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Faith, if not accompanied by action, is dead

By Fr Fred

The Parish Assembly is a gathering designed to help a parish grow in a culture of synodality – one of walking together through deep listening and communal discernment. It is guided by the Holy Spirit and uses a process called the 'Conversation in the Spirit' to identify where the Holy Spirit is leading the community through identifying convergences and divergences.

A desired outcome of our Assembly is a renewed sense of engagement and hope for the parish as it realises a vision for evangelisation and invites more to join in the life and mission of the Church. Our Assembly will not be too big nor complicated. At its core, it should have the following four features:

Representative – those who gather should represent the diverse voices and experiences within our parish, especially from all three main communities.

Synodal – our Assembly should aid a 'Conversation in

the Spirit' as it is not simply a facilitated conversation but a process of prayerful, communal discernment.

Discerned – the group who gathers should discern what they have heard, to identify the similarities and differences of their conversation.

Reported – the community and parish priest will summarise the day, its convergences and divergences into a report to be shared with the Archbishop.

Our Parish Assembly is an expression of synodality, or 'walking together' on our pilgrim journey as a Church. Our local Assembly is a time to explore the opportunities for evangelisation and discern where the Holy Spirit is calling us in the areas of encounter, discipleship and mission. We are sure our parish would benefit from a Parish Assembly as it could help parishioners better envision what they want with, for example, youth ministry.

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Bridgewater**



**St Joseph's
Lobethal**



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**Our Lady of the Rosary
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Let's support the efforts of our fellow parishioners, the Paed family – pictured left and from left, Jacob, Jason, Mary and Caleb – to avoid deportation by writing to or calling MP Rebekha Sharkie

Parish Assembly in October

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It could help them anticipate the kind of structural change the establishment of a new ministries entails. And it might mobilise the necessary human and financial resources these ministries would require. Parish Assemblies can accomplish these kinds of goals.

Pastoral Council members are not usually selected according to whether they'd like to put on a Parish Assembly. Some might feel conducting an Assembly, planning a group process, organising leaders, creating publicity, welcoming participants hospitably and preparing a meaningful experience of prayer is more than they bargained for.

Where does it say, they might ask, that we must have all these skills? It doesn't, as no Pastoral Council guideline, to my knowledge, states that members ought to be chosen to conduct a Parish Assembly. The guidelines do, however, state that Parish Councils investigate pastoral matters, reflect on them and make practical recommendations to the pastor. Hosting a Parish Assembly falls squarely within the category of investigating pastoral matters.

Council members may be daunted by the prospect, but I can assure you our Parish Pastoral Council has made itself available and has already formed a sub-committee to prepare for the Parish Assembly. The gospel theme for our Assembly is taken from James 2:17, "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

We have chosen Sunday 19 October following the 10.30am Mass at St Matthew's Bridgewater for our Parish Assembly. Lunch will be provided and we estimate we will finish by about 2.00pm.

We are all called to play our part. We are members of the Catholic community of the Adelaide Hills Parish and the Archdiocese of Adelaide and, guided by the Church, this is an invitation to all of us.

Let Rebekha Sharkie know you support the Paed family

Lobethal parishioner Mary Paed has reached out with a heavy heart to share her family's situation as their visas soon to expire and a lack of support from her employer, Restvale, leaving the family facing the very real prospect of deportation.

In a nutshell, Mary and her family – her husband Jason and sons Jacob and Caleb – arrived in 2022. Mary currently works as a personal carer for 67 hours per fortnight but requires 70 hours to be considered full-time.

Her employer, after initially offering sponsorship, has yet to agree to adding the necessary three hours to her terms of employment.

Her husband Jason has been working multiple jobs to support the family, while son Jacob is on the autism spectrum but has thankfully found stability, acceptance and the right support at Mount Barker Primary school, where the kindness of the teachers, friends and the community has seen him flourish.

Son Caleb, in turn, is a bright, smart and talented student at Lobethal Lutheran School, where his potential is being nurtured – and as Mary says, "the thought of uprooting them now is heartbreaking."

