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In a war situation, many people find themselves in terrible situations, with innocent women and children dying every day. Others become homeless, still others are displaced, with nowhere to go

As pilgrims of hope, we need to keep the faith...especially in these difficult times

By Fr Fred

I am writing this article as I prepare myself for Holy Week.

My thoughts need to concentrate on these sacred times when we remember the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. However, I cannot deny that I am concerned by what is happening around the world at this time, especially in the Middle East.

The bombing of Iran and the killing of its leaders is a travesty, even given the disgust I feel for the violence perpetrated by the Ali Khamenei regime, particularly the killing of young protesters out on the streets campaigning for a more democratic rule.

The bombing of Iran and Lebanon and the increasing numbers of young and old Iranians being killed on the streets, in schools and in

hospitals suggests it is increasingly likely that the ethically coded promises to free the Iranian people from tyranny and violence will be revealed as no more than ribbons that decorate the bombs.

The closing of the Strait of Hormuz and the attacks on neighbouring countries by Iran could well see the seeds of further conflicts being sown.

When I hear all this in the daily news, it reminds me that the cruelty and brutality that Jesus suffered at the hands of his enemies is still happening today.

The crucifixion is repeating itself when we witness the carnage of so many innocent victims, people who have nothing to do with what is happening around them but are caught up in the mayhem.

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Bridgewater



St Joseph's
Lobethal



St Matthew's
Birdwood



Our Lady of the Rosary
Stirling



St Catherine's
Stirling

Third Sunday of month now devoted to a Children's Mass



A new initiative in the parish, in line with strengthening the important parish-school partnership, sees the third Sunday of each month dedicated to a Children's Mass at St Matthew's Bridgewater.

At the well-attended mid-March Children's Mass, Fr Fred, left, invited all the children to join him on the altar as he delivered a homily on 'Good decisions, bad decisions and consequences.'

As Mass drew to a close, below, he called up all Sacramental Programme candidates and their parents, asking the congregation to pray for them as they prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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Keep the faith, don't lose hope

They find themselves in terrible situations, with many innocent women and children dying every day. Others become homeless, still others are displaced, with nowhere to go.

I tend to forget what is happening in the Middle East when my concern becomes about fuel and what the consequences could be when fuel becomes rationed.

How am I going to cope without fuel and perhaps even future food shortages? I think, too, the disruption I could face when booking a holiday home as best route to Malta is through Dubai or Doha.

All this influences me directly and I need to remind myself of the importance of remaining calm and not allowing the tension I feel or the panic that sometimes grips me, to take over.

In these difficult situations, I can lose hope, notwithstanding my faith in a better future, one free of wars and conflicts, one where humanity will learn

to live together in harmony and peace. Yes, I admit that sometimes I crack and begin to crumble as a pastor when I reflect on what I can do if things get worse and people need help. Many times, I feel hopeless, incapable of doing anything to help bring peace and stability to the world, or assist those caught up in the war.

When God sent his son Jesus, he was born amid the tragedies happening in his time. Jesus came into the world of Roman dominance, especially in Palestine.

However, he always preached to love one another, to be peacemakers, to love our enemies. Hope was his consistent message and Pope Francis, in the Year of Jubilee, reminded us that we are pilgrims of hope.

During Holy Week, I must always remember that even amid the tragedy of Jesus' death on the cross, I must be a pilgrim of hope of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.



We're all committed to assisting companions in need

By new St Vincent de Paul Stirling Conference president, Marianne Berry

After much prayer, personal deliberation and a small (??) number of follow-up conversations with Paul Somers, I chose to nominate (and was successfully voted in) to become the new president of the St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society's Stirling Conference, taking over from Dan De Fazio.

I am thankful that Dan didn't "head for the hills", so to speak, and agreed to stay on as vice president and new spiritual adviser. In fact, all existing Conference members stayed on to help me take the Vincentian movement forward in its capacity and capability to assist companions in need living in our area.

I am eternally grateful.

