



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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

23rd/24th MAY 2026

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SEQUENCE TO BE READ AFTER THE SECOND READING

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

**Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!**

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

**Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.**

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

**If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.**

Heal our wounds,
our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

**Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.**

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

**Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.**



COME HOLY SPIRIT

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 Sur-guy, Jim Rooney, Damon Currow.

May 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, Maria Feijen, Heather Dimasi, Greg Gold-ing, Robin Harrison, Brian Medhurst, Frank D’Angelo, Valentina Sobolewski, John Mott

Recently deceased:

MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK		
Monday 18th	OLOR	9.00a.m.
Tuesday 19th	Mass at St Catherine’s	9.00a.m.
	Rosary at OLOR	4.00p.m.
Wednesday 20th	BIRDWOOD	9.00a.m.
Friday 22nd	BRIDGEWATER	11.00a.m.
UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES MAY		
Sunday 24th	Pentecost Sunday	
17-24th May	Laudato Si’ week	
18—24th May	Volunteers Week	
Monday 25th	Mary Help of Christians	9.00a.m.
Tuesday 26th	Parish Team meeting	10.00a.m.
Sunday 31st	Trinity Sunday	
	Bridgewater comm. meeting	11.45a.m.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray Saint John Cardinal Newman’s favored little prayer, *“Come Holy Spirit.”*

“Come Holy Spirit

Make our ears to hear

Make our eyes to see

Make our mouths to speak

Make our hearts to seek

Make our hands to reach out

And touch the world with your love. AMEN.”

SHARE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER

Dear Parishioners

We’d love to stay in touch and keep you in-formed about parish news, prayer requests, and upcoming events. If you’re happy to receive oc-casional updates by text, please share your mo-bile number with us. You can reply to this mes-sage, call the parish office, or fill in the form at the back of the church.

Thank you for helping us stay connected as one family in Christ.

FR FRED

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The last meeting held on Wednesday 20th May we discussed how we can communicate with each oth-er and make our message get through also to oth-ers who are unactive members of our parish. First step to communicate better is through mobiles while continuing through the bulletin, The Bridge, website and Facebook.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

NORTHERN End	LOBETHAL Sunday 31st May 8.30a.m	BIRDWOOD Sunday 7th June 8.30a.m
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Welcoming	Gayle Raven	Mary Nyeboeur
1st Reader	Simon Cox	Lea Crosby
2nd Reader	Jo Brickhill	Gayle Raven
Euch. Minister	Margaret S	Margaret S
Cleaning	Hennie Murphy	Hennie Murphy

BRIDGEWATER	Saturday 30th May 6.00pm	Sunday 31st May 10.30am
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Sacristan	Mark McGeough	Di Golding
Welcoming	Lyn Norris	Gina Kelly
Reader 1	Joan Davey	Christian D
Reader 2	Mark McGeough	Ric Sachse
Euch.Ministers	Kathy Lloyd	Pam Broadbridge

Musicians	Helen Cantwell	PowerPoint
Counters	Marianne Berry & Ben Sugars	
Our Lady	Paula Zanchetta	Paula Zanchetta
Cleaning	Marianne Berry & Karen Dutton	
Flowers	Gloria Howe	Gloria Howe
Tea & Coffee	Volunteers please	

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

OLOR	Sunday 31st May 5.30pm	Sunday 7th June 5.30p.m
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Welcoming	John Rodella	Tom Kenyon
Cleaning	Rosy Jones	Rachel

SOUTHERN CROSS

Please buy a copy of the May edition of the South-ern Cross. Every copy cost \$2 and \$1 goes to the parish..

THE BRIDGE

Please take your copy of the May edition of The Bridge. Once again we thank Paul Robinson for his contribution to such an excellent parish monthly magazine each month and all those who contribute to the various arti-cles.

STATUE OF OUR LADY—MISSING

The statue of Our Lady tha goes to one of our families has been missing from nearly a month. Please if you still have the statue bring it back to Bridgewater. In the pass month or even more we couldn’t continue this chain of prayer for vocations through the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

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.

BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY MEETING

Our next community meeting will be next Sunday 31st May after the 10.30a.m. Mass. During the meeting Fr Fred will explain the detailed plans for the Bridgewater church project. WE will appreciate if you can bring a plate of finger food.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

This Sunday we remember, we celebrate, we believe in the presence of the Holy Spirit within us and among us on this feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is a time to remember what God has done, to celebrate what God is doing and to affirm our belief that, "The Spirit's power working in us can do more than we can hope for or imagine." Ephesians 3:20.

