



## The importance of The Rosary

By Fr Fred

Every Tuesday afternoon at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR), a small group of parishioners gather to recite the Holy Rosary. October is designated by the Catholic Church as the 'Month of the Rosary' because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of 'Our Lady of the Rosary' on 7 October.

The dedication of October to the Holy Rosary became common in the Church thanks to Pope Leo XIII, an enthusiastic promoter of the Rosary. In just five years, Pope Leo wrote 11 encyclicals on the Rosary, while more recently, St John Paul II called the Rosary his favourite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart".

Praying the Rosary means repeating a set of prayers based on the Gospels meditating on the lives of Jesus and Mary. The practice of keeping track of prayers with the aid of beads or knotted ropes is an ancient tradition that spans centuries

and religions. Even before Jesus' birth, it was customary for worshippers to repeat prayers in a certain pattern and keep count of those prayers with the use of rocks or some other object.

Catholic tradition holds that the practice of praying the Rosary dates to the 13<sup>th</sup> century when it is believed that the Virgin Mary appeared to St Dominic de Guzman in a vision.

At that time in Europe, certain heresies existed, denying the Incarnation of Christ, among other Christian doctrines. St Dominic founded the Order of the Dominicans, which travelled from town to town preaching against those heresies.

It was during this time that Mary appeared to Dominic in France, giving him the Rosary and instructing the saint to encourage people to pray the Rosary as a way of bringing the sinner back to God.

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## CWL 'twins' again catch up at Virginia

By Pam Broadbridge

When Spring arrives, you can be sure of one thing: a meeting at Virginia Nursery of the CWL 'twins'



*Kadina CWL President Bette Toole, left, with Stirling's longest standing member, Mary Way OAM, and the author*

from Stirling and Kadina.

And so it was again in 2025, this time on Tuesday 23 September, with six Stirling ladies and 23 members from Kadina, Port Broughton, Moonta Bay and Wallaroo making the voyage.

As usual, having a great day, even if Doncho's Restaurant was closed for renovations, as the local 'V' Hotel proved to be a worthy substitute for lunch.

Our twinning relationship goes back some two decades and, in the early days, we would take turns at hosting each other.

We'd drive across to Kadina one year, be welcomed, attend Mass and enjoy lunch; they would reciprocate the following year...until someone came up with the great idea of meeting halfway.

The rest is, as they say, history!

We've made many lifelong friends, and I know I speak on behalf of all my fellow members in the Stirling CWL when I say we thoroughly enjoy socialising with these warm, generous, kind and caring country women.

Of course, we all look forward to many more ventures to Virginia...

## The importance of the Rosary

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Today, a complete recitation of the Catholic Rosary includes the most familiar prayers – the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Fatima Prayer and the Hail Holy Queen.

The purpose of the Catholic Rosary is to teach people about the lives of Jesus and Mary through prayer and contemplation. Although the purpose of the Rosary is straightforward enough, the biblical events the faithful are asked to focus on are called 'mysteries' because they go to the heart of Jesus' birth, his ministry and Resurrection, and Mary's role in salvation history.

The repetition of prayers during the Rosary is meant to forget what is going in our daily lives and encourage us to peacefully reflect on the mystery being prayed over. The aim of the Rosary beads continues to be to keep track of the pattern of prayers, as well as to give the faithful something to grasp onto in their effort to detach themselves from the stress of today's world and further ground themselves in prayer.

The Rosary is often described as a "compendium of the Gospel." Each set of mysteries – the Joyful, the Sorrowful, the Glorious and the Luminous – offers a unique reflection on key moments in Jesus' life, from His conception to His resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Through these mysteries, we are invited to enter the experiences of Jesus and Mary, to see their struggles, joys and sorrows as our own. This contemplative practice brings us closer to Christ, helping us grow in understanding of His love and sacrifice for humanity.

Throughout history, the Rosary has been recognised as a powerful weapon in the battle against spiritual evils. Many saints, including St Padre Pio, have urged the faithful to "pray, hope, and don't worry", believing that the Rosary is a spiritual sword that protects us from temptation and spiritual harm. This idea is rooted in the belief that the Rosary places us under the protection of the Virgin Mary, who continually intercedes for us, her spiritual children.

