



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

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

15th/16th November 2025

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SUNDAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

Lord knows we have a lot to be discouraged about these days. Believers in Jesus' church community can ask serious and disturbing questions as we struggle to set the world and even our own church aright. How long must we keep at it? Why aren't things getting better? Will we have to wait till the end of the world to finally see vindication of justice? Will we ever see things right in our own life times? We can't answer these questions. What the believer must do is continue at whatever task is at hand, knowing whatever is left undone on our part, will not be left undone permanently. Things will be set right, Malachi tells us; God's ways will prevail and be triumphant. Meanwhile, we continue to do our best to counter terror with courage; to work for peace even now at a time of war and a threat of war; to trust in God when so many good people have suffered and died. God is not asleep, nor indifferent to our world. Things are not right within our temple and without. But they are not hidden from God, even if God seems to be delaying in rescuing us. Malachi is a reassurance to the believer that injustice will not prevail, for God's day is coming when justice will, after all, be the victor. What are we to do with Malachi and Jesus' somber predictions, that the current order will be dismantled and a new one established in which God is supreme and good prevails? The predictions are not meant to frighten the God-fearing, but are a wake up call, a reminder to review our priorities and tend to what is permanent. We don't have to be prominent evildoers to take these predictions seriously. We can be lulled into the routine of our daily life that requires lots of attention. We may lose our perspective and live as if all that matters is what is before our face, whatever requires attention now. Some may even lose sight of God while focusing on self interest, as if that were all that mattered. But Malachi is a helpful warning that stubble will be burnt away. For those who have feared God, kept faith and even endured hardship, Malachi brings good news for the "sun of justice" will arise "with its healing rays." If one sees Jesus as this just "sun/Son" then his rays will bring renewal of heart, spirit and mind.

THE END OF TIME



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, Gabrielle Morgan, Mirla Mills, Judith McPhee, Krystina Rowland, Carolyn Whitfield.

November Anniversaries: Thelma Smerdon, Fr Brian Schmidt, Stella Dacko, Frank Clements, Stephen Man-na Susanne Movat, Daniel Clements, Tony Nicolas, Mario Della Torre, Colin Sutton.

Recently deceased: Armando Puccetti

WEEKDAYS MASSES

Monday 17th	OLOR	9.00a.m.
Tuesday 18th	Mass at St Catherine's	9.00a.m.
	Rosary at the OLOR	4.00p.m.
Wednesday 19th	BIRDWOOD	9.00a.m.
Friday 21th	BRIDGEWATER	11.00a.m.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES Nov/Dec

Sunday 16th	Bridgewater Meeting	12.00p.m.
Wednesday 19th	Parish Pastoral Council	6.00p.m.
Sunday 23rd	Feast of Christ the King	
	Advent Retreat	12.00p.m.
Tuesday 25th	Parish School Meeting	9.00a.m.
	Liturgy meeting	11.00a.m.
	OLOR Community meeting	6.00p.m.
Friday 28th	Mass 3rd/4th Yr St Catherine	9.00a.m.
	Memorial Mass	6.30p.m.
Sunday 30th	Beginning of Advent	
Wednesday 3rd	Northern End meeting	9.45a.m.
Friday 5th DEC	First Friday of the month	
Saturday 6th	Baptism Afternoon tea	2.00p.m.
Sunday 7th	Second Sunday of Advent	
Monday 8th	Feast Immaculate Conception	
Wednesday 10th	Graduation Mass St Catherine	10.15a.m.
Thursday 11th	Parish Finance Council	4.00p.m.
Friday 12	Advent Penitential Rite	6.30p.m.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Father, of the Universe,
you have entrusted this planet to us.
Now let us use all the talents
you have given us to bring it to its fullness.
No shirking. No burying the talents.
Let each and every one of us
do our part to hear the cries
of all who are in need.
Let us bring them healing,
and sow beauty in all creation,
and so share in your joy.
Amen.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