A VISIT TO "RECREATE" MT PLEASANT

Recreate is a project of the not-for-profit community group the Mount Pleasant Natural Resource Centre Inc. Run as a social enterprise, recreate brings people together to share ideas around upcycling and waste minimisation as well as providing an important fundraising avenue for the MPNRC. The ecology group is organising a visit to Recreate on Saturday 30th May 2026. At Recreate there are some really good ideas, books and pamphlets, things to buy as well as cheap plants for sale. If you are interested to come please contact John Leeton:
0419 243 814 john.leeton2@bigpond.com

MASS COUNT

As you may be aware, the Archdiocese of Adelaide conducts a Count of Attendance for All Masses and other Sunday Assemblies held on weekends during the month of May each year, which is used in our pastoral planning and financial reporting. This year, attendance counts are to be conducted over the next weekend of the **23rd/24th** and are to be conducted during all our weekend masses.

MINISTRY VACANCIES – CAN YOU HELP

Thanks to Karen Dutton who volunteered to be part of the Counting. Still we are looking for someone to volunteer in the Cleaning Ministry please let me know. These two ministries work as pairs, and because of retirement and unavailability, I find that I have one volunteer in the Cleaning Ministry and one volunteer in the Counting Ministry who need a partner before they can be rostered. If you can help once a month, please let me know:
catherine@adelaidehillsparish.com.au

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks you to all the volunteers who have completed the Safeguarding Essentials course on line. For those who have yet to complete please go to www.caasava.com and follow the prompts to access the on line course. If you have any problems please contact the Safeguarding operations team on: **8210 8150** or email: caasafeoperations@adelaide.catholic.org.au and they can help.

PROJECT COMPASSION

A sincere thanks once again to you and the entire Adelaide Hills Catholic Parish community for your incredible support of this year's Project Compassion of \$1895.10 – we are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity. The amazing total you have collectively raised will help create real, lasting change for people living in poverty around the world, helping to build a brighter, more just future for all. Thank you so much once again for walking alongside us.
All the best,
Andrea

CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday June 7th, we celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ better known as Corpus Christi. As preparation we are suggesting to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the OLOR on Friday 5th June It will commence with mass at 11.00am and Adoration will follow from 11.30am to 5.00 pm with Benediction. So if possible we are seeking that at least one parishioner will be at the church for 15 minutes between 11.30am to 4.45p.m. Could those who would like to participate please put down their name on the list with the different time frames at the back of the church?

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

In 1844, there were only three Bishops in Australia. At their very first Synod in that year, they requested the Pope to declare, as Australia's special patron, the Mother of God under the title of Mary Help of Christians with her feast to be celebrated on May 24th. The feast was celebrated from 1844, even though it was not officially approved by Rome until 1852. The infant Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priest less days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary, and was the first nation to choose her, under the title of Help of Christians as Principal Patroness. Mass will be celebrated at the OLOR on Monday 25th May at 9.00a.m.

TRINITA QADDISA

Next Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday which was officially instituted in the 9th century by Pope Gregory IX. However, it had been celebrated as a tradition for hundreds of years before 828 CE, as evidenced by the adoption of the Trinitarian baptismal formula in early liturgies. However, most of these celebrations of this holiday were done on the local level by churches and dioceses and it wasn't celebrated with a widely adopted feast. That changed in 1334 when Pope John XXII established it as a feast day to be universally observed by all Christians in the Western Church.

THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

This Sunday weekend is Pentecost Sunday but its also our Volunteer Appreciation Weekend. During each mass Volunteers will receive a special blessing. Thank you for your selfless and unwavering dedication. Our parish thrives because of your time, talent and heart. We are truly blessed by all you do.

PARISH TEAM MEETING

The Parish Team meeting will be next Tuesday 26th May at 10.00a.m. at the Parish meeting room.

Weekly Income 16th/17th May 2026 THANK YOU

First Collection:	\$583.85
Planned Giving Received:	\$1370.00
Loose Plate:	\$83.40
If you would like to donate by Direct Debit use the parish bank account details below:	
BSB: 066-782	Account: 100000277
Account Name CCES ADEL HILLS	
Refer payment as "donation"	

First reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul.

Lord God, how great you are .

How many are your works, O Lord!
the earth is full of your riches.

R.

You take back your spirit, they die
Returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

R.

May the glory of the Lord last forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works.
May my thoughts be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

R.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

1st Reading	Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
2nd Reading	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel	John 3:16-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