By reciting the Rosary, Catholics find a source of peace, rooted in the love of God and the intercession of Mary. Each 'Hail Mary' is a reminder that we are not alone, that Mary, our mother, is praying with us and for us.







## New – well, relatively – parishioner Liz shares her story

By Liz Faggotter

As I was born in Calvary Hospital in January 1941, the third of four children and my early and teen years were spent in Kingswood where we attended the parish church. I was educated at St Aloysius College and, when it was established in 1954, at Mercedes College.

I remember these as very happy and fulfilling years, occupied by playing sport – everything from basketball and tennis (which I played for the local parish team) to track and field. On leaving school, I trained as an Early Childhood Education teacher and taught in kindergartens in the city and country areas. It was most rewarding, and I consider myself privileged to have been in this field, being closely involved with the families in each community.

While teaching in Nuriootpa. I heard about the Passionist Congregations missionary work in the West Sepik District of Papua New Guinea. Eager to learn more, I spent time at the Monastery talking to priests and brothers who had worked there.

Feeling that this would be challenging and worthwhile work, I applied to become a lay missionary teacher for two years. I was successful and in January 1970, I set off to Vanimo, the main station of the Passionist Congregation in the West Sepik...and from there I was posted 15 kilometres further down the coast to a school called Baro, situated between two villages. Our town consisted of a priest, a brother who was Maltese, two native teachers and two female teachers – an English girl and me. We were supported by a male cook and two women who came from the nearby village each day to work in our station.

It was idyllic. We lived in native style houses on stilts under the coconut palms, close to the sea. The school consisted of four classrooms, each catering for two age groups. My class comprised children in what would be equivalent to Grades 4 and 5, so I had a lot to learn – including Pidgin English, which was spoken when English was not understood.

The children were very keen to learn and rarely missed a day. They also loved sport and were very good at it. My time spent there was not only educational, learning of their culture and traditions, but fulfilling and left me with lots of happy memories to bring home.

Returning, albeit reluctantly, to Australia, I was lucky enough to obtain a posting to Stirling District Kindergarten, where I spent 13 happy and rewarding years and have been fortunate in reconnecting through the parish with several parents whose children attended the kindergarten.

During the holidays, I would go camping on the bottom end of Yorke Peninsula, where I became

friendly with the local farming families and in 1985, I married a farmer/fisherman on whose land we used to camp.

He and his late wife had three children and four grandchildren at that stage and the family has now grown to nine grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren aged between 19 years and two months. While living on the Peninsula, I worked in the Minlaton Kindy before retiring and my husband Neil and I became 'Grey Nomads', spending time travelling this magnificent country of ours.

Neil and I were married for 38 wonderful years before he sadly passed away nearly three years ago, at which time I decided to return to the Adelaide Hills where I had spent much of my time since childhood. Neil and I were married in Our Lady of the Rosary in Stirling East and one of my fondest memories of that day is the attendance of many of the kindy families who turned up to wish us well.

Living at The Pines meant that I was part of the Yorketown Parish, which took in most of the peninsula and, in latter years, had just one priest to service the entire area. It was an almost impossible task, so you can imagine how wonderful it is to now have a priest and churches in a much more accessible area. With it comes the many opportunities Fr Fred offers us in which to participate and so grow and strengthen our faith and love of God.



*Liz with baby Beau, one of the family's 25 great-grandchildren*

## Prayer Reflection for the Season of Creation

Scripture: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." — Psalm 24:1

Reflection: In this Season of Creation, we are reminded that the earth is not ours to exploit, but God's gift to cherish. Each tree, river, mountain and creature speaks of the Creator's love and artistry. As stewards of this sacred trust, we are called to live in harmony with all of creation, to listen to its groaning and to respond with compassion and justice.

The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are one. Climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss are not just environmental issues – they are moral and spiritual challenges.

Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si'*, calls us to an "ecological conversion," where our relationship with God is reflected in how we treat the world around us. Let us take time to walk gently on the earth, to notice its beauty and to hear its pain. May this season renew our commitment to live simply, act justly, and love generously.

Prayer: Creator God, you made the heavens and the earth, and saw that it was good.

In this Season of Creation, open our eyes to the beauty of your handiwork, and open our hearts to its suffering. Forgive us for the ways we have harmed your creation.

Teach us to live in harmony with the earth, to protect its resources, and to care for all your creatures.

May your Spirit guide us to be faithful stewards, working together for a world where all life can flourish. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



### Pope Leo's climate message

By John Leeton

When Pope Leo XIV addressed participants in the Raising Hope Conference, organised by the *Laudato Si'* Movement, he posed the question:

God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that He created, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters.

What will be our answer?

The Pope has taken aim at people who "ridicule those who speak of global warming" as he embraced Pope Francis's environmental legacy and made it his own in some of his strongest and most extensive comments on the subject to date.

Citing Francis' text, Leo recalled that some leaders had chosen to "deride the evident signs of climate change, to ridicule those who speak of global warming and even to blame the poor for the very thing that affects them most."

"We cannot love God, whom we cannot see, while despising his creatures.

"Nor can we call ourselves disciples of Jesus Christ without participating in his outlook on creation and his care for all that is fragile and wounded."

Quoting Pope Francis' description of St Francis of Assisi, the Holy Father reminded participants that ecological concern, justice for the poor, social commitment and inner peace are inseparable.

### At one with nature

A group of parishioners came together at Wottons Scrub on Saturday 27 September for a walk in nature that allowed them to appreciate the beauty and fragility of our Australian scrub.

Later in the day, they returned to the Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills in Bridgewater hall to enjoy spiritual conversation around a shared lunch.

Pictured here are Helen Cantwell, right, with her daughter Michaela and a ranger from the conservation area.







## Leon's Stations of the Cross find new home at St Matthew's Birdwood

By Leonie Holmes

Leon and I are delighted that the sculptures that Leon made of the Stations of the Cross that previously lined the driveway at our property at Mount Pleasant have now found their way to St Matthew's Birdwood, where they now enjoy pride of place in the front garden.

The Stations follow a slightly different pattern from the traditional ones and were promoted by Pope Benedict to follow more closely the Gospel story of the day Christ died.

When we finally moved down the hill some months back, our son took them to a temporary home at Paul and Gloria Howe's property in Mylor while we considered their long-term future. We thank the Howes very much for their generosity.

The sculptures were embedded into huge rocks, which was practical when we had a tractor but became very impractical without one, so we went



*A close-up of one of Leon' Holmes' Stations of the Cross*

up the Howe home in Mylor and gradually extricated them from the rocks before taking them to our new residence at Myrtle Bank.

Paul and Gloria kindly offered to keep the rocks.

One of our previous neighbours went into our old property to collect some smaller rocks and Leon repaired some of the Stations damaged by the kangaroos. We made several trips to Birdwood and put them in the shed there for safekeeping.

We considered very carefully how we would display them, and we came up with the idea of cement pavers and cement brick walls, to show them off to the best advantage.

Members of the Birdwood community came and tidied up the garden to clear a space for them and carried the two pallet loads of heavy bricks and pavers to the site of each of the 14 Stations.

Mick and Rosie Russell kindly helped us on the first day but, at 90 years of age, Leon needs to take things slowly and carefully, so we decided that Leon and I would do it quietly on our own.

We are delighted with the final result and have been contacted by several parishioners to say how lovely they look in their new surrounds.

Fr Fred has kindly offered to have plaques made to indicate the title of each station and Leon is reviewing the original booklet so that visitors will be able to follow the biblical readings associated with each Station.



*Leon's Stations look lovely in their new surrounds*



## Our journey back to Sunday Mass – and its many rewards

By Katrina Sharp

We're the Sharp family – me, Katrina, my husband Peter and our sons, Joseph (almost 12), and Liam (10). We'd love to share a bit about how we came to the Adelaide Hills Catholic Parish and found our place of *belonging* at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR).

