllis Richards, Gene Dearman, Peter Begg, Gordon Surguy, Jack & Christine Mundy, Kingsley & Trixie Moyle, Anton Meyer, Isabel Scougall, Anya Siebert, Hanafin Families, Pam Thompson, Theresa Moyle, Jim O'Dea, Greg Golding, Maria Feijen, Heather Dimas, Robin Harrison, Brian Medhurst, John Mott, Frank D'Angelo, Valentina Sobolewski.

Recently deceased: Jim Rooney

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK

Monday 15th	OLOR	9.00a.m.
Tuesday 16th	Liturgy at St Catherine's	9.00a.m.
	Rosary at OLOR	4.00p.m.
Wednesday 17th	BIRDWOOD	9.00a.m.
Friday 19th	BRIDGEWATER	11.00a.m.
Saturday 20th	Reconciliation	12.00p.m.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES JUNE

Wednesday 17th	Parish Pastoral Council	6.00p.m.
Sunday 21st	Souper Sunday	
Friday 26th	Confirmation	7.00p.m.
Monday 29th	Feast of St Peter and St Paul	
Tuesday 30th	Liturgy Group	11.00a.m.
	Social Justice group	5.00p.m.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For what we have just received
Your son Jesus said:

“The harvest indeed is great,
but the laborers are few”,

We pray for more vocations
Especially for priesthood
and religious life.

May they be the salt of the earth
And light of the world

Mary, “God’s chosen one”,
Mother and guardian of vocations,
pray with us,

pray for us,
and for all those called by God.
Amen.

CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION

I wish to thank the OLOR community especially Paul Anderson and Deb Somers for hosting the Eucharistic Adoration last Friday in preparation for the feast of Corpus Christi. Thanks for the encouragement for those who attended Mass, spent time in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and for Benediction.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

NORTHERN End	BIRDWOOD Sunday 21st June 8.30a.m	LOBETHAL Sunday 28th June 8.30a.m
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Welcoming	Mary Nyeboeur	Gayle Raven
1st Reader	Simon Murphy	Simon Murphy
2nd Reader	Margaret S	Michelle Chua
Euch. Minister	Eric Toome	Eric Toome
Cleaning	Mary & Michael	Connie Golding

BRIDGEWATER	Saturday 20th June 6.00pm	Sunday 21st June 10.30am
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Sacristan	Mark McGeough	Di Godling
Welcoming	Kathy Lloyd	Gina Kelly
Reader 1	Mark McGeough	Nathan Sachse
Reader 2	Alan Miller	Paul Somers
Euch.Ministers	Kathy Lloyd	Deb Stapleton

Colleen Sim	Karen Dutton	Folk Group
Musicians	Damien Mansfield	Orma Paine
Counters	Mary Feijen & Karen Dutton	Orrma Paine
Our Lady	Orma Paine	Rhiannon Dimasi & Dan DeFazio
Cleaning	Rhiannon Dimasi & Dan DeFazio	Jane McCaffrey
Flowers	Jane McCaffrey	Volunteers please
Tea & Coffee	Volunteers please	Volunteers please

OLOR	Sunday 21st June 5.30pm	Sunday 28th June 5.30p.m
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Welcoming	Sue Manchip	Rosie Jones
Cleaning	R. Baulderstone	R. Baulderstone

We recommend that volunteers who cannot commit to their ministry, are asked to find someone else or send an SMS to Fr Fred or Cathy. Thanks

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

This year, World Refugee Day which falls on every 20th June, focuses on the right to seek safety as a common safeguard for all of us. The right to seek safety was made for you and me. 75 years ago, after the Second World War, the world made a promise: people forced to flee have the right to seek safety and protection. It was never meant for a few. It was meant for all of us. No one is safe until the most vulnerable among us are. When people are forced to flee their homes, we all have a role to play. Ensuring protection for refugees strengthens communities, promotes stability, and saves lives. This World Refugee Day, help keep the promise of safety alive. Stand with refugees. Until everyone is safe, we show up. Until everyone is safe, the work is not done.

THE BRIDGE

The latest edition of The Bridge is out. Please take your copy from the back of the church. Please support those businesses who support through their adverts our parish magazine.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

There are still some copies of the June edition of The Southern Cross. Each copy costs \$2 and for each copy sold the parish gets \$1 back.