Our visiting team members can offer immediate assistance to companions who have contacted the Assistance Hotline (1300 729 202, Mon–Fri, 9am – 1pm) with the following forms of support:

Food vouchers (Coles or Foodland)

Fuel vouchers (Woodside, Lobethal and Birdwood)

Foodbank food vouchers for humans and their furry family pet(s)

Community Pantry's offering food items/hampers

Emergency financial relief for payment of outstanding bills

Vinnies Assist Card for purchases at any Vinnies Op Shop

At the close of the year, it's Christmas hampers. We collect donations, pack and deliver food hampers and children's gifts to (nominated in confidence) school community families, as well as those companions whom we have visited throughout the year.

But its not just immediate food and emergency financial assistance that we can provide. We also offer direction to other forms of support:

Housing – a place to stay, rent assistance, housing assistance

Money Help – financial counselling, Centrelink, emergency funds like Emergency Electricity Payment Scheme (EEPS) via DHS, Emergency Relief Funds (ERF) through Vinnies but administered by DSS, no Interest loans, etc.

Support and counselling – mental health,

*No judgement
Just discernment*



*New Vinnies Stirling Conference president,
Marianne Berry*

relationships, addiction

Domestic and family violence help

Carer support

Everyday needs – clothes, showers. etc.

Health and wellbeing – doctor, clinics, specialists, activities for healthy living

Advice and advocacy – legal issues, fines, representation

Work, learning and things to do – jobs, education, skills and social/recreational activities

We can help in all these ways through the fundraising efforts of our members:

Bunnings BBQ fundraising at Mount Barker – this is a massive undertaking and very successful

Winter Appeal (coming up on 16/17 May 2026) and Christmas Appeal

Calendar and Christmas card sales

We are always looking for people of faith to join our band of merry men and women to assist (especially) with visitations to companions who need a bit of a hand-up.

If you would like to join, please email me (stirlingconf@svdpsa.org.au) or speak to me after Sunday Mass (Bridgewater, 10.30am).



Adelaide High thanks parish for support

Adelaide High School's (AHS) Wellbeing and Inclusion Leader, Mireille Le Doledec, wrote to the parish thanking us for our donation towards the Birthing Kits project. We share a precis here...

Dear Fr Fred and the parish community,

I am pleased to inform you that we were able to run the project on Friday 21 November. We had a team of 37 students, including the AHS Zonta Leaders who volunteered to join the event (pictured above) and together we packed 400 birthing kits. We were also supported by several members from the Zonta Club of Adelaide.

We are all very grateful to be part of this project that supports mothers and babies in need, and we look forward to receiving feedback from Zonta Club on the destination of the kits for the current year.

By participating in this project, students have gained experience of service, are now equipped with a better understanding of global issues and aware of the positive impact their contribution and commitment will have on mothers' and babies' lives. We are very grateful for your ongoing support which will help many women and newborns in disadvantaged overseas communities.

CLC prepares to celebrate 50 years in Australia

By Helen Cantwell

Members of Christian Life Community (CLC) Australia will meet on 17 to 19 July at the Holy Cross Centre near Melbourne – or virtually via Zoom – to celebrate 50 years of CLC in Australia.

Australia's membership of CLC, now a world community of more than 60 countries, began with the small group in South Australia formed by Maxine and Jim Hogan of Henley Beach Parish. Back then, there were nuns and priests to assist in training members to become small-group guides.

The mission of CLC – to see God in everyday life and provide experience in Ignatian Spirituality – saw Fred Nixon, a member of that founding group, accept responsibility for launching our Adelaide Hills Parish CLC, affectionately known as the Hillbillies.

With the diminishing number of nuns and priests, lay leaders are essential to the survival of CLC. Paris Huffman, who joined the Hillbilly Group, accepted the guiding role of another Adelaide Hills group named, with the help of its two Welsh members, Trugaredd – or Welsh for 'mercy'.

