



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

ALL SOUL'S DAY YEAR C

1st/2nd November 2025

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SUNDAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

Many people prefer small gatherings, where they can think, breathe, and simply be. Big crowds can feel overwhelming, too noisy, too busy, too much. Yet today's feast is precisely about the opposite: it celebrates the great multitude of people who now share God's glory. The Book of Revelation describes them beautifully as "a great crowd, impossible to count, from every nation, race, tribe, and language." Today is not the feast of a few chosen saints which we celebrate individually throughout the liturgical year, but today is the celebration of all the saints: known and unknown, celebrated and forgotten, canonised and hidden.

It is a day to honour the quiet holiness that has lived in countless lives: mothers, teachers, neighbours, friends, whose faith and goodness are known fully only to God. We may even have known such people ourselves: those whose kindness left a lasting mark, whose example drew us closer to God. In their simplicity and faithfulness, we catch a glimpse of true sainthood... and realise that we too are called to lead good lives and try to become saints.

Not easy though. We live in a world that often pays more attention to villains than to saints. The headlines favour scandal over sanctity, and it is easy to believe that goodness is rare. But today reminds us that there are far more saints than sinners, a vast cloud of witnesses surrounding us with encouragement and prayer in the heavens and here on earth. They prove that holiness is possible in every age and circumstance. The Gospel of this feast are the Beatitudes which invite us to the heights of holiness. They are not for the faint of heart or for those living a lukewarm spiritual life. These Beatitudes present us with the pinnacle of holy living and challenge us to the core. But every effort put into living these Beatitudes are worth it here on earth and ultimately in Heaven. Let's look briefly at two of these Beatitudes.

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

ALL SOULS DAY



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: Bishop Patrick Power, Mons Robert Rice.

WEEKDAYS MASSES

Monday 3rd	OLOR	9.00a.m.
Tuesday 4th	Liturgy at St Catherine's	9.00a.m.
	Rosary at the OLOR	4.00p.m.
Wednesday 9th	BIRDWOOD	9.00a.m.
Friday 7th	BRIDGEWATER	11.00a.m.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES Nov

Tuesday 4th	Melbourne Cup Lunch	12.00p.m.
Friday 7th	First Friday of the month	11.00a.m.
Thursday 13th	Parish Finance Council	4.00p.m.
Sunday 16th	Bridgewater community 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 Team Meeting	9.00a.m.
	Liturgy meeting	11.00a.m.
Friday 28th	Mass 3rd/4th Yr St Catherine	9.00a.m.
	Memorial Mass	6.30p.m.
Saturday 29th	Baptism Afternoon Team	2.00p.m.
Sunday 30th	Beginning of Advent	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Dear God of Mercy, we pray this day for all souls, both known and unknown to us, who, although touched by death, have not yet entered Your Heavenly Kingdom.

In our love for them, we offer our prayers, our small works of mercy in the hope that Your mercy will flow to them and bring them to eternal peace with You.

May they intercede for us, who continue on life's journey, for the graces we may need to live out our life on earth in perfection and obedience and love of You, our Father, so that we, too, may join with them in everlasting life with You in Heaven. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

NORTHERN End	LOBETHAL Sunday 9th Nov 8.30a.m	BIRDWOOD Sunday 16th Nov 8.30am
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Welcome	Gayle Raven	Mary Nyeboeur
1st Reader	Anne Moore	Gayle Raven
2nd Reader	Eric Toome	Simon Murphy
Euch. Minister	Janet Harrison	Margaret S
Cleaning	Henny Murphy	Carmel Fairbairn

BRIDGEWATER	Sat 8th Nov 6.00 pm	Sun 9th Nov 10.30am
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Sacristan	Kathy Lloyd	Gina Kelly
Welcoming	Ann Teteris	Pam Broadbridge
Reader 1	Alan Miller	Christian D
Reader 2	Joan Davey	Paul Somers
Euch. Minister	Kathy Lloyd	Gina Kelly
Musicians	Powerpoint	Damien M
Counters	Bill Robertson & Alan Miller	
Cleaning	Alan Miller & Ann Teteris	
Our Lady	Di Golding	Di Golding
Flowers	Gina Kelly	Gina Kelly
Tea & Coffee	Paris Huffman & group.	