ORDINARY TIME

Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character, 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. **Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects.** This period is known as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time begins on Monday after the Sunday following January 6 and continues until Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, inclusive. It begins again on Monday after Pentecost and ends before evening prayer I of the First Sunday of Advent." Green is used during the liturgical season called Ordinary Time and symbolizes this hope and life

SOCIAL JUSTICE—SOUPER SUNDAY

The Social Justice team will again hold "Super Sunday" on the weekend of 20 and 21 June. Soup will be frozen in 500 ml containers at \$8 each. There are limited numbers of each available so if you wish to pre order, forms are available in each of the Mass centres or email Cathie Oswald.

VACANT POSITION

We are looking for a new secretary for our parish. The successful applicant must be well motivated to work for the Church and ideally possess a strong commitment to its practices and values. He/she must be able to recognise and respect the pastoral aspect of the Parish and this position, and an understanding of liturgy/sacraments would be highly advantageous. This role is required to work 6 hours per week (days flexible). The successful applicant will work with the Parish Priest and volunteers. Terms and conditions are governed by the Archdiocese of Adelaide

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 26th June at St Matthew's Bridgewater. Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General will administer the Sacrament to 13 children. Lets keep them all in our prayers.

FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

On Monday June 29th, the Church will celebrate the martyrdoms of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles and martyrs. While there are no explicit testaments to the deaths of St. Peter or St. Paul in Scripture, and though they were not martyred at the same time, tradition has placed the commemoration of their deaths together, as a result of the Neronian persecution of Christians in 64 A.D. Placing the commemoration on June 29th was likely a reference to an event in 258 A.D. when the remains of the martyrs were moved from their resting places to avoid desecration during persecutions ordered by Valerian. Mass will be celebrated on the day at the OLOR church at 9.00.a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC 28

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. For more information and regular updates, you can register on the website: <https://eucharist28.org/>

MONDAY MORNING MASS

A kindly reminder that every Monday morning there is Mass at the OLOR Church at 9.00a.m. We wish to thank the OLOR community who organize Mass in our lovely church. We take this opportunity to remind you also that we can attend Mass or Liturgy at the school on Tuesday at 9.00a.m.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRENS STRAIT WEEK

On Sunday 5th July we celebrate Aboriginal and Torrens Strait Islanders Sunday. This year invites us into reflection. We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together. At times, it is important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognise the path that has been travelled — to see the strength, the challenges, and the grace that have carried us forward. In this, we trust in God's providence, present in every step of our journey. Our theme, Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!, speaks to this moment. It calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope - listening deeply, and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit.

EMBRACE LIFE

The Hon Sarah Game has introduced a Private Members Bill into the new Legislative Council. This amended bill will restrict abortion from 24 weeks and six days. The only exception is to save the life of the mother. As you would know, the current legislation allows, in some circumstances, abortion up until birth. The majority of abortions occurring in SA are not late term, however, human lives will be saved with the passing of this legislation. Please contact personally, by phone, email or letter, the members of the Legislative Council who will be voting and ask them to support the Bill and offer your prayers and support for them. Follow the link for their details:

<https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Legislative-Council/Members>

Feel free to contact the Justice, Healing and Inclusion team at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au if you have any questions.

CWL STIRLING MEETING

Next meeting is on Wednesday 17th June at the OLAH Parish Hall - 12.30p.m. with sandwich for 1.00pm start - Look forward to welcoming Members and Lady Parishioners - Afternoon Tea provided. Further details phone Pam Broadbridge 8339 5013.

Weekly Income

6th/7th June 2026

THANK YOU

First Collection: \$760.55
Planned Giving Received: \$2160.00
Loose Plate: \$226.00

If you would like to donate by Direct Debit use the parish bank account details below:

BSB: 066-782 Account: 10000277
Account Name CCES ADEL HILLS
Refer payment as "donation"

First reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

**The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm:

**R. We are his people:
the sheep of his flock**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

R.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

R.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

R.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

**The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



The FIFA World Cup begins on Thursday in Mexico (Friday morning in Australia). The 11 June to 19 July international tournament will be hosted by 16 cities across three countries – the US, Mexico and Canada. In the light of such a popular worldwide event, it is appropriate that Pope Leo's prayer intention for the month of June is 'For the values of sports'. Pope Leo asks us to pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

1st Reading	Jeremiah 20:10-13
2nd Reading	Romans 5:12-15
Gospel	Mt 10:26-33