CLC is open to all seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ by meeting with others of the same interest. Members make a commitment to attend six of the fortnightly meetings, with the seventh meeting devoted to a discernment process at which the next level of commitment is determined. This continues until individual members decide they are committed to the CLC way of life and engage in a process which provides for a ceremony of commitment with the national – and thus world – community.



From left: Hillbilly members Helen Cramond, Jeff Cantwell and the author at Sevenhill in the early days



St Catherine's Catholic School News

*In the lead-up to Easter and the school holidays, students at St Catherine's were in a reflective mood as the Year 6s considered how to be the best versions of themselves and, through a Stations of the Cross presentation, were reminded of the meaning of the Lenten journey. **APRIM, Krystina Dawe**, shares these moving moments and reports on a successful KESAB audit*



Year 6 Reflection Day

Our Year 6 students recently gathered at St Matthew's Church for a special Reflection Day, marking an important milestone in their final year of primary school.

Students came together in Mass, providing a meaningful opportunity to pause, pray and reflect on the year ahead, the sacred time setting the tone for a day of growth, responsibility and faith.

The students explored the Year 6 Dominican Leadership Program, unpacking what it means to lead with compassion, service and integrity. Through team-building activities, they strengthened their connections with each other while developing skills to work collaboratively and support peers.

They were encouraged to consider how to be the best version of themselves through their leadership, and invited to reflect on their unique gifts and how these can be used to positively influence others and contribute to our school community. Their thoughts were captured and will be presented to them at their Year 6 Graduation. We look forward to seeing them embrace their leadership roles with confidence, kindness and a strong sense of purpose.

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Stations of the Cross Tableau

Our Year 6 students recently shared a powerful and moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross through a reverent tableau experience. With great care and thoughtfulness, students explored each moment of Jesus' journey to the cross, bringing the scenes to life through still, reflective recreations.

Each tableau invited our school community into a

deeper understanding of the significance of these sacred moments. The students demonstrated maturity and respect as they embodied the emotion, sacrifice and compassion present in each station.

This touching presentation created a space for quiet reflection and contemplation for students and others who attended. It was a beautiful reminder of the meaning of this Lenten journey and we thank the students for the reverence and care they brought to this experience, and for helping our community to pause, reflect and grow in understanding together.



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KESAB Waste Audit Success

We recently had the opportunity to take part in a KESAB Waste Audit, with our Year 5 students playing an active role in exploring how waste is managed on our site. This valuable hands-on experience gave students insight into where our waste goes and how our choices make a difference.

The audit highlighted many positive practices already happening across our school, and it was wonderful to see the care students take in using bins correctly and contributing to a more sustainable environment.

As with any learning journey, there is always room to grow, and one area we're focusing on is ensuring that all compostable items are placed in the correct bins and food wastage is reduced. By continuing to build our awareness and habits in this area, we can further reduce our impact on the environment and care for creation in meaningful ways.

We are proud of the leadership shown by our Year 5 students and look forward to continuing this important work as a school community.

Our Way of the Cross makes some very cross!

By John Leeton

Given the success of last year's inaugural Way of the Cross procession from Pomona Road in Stirling to Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR) church, parishioners again gathered on Friday 27 March at 6pm to walk down Old Mount Barker Road and take in 13 stations before concluding with the final station and Benediction at OLOR.

Well, that was the plan, and although we all did the best we could given some rather rude interruptions, the event was, shall we say, a little different!

Participation was disappointingly down on last year, even though the rain stayed away and the light was good. We also had to contend with so many new workplace health and safety regulations and the Adelaide Hills Council, who could neither approve nor reject the procession as, in their view, we were simply walking down a public road.

With the 14 crosses neatly installed at the agreed locations, we set off only to have a man in his 40s, driving a luxury German motorcar, harass us, questioning who had approved the procession and accusing us of being 'a cult'. Moments later, a white twin-cab ute screeched around the corner, the P-plate driver giving us a spray of unintelligible howls.