Faith was an important part of my childhood. I grew up attending Mass every Sunday with my family, at Holy Spirit Church in Seacombe Gardens, and both sets of my grandparents were examples of people who lived faith-filled lives.

As a young married couple, Peter and I attended Mass regularly at our local church, St Maria Goretti, in Ascot Park. When we moved to the Adelaide Hills, finding a new parish was daunting and, before we realised it, attending Mass slipped to something we did for 'special occasions' or with extended family.

When we started our own family, the thought of sitting through a full Mass with a baby, and then a baby and a toddler, felt overwhelming!

As our two boys grew, soccer became a major part of our weekends. With training and matches across two clubs, Saturdays and Sundays filled up fast. Sadly, Mass fell further down our list of priorities.

Eventually, school liturgies and Masses at St Catherine's, where the boys attend school, began to reignite the sense of faith and community we had been missing.

Through the school, we were introduced to Fr Fred, who had an unexpected impact on me. There was something about his manner, his European background reminding me of my Dad.

I recall one Christmas Mass at St Matthew's, when Fr Fred addressed the congregation, a fair few of whom he only saw on Christmas Day.

He spoke directly about the common struggle of balancing children's sport and faith. He noted how sport often took preference.

I felt exposed.

Fr Fred's words hit me hard, leaving me with an overwhelming sense that I was letting my family down. Peter and I had allowed ourselves to become 'so busy' that we'd let faith fall behind other less fulfilling things.

Around that time, I remember chatting with Mel and Fernando Farrugia about our struggle and they mentioned the Sunday evening Mass at OLOR. Evening Mass? It sounded perfect. We could attend as a family...and the boys could still play (lots of) soccer!



*The Sharp family at home...and at home at OLOR each Sunday. From left: Joseph, Katrina, Peter and Liam*

I don't remember the first time we went to OLOR, but what matters is that we did.

We finally decided to provide our children with the opportunity to be a part of a faith-filled community that was bigger than our family and bigger than their school community.

Now, Sunday evening Mass has become something we genuinely look forward to. Joseph, with the expert guidance of Paul Anderson, altar serves each week and is teaching his peers at school. Liam and Peter operate the computer during Mass, and Peter also helps maintain the Prayer Garden.

Occasionally, if Paul's desperate and I've remembered my reading glasses, I'll do a reading, too. We're the family in the front row so we can see all the 'action'.

We've loved getting to know Fr Fred over the years, while seeing the regular, friendly faces each week has helped us feel truly connected and welcome.

We especially love seeing other families with children and teens in the congregation as it's a powerful reminder that faith is still alive, even in a world that often feels rushed and distracted.

As the years fly by, we feel truly blessed to have found our place at OLOR and are thankful to be growing in faith alongside Fr Fred and this wonderful, welcoming community.



*Fr Fred takes in the sights of Florence, above left Michaelangelo's David and, right, the Ponte Vecchio*

## Thoughts on modern-day Malta – and memories of a wonderful week in Italy

By Fr Fred

I arrived in Malta to face warm weather with clear blue skies and spent the first few days observing and listening to what is currently going on in the country. While some people complain about the high cost of living and high energy prices, you won't find a parking space in any town or village as the majority go out, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Speaking of parking, it's one big problem. One evening, my sister tried to find parking in Rabat and after an unsuccessful 30-minute search, we decided to go down to another town where we were fortunate enough to find a spot near the Pizza Hut.

When I look at Maltese society in 2025, there seems to be a sort of social pyramid. On the top you have people who have good wages and live a comfortable life. Most of the Maltese are becoming the elite of society, served by thousands of migrants who've come over to work. In every restaurant, you are served by foreigners. It's the same in the booming construction industry, where every possible space is being taken and new apartments are being built.

