

LENTEN PROGRAM 2026



“As the Father sent me, so I am sending you”

ARCHDIOCESE SYNOD 2026

Lent is a season of renewal as we prepare for the great feast of Easter. As we prepare for the 2026 Archdiocese Synod, we are invited to listen to the word of God and to one another. The Lenten Season offers us time and space for shared reflection.

ADELAIDE HILLS CATHOLIC PARISH

**ST MATTHEW'S BRIDGEWATER, OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY STIRLING EAST,
ST JOSEPH THE WORKER LOBETHAL, ST MATTHEW'S BIRDWOOD.**

Ash Wednesday 18th February

9.00a.m. St Matthew's Church Birdwood

10.30a.m Liturgy at St Catherine's school

11.30p.m. Mass St Catherine's School

6.00p.m. St Matthew's Church Bridgewater

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at St Matthew's Bridgewater at 11.00 a.m. followed by Mass.

Dialogue Week

Wednesday 25th February at 6.00p.m. at the OLAH Parish hall

This is a chance for you to have a voice in the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. It's an invitation to have a conversation with someone else about the things that are important to you, and to share them with the Archbishop and the Synod members.

Lenten Prayers/adoration

On Wednesday (25th of February 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March) at Mary O'Dea Community Centre after 9.00a.m. Mass.

Lenten Retreat

Sunday 8th March at Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills Hall, Bridgewater, starting at 12.15p.m. to finish at 2.00p.m.

Blessing of the New Way of the Cross.

Friday 13th March - Blessing of the new Way of the Cross donated to the Birdwood Church by Leon and Leonie Holmes at 6.00p.m.

Feast of St Joseph

Thursday 19th March—Mass 6.30p.m. at the OLOR.

Penitential Rite

Friday 20th March - Penitential Rite, with the children who be doing the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Matthew's Church, Bridgewater at 6.00p.m.

Feast of the Annunciation

Wednesday 25th March—Mass at 6.30p.m. at the OLOR.

The way to the Cross to the OLOR Church.

Friday 27th March

Details will be given later,

MISSION LENTEN WEEK

Monday 23rd to Thursday 26th March

Each day there will be a Lenten reflection on the themes of the Synod with Mass at the OLOR church at 6.30p.m.

Friday 27th March - Way of the Cross to the OLOR church at 6.00p.m.

The Passion of Jesus Christ

Tuesday 31st March —The Passion of Jesus through scripture and hymns with the Adoration of the Cross at Our Lady of the Rosary, Stirling East at 7.00p.m.



Sunday 29th March = Palm Sunday

8.30a.m. St Matthew's Church, Lobethal

10.30a.m. St Matthew's Church, Bridgewater

5.30p.m. OLOR, Stirling East.

Monday 30th March =

Mass of the Oils, Cathedral at 6.00p.m.

Thursday 2nd April = Holy Thursday

6.30p.m. St Matthew's Church Birdwood

7.30p.m. St Matthew's Church Bridgewater.

Friday 3rd April = Good Friday

11.00a.m. Stations of the Cross at OLOR Church, Stirling East.

11.00a.m. Stations of the cross at St Joseph the Worker, Lobethal

Liturgy of Good Friday at St Matthew's Church, Bridgewater 3.00p.m.

Liturgy of Good Friday at St Joseph's Church Lobethal 5.00p.m.

Saturday 4th April = Easter Vigil

7.30p.m. St Matthew's Church Bridgewater

Sunday 5th April = Easter

8.30a.m. St Matthew's Church, Birdwood

10.30a.m. St Matthew's Church, Bridgewater.

N.B. There will be no evening mass at Our Lady of the Rosary at Stirling.

SYNOD *prayer*

God of the Journey,
Our companion and our guide.
You call us to be a pilgrim people,
Who listen, discern, and walk together on the way,
Sharing in the life and mission of your Son, Jesus.
Bless our local Church, the Archdiocese of Adelaide,
As we prepare for our Synod.
Make us ready for the work at hand.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our hearts,
that we may be filled with compassion, courage and love.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our minds,
that we may receive your wisdom, dream new dreams, and be open to new
ideas.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our eyes,
that we may see you in one another, perceive the need of our neighbour, and
envision new horizons.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our ears,
that we may hear your voice, listen deeply to the other, and attend to the
voice within.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our mouths,
that we may speak on behalf of the voiceless, cry out for justice, and bear
witness to your love.

Come, Holy Spirit, prepare our feet,
that we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus, go to the peripheries, and
accompany one another on the way.