Undeterred, our good shepherd Fr Fred led the flock to the first station of the cross and onwards, which was when we discovered that six crosses had been removed, suspected stolen.

It reminded me of the Beatitudes 'Happy are those who are persecuted for my name's sake' – and if there's a good news conclusion, it's that one of the crosses turned up on Fr Fred's front doorstep the following morning.



From top right, clockwise: Fr Fred leads the way towards OLOR; the event concludes with Benediction at OLOR; while moments before the final station is prayed in the church's grounds





Parishioners listen intently as Fr Fred discusses how best to lighten the load of spiritual baggage

Lenten Retreat explores 'Spiritual Baggage'

By Pam Broadbridge

Twenty-six parishioners gathered in the Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills parish hall on Sunday 15 March for an afternoon Lenten Retreat where they were encouraged to 'lighten their load' by doing away with 'spiritual baggage'.

Led by Fr Fred, the thought-provoking retreat also featured several short videos presented by Bishop Robert Barron, as well as relevant Gospel readings and much reflection.

The afternoon concluded with tea and coffee provided by the Catholic Women's League.

Thank you to Fr Fred for arranging and leading the most worthwhile afternoon.



Lenten Mission allows for deep reflection

By Paris Huffman

In preparation for Holy Week and to enrich our Lenten journey, parishioners were invited to a Lenten Mission that involved four evening sessions at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR) church from Monday 23 March to Thursday 26 March.

The church was beautifully prepared by Paul Anderson. Each session opened with Mass celebrated by Fr Fred, followed by a song and a scripture reading from one of the Lenten Sunday Gospels.

An invited parishioner then shared a reflection on the reading, with John Leeton responsible for 'The Temptation of Jesus', Annette Lamont for 'The Transfiguration', Debbie Somers for 'Curing the Man Born Blind', and me attending to 'The Samaritan Woman at the Well'.

A time of silent individual reflection, prompted by a question posed by Fr Fred, followed, after which we were invited to share with one another the thoughts and feelings that arose within us.

It is such a blessing to hear how the Holy Spirit speaks to each one of us so personally and uniquely.

The Mission closed with the Way of the Cross procession to OLOR, and we thank Fr Fred and the Faith and Formation team for this enriching Lenten experience.

Holy Week in focus

Holy Week is the most important week in our faith. It's a week when we focus on the Paschal Mystery through special liturgies, deep reflection and fasting. Here, we share just some of these moments of the final eight days of Jesus' life, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, through a series of photographs



*Clockwise: Fr Fred blesses parishioners at the start of the Palm Sunday procession on 29 March
Mary Homann presents one of the oils to Fr Fred on Holy Thursday
Fr Fred washes the feet of Paul Robinson on Holy Thursday
Young parishioners dressed in period costumes were a key part of the Palm Sunday procession*



*Clockwise, starting left:
The Altar of Repose set up at St Matthew's
Bridgewater
Fr Fred, altar servers Joseph and Liam Sharp
and acolyte Paul Anderson at Stations of the
Cross
Fr Fred lights the Paschal Candle at the Easter
Vigil
The congregation outside St Matthew's
Bridgewater at the start of the Easter Vigil
A scene from the Easter Vigil Mass*



Leon's Stations sculptures at home in Birdwood

By Leonie Holmes



Creator of the magnificent Stations of the Cross sculptures, Leon Holmes, left, with his wife Leonie and Fr Fred at the recent blessing of the 14 Stations in the grounds at St Matthew's Birdwood

Leon and I were delighted to have so many of our beloved church family with us as we celebrated the blessing of the Stations of the Cross sculptures at St Matthew's Church at Birdwood.

The 14 magnificent Stations, created by Leon, now enjoy pride of place and are a focal point in the front garden at the church.

When one gets to this age in one's life, one likes to have precious things find a home where they will be enjoyed and appreciated into the future.

The fact that the sculptures are now in their final home gives us great comfort.

Thanks to Fr Fred and all the parishioners for allowing us to install them in such a beautiful place that is so close to our hearts.