NORTHERN End	LOBETHAL Sunday 23rd Nov 8.30a.m	Lobethal Sunday 30th Nov 8.30am
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Welcome	Gayle Raven	Gayle Raven
1st Reader	Margaret S	Simon Murphy
2nd Reader	Joan Murdoch	Simon Cox
Euch. Minister	Eric Toome	Margaret S
Cleaning	Henny Murphy	Henny Murphy

BRIDGEWATER	Sat 22nd Nov 6.00 pm	Sun 23rd Nov 10.30am
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Sacristan	Mark McGeough	John Leeton
Welcoming	Lyn Norris	Di Golding
Reader 1	Joan Davey	Paul Somers
Reader 2	Mary Homann	Paul Robinson
Euch. Minister	Deb Stapleton	Pam Broadbridge
Musicians	PowerPoint	Folk Group
Counters	Janet Harrison & Connie Golding	
Cleaning	Sue Arthuron & Karen Heusler	
Our Lady	Di Golding	Di Golding
Flowers	Gina Kelly	Gina Kelly
Tea & Coffee		

OLOR	Sunday 23rd Nov 5.30pm	Sunday 30th Nov 5.30pm
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Sacristan	Paul Anderson	Paul Anderson
Welcoming	Annette Lamont	John Rodella

WHAT IS A JESSE TREE?

A Jesse Tree is a symbol of the prophecy in the Old Testament about the foretelling of Christ, the Saviour as a descendant of King David, son of Jesse. In the modern world it is used during Advent as a reminder of the coming of Jesus at Christmas and hence of our commitment to care for those in need. As a parish, we are using the Jesse/Christmas tree to collect Christmas gifts for children in need. On the tree you will see tags with the age and gender of a child from a family we are helping this Christmas. Please take a gift tag and buy a Christmas gift for the child on the tag, bring the gift and tag back to church unwrapped, on or before Sunday 14 December so Vinnies can give it to a family with their Christmas hamper. Thank you.

MEMORIAL MASS

As November is traditionally the month of remembrance within the Catholic Church we are given the opportunity to reflect on and pray for those who are no longer with us especially those who died during this year— **Lorenzo Favretto, Susan Mclean, John Mott, Helen Healy and Neil Osborne**. The Memorial Mass will be held on Friday 28th November at 6.30pm. at Bridgewater. Forms of attendance are available at the back of the church. It's important that filling the form means that a member of the family will be attending.

CWL STIRLING MEETING

Next meeting for Wednesday 19th November, 2025 at the OLAH Parish Hall - 12.30pm with a sandwich ready for a 1pm start - We look forward to Welcoming Lady Parishioners - Afternoon Tea provided.
Pam Broadbridge 08 8339 5013

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING & ADVENT RETREAT

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King which is the last Sunday before Advent, also known as the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This year the Advent retreat will be held on this Sunday. The idea is that parishioners will still not be involved in Christmas celebrations and a good beginning preparation for Advent. The retreat will commence after the 10.30a.m. Mass at Bridgewater and will end by 2.15p.m. if one intends to come please put your name in the list provided at the back of the

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends for:

Lew Brickhill, Rita & Frances Gourley, Charles, Agnes, Norman & Veronica Davey, Bill & Margaret Guthrie, Terry, Eileen, Ann & Cyril Deed, Duszynski & Naraniecki families, Valentina & Zenon Sobecki, Maria & Adam Jezioranski, Malcolm Golding, Shirley Forster, Neil Osborne, John, David & Selena Murphy, Stephanus & Bernarda Bennink, Guilia, Paul & Lino Farrugia, Puntoriero & Thompson Families, Ermino & Maria Tarca and Families, John Ritzi, Linda Radic, Tommy Moore, Catherine & Patrick Rooney, Eilish & Louis Donachy, John Crosby, Kerry-Anne Leewton, Troy Broadbridge, Janis Evans, Susan McLeans, Christine Evans, Ralph, Sylu & John Papandrea, Kath & Dan Nichols, Tony Clifford, Catherine & Alec Raven, Dorothy & John McKeown, Gay & Arthur Morris, Mary & Hubert Biggs, Brian Mackenzie, Brian Sachse, Claire O'Connor, Michael Grohs, Karmenu Farrugia, Olga, Karmenu & Carmelo Schembri, Jane Harrison, Kath & George White, Rosemary Hood, Audine & Julian Andrews, Neil Faggotter, Roos & Alma Anderson, Paul Millhouse, Sue Crabb, Ralf Lightfoot, Ruth & Les Howe, Glenda Le Gallant, Francis & Patrick O'Flynn, Paul Waul, the Preece family, Bill & Neil Guthrie, Greg & Elizabeth Rohan, Noel Dermody, Eva Burton, Brian Pyn, Margaret Pyne, Dr Remington Pyne, John & Joan Evans, John & Beverley Twelftree. Departed members of Huffman and family.