OLOR	Sunday 9th Nov 5.30pm	Sunday 16th Nov 5.30pm
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Sacristan	Paul Anderson	Paul Anderson
Welcoming	Kathy Decoster	Rosy Jones

VINNIES NEEDS YOU

Dan De Fazio, our current Stirling Conference President, is resigning from the role soon, and we are therefore looking for a new President. Dan has been our President since August 2022 and has decided to resign from his role for personal reasons. This creates the opportunity for someone different to bring their skills and attributes to continue doing 'Good Works' in our community. You will be supported by an experienced and knowledgeable Conference Team, including our current President, who will provide the successful candidate with an effective handover to ensure a smooth transition. The primary function of our Stirling Conference is to provide support to those in need within our Adelaide Hills Catholic Parish Area. Please call or email Dan De Fazio for a Role Description.

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ROSARY

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. We offer the Rosary especially for the sick of our parish.

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. 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 one will be attending.

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 Ritz, 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 Pappandrea, Kath & Dan Nichols, Tony Clifford, Catherine & Elec Raven, Dorothy & John McKeown, Gay & Arthur Morris, Mary & Hubert Biggs, 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.

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 Church employees, Clergy and Religious Persons and volunteers are required to complete a new suite of mandatory safeguarding training modules. These courses are designed to deepen our understanding, strengthen our practices, and ensure that safeguarding is embedded in every aspect of our ministry and service. All volunteers 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 15th and 16th. 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.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

The Social Justice team invites you to join them to celebrate the running of the 2025 Melbourne Cup. Join us at 12.30 pm Tuesday 4 November in Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills Hall. Each ticket cost \$25. Gentlemen very welcome. Invite a friend. Please put your name on the booking sheet at the back of the church or email Cathie: catherine@adelaidehillsparish.com.au

SOUTHERN CROSS

Please take a copy of the Southern Cross of this month. Each copy costs \$2 and \$1 goes to the parish.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

Application forms for the sacramental program for 2026 can be picked up either from the school or parish office. Those who apply want to do the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. **Children doing the sacraments need to be from Year 4 upwards next year.** The program will commence with an introduction meeting in mid-February 2026.

FIRST COLLECTION

The First Collection at weekend Masses is the main means of financially supporting our Clergy, including Deacons and Retired Priests, through the Diocesan Presbytery Fund. The Fund covers the ever-increasing cost of stipends, medical benefits, motor vehicles, and ongoing formation. Currently, income from the Fund is covering about 70% of costs. Addressing this shortfall is crucial to ensuring we can continue to care for the evolving needs of our Archdiocesan Clergy. On the weekend 8/9th November you will be given to take home a fridge magnet that outlines how you can contribute - either through the First Collection at Mass or via the 'Good Giving' app and website.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

On the 23rd of November 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.

BAPTISM AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 29th NOVEMBER 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 26 November to catherine@adelaidehillscatholicparish.com

FIRST FRIDAY

In many Catholic communities the practice of the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the First Fridays is encouraged. Mass at St Matthew's Bridgewater on Friday 7th November at 11.00a.m. followed by 20 mins of silent adoration and benediction. Every-one afterwards is invited to attend light lunch.

**Weekly Income 25/26th October 2025
THANK YOU**

First Collection:	\$431.40
Planned Giving Received:	\$2090.00
Loose Plate:	\$158.60

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"

First Reading from the Profit Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

R.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

R.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the
Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, Let your heart take
courage; wait for the Lord!

R.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. But however great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater; and so, just as sin reigned wherever there was death, so grace will reign to bring eternal life, thanks to the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the first-born of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Amen.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



All Souls Day invites us to express our hope for a more just and peaceful and life-affirming world. From that perspective it is appropriate that it is the same day as the World Day to End Impunity for the Killing of Journalists.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN
BASILICA

1st Reading
2nd Reading
Gospel

Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22