Thanks, too, to all who attended several working bees and worked so hard to clear branches and undergrowth from the area.

Your efforts have ensured that all 14 sculptures are a lot more accessible to those who wish to view them or partake in future Stations of the Cross devotions on Good Friday.

A special thanks to all who attended and prayed the Stations with us as Fr Fred gave each one of the 14 a sprinkle and a blessing.

And last but by no means least, thank you to all who attended and shared the day with us, along with the wonderful members of the Birdwood Catholic Women's League (CWL) and their friends for the delicious spread they prepared. It was certainly enjoyed by all afterwards.

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Actions we can take to respond to the cry of the earth

By Ecology Group's John Leeton

With Laudato Si' Week held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on caring for creation, it's timely that we turn our thoughts to what concrete steps we can take during the week of 17 to 24 May to make a positive difference to our beautiful planet.

Here are 10 suggestions, one of which you might like to choose.

Reduce your community's energy use this week

Identify a way to reduce energy consumption. It could be turning off unnecessary lighting, adjusting heating or cooling slightly, committing to reducing electricity use for the next month.

Restore local biodiversity

Organise a small ecological restoration by planting native trees, replacing sections of lawn with native plants, as even a small garden can become a sign of ecological renewal.

Support a community affected by poverty or environmental harm

You could partner with a local charity serving vulnerable families, organise a parish collection for communities affected by environmental disasters, or volunteer time with a local service organisation.

Open parish spaces to serve the community

We all have unused spaces that could support those in need of meeting space, remembering that sometimes the most powerful action is simply opening the doors of the church.

Support local and ethical producers

During Laudato Si' Week, commit to supporting businesses that promote human dignity and care for creation. You can start by buying food from local farmers or cooperatives, hosting a parish market featuring local producers, or encouraging purchasing policies that prioritise ethical suppliers.

Review investments and purchasing policies

Institutions and communities can begin examining financial decisions that support or harm creation, choosing fossil fuel divestment, reviewing suppliers for environmental responsibility and committing to purchasing recycled or sustainable materials, where possible.

Reduce plastic and waste in your community

Conduct a simple audit of single-use plastics and commit to doing away with disposable cups and plates at parish events, choosing reusable alternatives. Another small habit change that can quickly reduce waste is introducing recycling stations in community spaces

Try a plant-forward meal

As food choices affect people and the planet, consider a vegetarian parish meal, adhere to a meat

-free Friday during Laudato Si' Week and share plant-based recipes rooted in local traditions.

Host a Laudato Si' conversation

Create a space to reflect together, where short passages from Laudato Si' can be read, organise discussion groups, invite youth to share ecological initiatives, remembering that education is key to ecological conversion.

Pray and witness publicly for creation

Let prayer inspire action, as faith communities can be powerful witnesses of hope.

Remember, your step, no matter how small, joins thousands of others across the world and is an integral part of the Church's shared ecological response.



Composting comes to Bridgewater

Our St Matthew's Bridgewater parish house garden now has a composting system (see above) designed to ease the burden of garden maintenance, the stress caused when it is not done and the energy required to do it.

So much energy is required transporting waste when that waste can be turned into compost and used on site. With three compost bays, all we need to do is place the green and brown garden waste in the correct bay and turn it every few weeks.

Yes, there is some work in mixing and turning but it's a lot less than carting waste to the local dump.

It is also one way to rely less on fossil fuel.

Detailed instructions on composting are available on request. The bays were constructed from old pallets and recycled materials, with only the bird wire (required to keep them vermin-free), screws and nails having to be paid for.

Social Justice team prepares for busy year

By Cathie Oswald

The Social Justice team met for the first time in 2026 in late March and, as with all our meetings, we commenced with a reflection on the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching to ensure that we are always mindful of these as we plan our activities for the year. We noted that perhaps, at times, we focus on fundraising to the detriment of raising awareness of the injustices in our society.