Sincerely, I don't know if we need such apartments – and besides, only a small section of the population can afford such properties. Sadly, and largely hidden, is the substantial number of families and elderly people who are not coping and are struggling, some even on the poverty line. As the economy is good with high employment, the island attracted around 40,000 foreigners. But we were unprepared for this and, despite new roads, flyovers and tunnels having been built, traffic is chaotic. It is estimated that 40 new cars are added to the road every single day. Schools, too, are struggling to cope with the numbers.

I had the opportunity to travel with my sister to Bella Toscana in Italy for a week. We were part of a group of 44 people, led by an excellent tour guide. That said, I can't recall when last I had to walk so much during a tour. We visited Arezzo before making our way to Florence and its amazing attractions such as the Duomo, the Baptistry and the belfry of Giotto. We crossed the famous Ponte Vecchio bridge over the Arno River and visited the Piazza Signoria, with its famous statue of Michaelangelo's David.

We also a boat tour to Portofino but rough seas made it less than ideal. By contrast, Siena was my highlight. We went into St Dominic Church where we had the opportunity to see the head and figure of St Catherine of Sienna. The magnificent Duomo and the main square with the bell tower are amazing.

The village of San Gimignano and its 10 or so high tower was next. Rich families used to build the highest tower to show off their wealth and today, the village is also known for what they claim to be the best ice-cream in world. No comment!

We also visited Pisa, with its leaning tower, before making our way to the Tuscan Merenda Tasting for a fantastic afternoon of eating good food and tasting different wines. Stops were further made at Lucca and its cathedral of St Martin and Piazza Anfiteatro, and at Orvieto with its magnificent cathedral and its narrow alleys. Soon, it was Saturday night and time to return to Malta before, two days later, I boarded my flight back to Adelaide.



# It's never easy saying goodbye, even more so when it's to a treasure like St Catherine's

By Mark Simpson

It's hard to believe my five terms as Acting Principal, from July 2024 to September 2025, have come to an end and it's time to say thank you and goodbye to both St Catherine's Catholic School and the Adelaide Hills Catholic Parish.

It has been a richly rewarding chapter and one I have not only thoroughly enjoyed but grown both personally and professionally – and that's thanks to the many wonderful people who have touched my life.

Perhaps most rewarding is the growth we've seen in the parish/school connection, evidenced by, among others, the increased number of students on the Sacramental Programme and an uptake in students helping as altar servers.

These achievements are testament to the values of love, care and kindness so prevalent in our community, where parents take a genuine interest in their children's education and the school itself; and the parish, through Fr Fred nurtures a close connection with the students, who love his presence on campus, not to mention his endless stories about his mostly naughty antics as a young boy back in Malta!

As I prepare to leave for a new Acting Principal assignment at St Joseph's in Clare at the start of Term 4, I am reminded, in my many reflective moments, just what a treasure St Catherine's is, and how much I have enjoyed my time leading and shaping the school.

I have loved sharing its history with both current and prospective parents, my approach being to take



*Mark Simpson bids farewell to St Catherine's and the parish*

them to the oval, have them look up at the Dominican sisters' beautiful old house and share with them their story of establishing a school in then remote Stirling. I remind them that back then, the site now occupied by the school was home to a collection of modest stables, before concluding my 'tour' by stressing that the third – and most important – part of this trilogy rests with them. They are the future, where we go from here is in their hands.

I'm told this approach has helped in growing student numbers, and we are well on track to take our population from 170 to the goal of 200 by mid-2026. But it also has much to do with sharing something that is good, special

and resonates – and that's the uniqueness of St Catherine's, with its strong ecology focus, a rich community spirit and a collection of students who are genuinely caring and supportive of each other.

Then there's the teachers and support staff who, in my experience, are up with the very best. God knows the world needs good teachers, and we are truly blessed, from the 'old' hands to the new young professionals brimming with ideas and passion. I have loved mentoring this new generation and know that with them around, teaching is in good hands.

I will always look back fondly on my time at St Catherine's and in the parish, and while there's sadness at saying goodbye, there's real joy knowing I have had this experience, met all you wonderful people and developed a great connection with Fr Fred. I leave confident that the healthy parish/school bond is stronger than ever.