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant to the souls of the faithful departed, the full remission of their sins. Be mindful, most merciful Saviour, of that Soul in Purgatory who was most devoted to Thee in the Holy Eucharist. Shorten the moment of his deliverance, that he may glorify Thee, and aid me in my journey toward eternity. Amen

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All volunteers now will be asked to undertake the "Safeguarding Essentials" course, on-line. Once completed you will be e-mailed a certificate to show you have successfully completed the course. To help, a PowerPoint will be shown before the weekend Masses of November 22nd & 23rd. Following on from this instructions will be sent out to all on how to access the online training course. For those who are unable to access a computer, the parish will arrange for a session in the Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills hall at Bridgewater and the Mary O'Dea centre in Birdwood.

SOUTHERN CROSS & THE BRIDGE

Please take a copy of the Southern Cross of this month. Each copy costs \$2 and \$1 goes to the parish. There is also the November edition of The Bridge. Please see that you have been given a copy or pick form the back of the church.

BAPTISM AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 6th December at 2.00p.m. The Parish invites all families who have had their children baptised in the Adelaide Hills Parish to attend a Get Together/Christmas Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall. St Nicholas will make an appearance during the afternoon with special treats for the children. For catering purposes please RSVP indicating numbers of adults and children to Cathie Oswald before Wednesday 3rd December to:

catherine@adelaidehillsparish.com.au

STIRLING CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

After the success of last year, the parish is once again participating in the Stirling Christmas Pageant. Our parish is holding a bacon and egg sandwich stall on Sunday 7th December from 11.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. We are asking for volunteers who can help in the catering. Please speak to or contact John Leeton on 0419 2543 814 or john.leeton2@bigpond.com"

ON FERTILE SOIL

This is the title of the book On Fertile soil—a history of the Catholic Church in the Stirling District written by the late Elisabeth Anderson. We have left two copies in the parish archives but the extra copies have been in storage for a long time and it will be a pity if we have to shred the books. We decided to put out the books for anyone who is interested in the history of our parish up till 1980s. Copies are in the back of the church and you are free to take a copy.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Sadly, we have recently lost many of our volunteers for the various ministries. If you would like to be involved in the Parish, particularly in Bridgewater, please contact Cathie or Fr Fred to discuss the many opportunities which exist. Needed:

- readers at both the Vigil and at 10.30 am Mass
- sacristans and welcomers at 10.30 am Mass.
- musicians at both the Vigil and 10.30 am Mass
- cleaners and counters who work in pairs.
- preparation of tea and coffee after Mass on the third Sunday of each month.

ROSARY GROUP

The rosary group meets every Tuesday at the OLOR church at 4.00p.m. and recite the rosary. Please come and join us and be part of this group.

Weekly Income 8th/9th November 2025 THANK YOU

First Collection:	\$477.15
Planned Giving Received:	\$2303.00
Loose Plate:	\$126.85

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

BSB: 066-782 Account: 100000277
Account Name Adelaide Hills Parish
Refer payment as "donation"

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A Reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.

R.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord.

R.

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the people with fairness.

R

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
Our Lord JESUS CHRIST,
KING of the UNIVERSE

1st Reading	2 Sam 5:1-3
2nd Reading	Col 1:12-20
Gospel	Lk 23:35-43