We had received letters of appreciation from The Hut Food Pantry, Orange Sky and Bright Futures for funds donated to them. While all three support different disadvantaged groups, they all emphasised that the funds raised in the parish make a difference to many.

Fr Fred reported that the Birthing Kits donations amounted to \$1,150 which has already been sent to Adelaide High School to assist them in the preparation of clean birth kits. These are sent to women birthing at home in remote regions of the developing world.

We will again host our annual Souper Sunday on the weekend of 20 and 21 June, details of which will be printed in the Bulletin closer to the date.

We have also contacted Orange Sky to arrange a guest speaker to inform our parish of the difficulties facing the homeless and how Orange Sky, through the provision of warm showers and a laundry service, brings comfort and eases the isolation felt by many.

As usual, 2026 will be a busy year for the team, but we are fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed group; we all have different gifts and contribute in different ways, but all are always prepared to 'go the extra mile'.

At our next meeting on 19 May, we will formally welcome our first member from the Northern End, Lea Crosby. If you are interested in joining the Social Justice team, please contact me:

catherine@adelaidehillsparish.com.au



Orange Sky is one of the organisations supported by our Social Justice team



Leon Holmes' exhibition runs until 10 May

Parishioners, their families and friends – indeed, anyone with an interest in fine art – is invited to an exhibition of Leon Holmes' artwork, along with that of his niece, Marie Louise Egar, at the Top of the Torrens Gallery in Birdwood.

The exhibition opened on 29 March, runs until 10 May and is well worth a visit.



Happy birthday, Fr Fred!

Sunday 5 April was an important day in Fr Fred's life.

Not only was it Easter Sunday but his birthday...and after Mass, parishioners gathered in the parish hall to wish him a happy birthday and enjoy a cuppa, savouries and scrumptious birthday cakes, one of which he is seen cutting, above.



Lawn adds serenity to Memorial Garden

By Debbie Somers



Artificial grass has come a long way in recent years! It has certainly shed its previously negative connotations of being cheap looking, heat attracting and a contributor to global warming.

These days, it enjoys the altogether more positive associations of attractiveness and ease of maintenance, while saving on watering.

It has proved to be the perfect choice for the central area of the Memorial Garden at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR) in Stirling East, and with the help of a gardening company, was laid in late March.

As the photographs suggest, it is not only pleasing to the eye but helps to bring a peaceful serenity to the garden and makes it an ideal place in which to sit, relax, contemplate, pray and remember our loved ones who have died.

Adding to the appeal is a tasteful planter pot that was generously donated to the parish and now occupies the central position on the lawn.



At our next Working Bee, we hope to plant shrubs and further enhance the beauty of our Memorial Garden.



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Jack Snelling to speak at May's Men's Breakfast

The annual Men's Breakfast takes place in the parish hall on Saturday 2 May, with former Health Minister in the State Government, Jack Snelling, the guest speaker.

Currently the CEO of Bright Futures Child Aid and Development Fund, he will share the workings of the fund in his address.

Jack, pictured below, retired from politics in March 2018 after 20 years in the SA parliament, eight of which were as a minister. He is well respected by stakeholders in the ministerial portfolios he held, and is remembered for leading complex reform, was responsible for the largest infrastructure project in the state's history, the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, and has a reputation for bringing consensus among disparate parties.

Registration is from 7.30am, followed by the presentation and breakfast at 8.00am, with the event concluding at 9.00am. The cost is \$15 per adult, with accompanying sons free of charge.

Please RSVP to Paul Somers – paulsomers24@gmail.com – by Wednesday 29 April 2026.



We invite you to

Stirling CWL Annual Adelaide Hills Ecumenical Afternoon Tea

1.30pm on Wednesday 6 May 2026

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Saturday 25 April – ANZAC Day Mass, St Matthew’s Bridgewater at 9.00am

Saturday 25 April – Working Bee, St Matthew’s Bridgewater at 9.30am

Saturday 2 May – Men’s Breakfast, Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills Hall at 8.00am

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