We are one and the same, with shared values and commitment.

## A record 10 at St Matthew's Bridgewater Working Bee

By John Leeton

A record turnout of 10 people helped to ensure that our Working Bee at St Matthew's Church Bridgewater on 13 September successfully cleaned the two sheds and spruced up the parish house grounds.

The sheds were cleared out, cleaned and repacked, before the paths around the house were pressure cleaned after painters had moved them for painting.

We also attended to a fair bit of weeding and raking to prepare the garden bed for spring seedlings.

Sincere thanks to my fellow 'bees', Helen and Geoff Cantwell, John and Charlie Dwyer, Harvoge Videka, Dan De Fazio, Paul Somers, Des Stapleton and Mark McGeogh.





## Vietnamese Youth Movement says thanks for July Mass

**Kim Nguyen**, the Vice President of the Teresa Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement in SA at the Vietnamese Catholic Community in Pooraka, wrote to the parish recently to thank us for hosting them at Mass during a July retreat. We share Kim's letter...



Good morning, St Matthew's Church team,

I just wanted to reach out and say thank you again for having us celebrate Mass with your parish community while we had a group of 45 youth leaders attending a team-building retreat at Woodhouse Adventure Park in July.

We were delighted, too, to gather for a group photo (above) with Fr Fred and our Sr Cecilia after Mass. Thank you. May God bless you and your parish community.

## Join us for our Parish Assembly on Sunday 19 October

By Parish Pastoral Council's Inge Parodi

Our Adelaide Hills Catholic Parish is excited to invite all parishioners to the upcoming Parish Assembly on Sunday 19 October, beginning after the 10.30am Mass. This biannual gathering is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to reflect, share and contribute to the life of our parish community.

The morning will begin with community time, fellowship and food from 11.30am, after which parishioners will, at 12-noon, be divided into four theme groups, each focusing on key areas that shape our parish life – volunteering, synodality, community engagement and the future of our parish.

We will reflect on these themes and share our insights so that every voice is heard in helping to guide the direction of our parish. Whether you've been actively involved in parish initiatives or are newer to the community, your thoughts and experiences are valuable. For those unable to attend in person, reflections can be submitted manually or sent electronically.

We encourage all parishioners to join us on 19 October and make your voices heard. Your reflections will help strengthen our parish, enrich our shared mission and ensure that the Adelaide Hills Catholic Parish continues to be a welcoming and dynamic community for all.

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James 2:17 "Faith by itself, if it is not  
accompanied by action, is dead."

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## Parish house exterior gets a fresh lick of paint

With wear and tear very much part of life, the parish took the opportunity to put Fr Fred's recent break in Malta to good use by attending to some much-needed maintenance across the site at Bridgewater.

The major works involved a fresh coat of paint to the exterior of the parish house, from the gutters and downpipes to garage and other doors and an array of outside ceilings.

As the photos alongside show, the work has now been completed and we're sure you will all agree, it was long overdue and money well spent.

Fr Fred's bathroom also got a makeover while he was away...and we'll share pictures of this project in our next issue.



## Delayed St Matthew's Feast again raises funds for Catholic Charities

The Feast of St Matthew, which falls on 21 September and is usually celebrated in the parish on the closest Sunday to this date, was slightly delayed this year to accommodate Fr Fred's travels and await his return.

What didn't change was the customary visit of Matthew the tax collector – this year played by Christian Dumancela, pictured here with wife Stephanie and children Allesandro and Hanna – who approached parishioners for financial contributions, all of which found their way to Catholic Charities.





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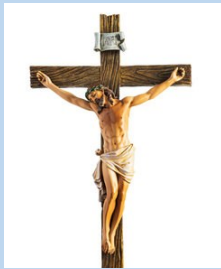
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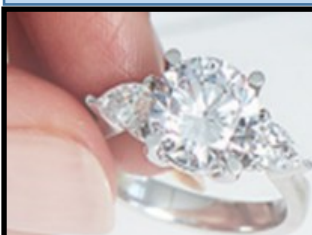
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