"We are doing everything we can to provide stability for our children and to give back to this community that we now call home," she adds.

"If you feel able, I would be deeply grateful if you could write a letter of support to our local Federal Member of Parliament, Rebekha Sharkie, (rebekha.sharkie.mp@aph.gov.au) or call her electoral office (8398 5566), sharing your experiences of knowing us, or expressing how our family being here has made a difference in the community.

"While we understand that sponsorship is at the employer's discretion, your voices may help show the importance of reconsidering sponsorship and the impact it would have if we had to leave."



St Catherine's Catholic School News

As always, **APRIM Carla Thomas** keeps readers up-to-date on happenings at the school over the past few weeks, the highlights being an initiative to help those in need, a call for recipes for an exciting community cook book and plans to reduce packaging on school grounds. She also, on behalf of the school, wishes Fr Fred safe travels and a restful and joy-filled break visiting family and friends in Malta

Learning in Year 5AW

As part of our Religious Education Year 5 curriculum, the students have been focusing on how Christians are called to be in solidarity with the poor and those suffering injustice. The Year 5s have been looking at how they can practically assist those in need. The students made PowerPoint presentations showing their ideas, some of their suggestions carried below.



Catholic Charities Me4U Fundraiser

Our Kitchen Garden classes and Parents & Friends (P&F) worked together to prepare a soup and toasty lunch for staff and students to enjoy as part of our fundraising for Catholic Charities Me4U campaign. All money raised went directly to this charity. Our School Captains also developed another initiative to raise money for this cause. They would like to

involve many parts of our community to respond to the call to *Feed the Hungry*, knowing there are many people that go without healthy food or the bare necessities. Students have asked families and parishioners to donate their favourite recipes towards a community cook book, to be made available in both printed and digital formats. If you have any family favourite recipes you'd love to contribute, please email these me (cthomas@stcaths.catholic.edu.au) of Di Cook (dcook@stcaths.catholic.edu.au).



ECO and YELP Composting Initiatives

Our ECO leaders have met to discuss things going well and those needing improvement. Our leaders feel there has been an increase in packaging, particularly chip packets, finding their way onto our school grounds. They have developed posters to remind students to try to bring nude food to limit the amount of packaging at school.

Our YELP students have also been busy with their new composting initiative and have prepared new compost caddies for each class to help us reduce food waste. Each year level group will now have two caddies between them – one for food scraps that will go into the garden compost bin and one for scraps safe for our chickens and worms to enjoy.

The students hope this system will encourage everyone to think carefully about how we sort our food waste and ensure that nothing goes to landfill if it can instead be recycled back into our garden or help feed our animals.

A time to pay tribute to the fathers of the parish

With Father's Day on 7 September, four parishioners from our four Mass centres – sister Margaret presenting Stephen Way's tribute at the Saturday Vigil at St Matthew's Bridgewater, Eric Toome at the Northern End's St Matthew's Birdwood, Pam Broadbridge at the Sunday morning Mass at St Matthew's Bridgewater and Tristan Barnes at OLOR's Sunday evening Mass – shared snippets of the lives of their fathers and the impact they've made. We carry abridged versions over the following four pages.

Les Way – a man of strong faith, dedicated to his wife and family

By his son, Stephen

Leslie Edward Way, right, was born on 6 February 1924, the third son of seven boys to James and Annie Way. The family lived in Prospect, back then on the outskirts of Adelaide. These were the depression years, there were very few cars, public transport was by tram and the terminus was at Enfield.

On graduating from Nailsworth Primary School, he completed his secondary education at Adelaide High School in Grote Street. He was a very good singer and member of the national Australian Boys Choir and, being involved in the local Rosary Church activities, joined the Young Catholic Workers club. Athletic, too, he played football for the YCW before joining the North Adelaide Football club and playing several seasons with them. He was also a very good tennis player.

When World War II started and too young to join up, he worked at the Stock and Brands Department where he was responsible for monitoring livestock sales. In 1942, he joined the RAAF, undertook courses and training in Australia and in 1943, departed for action in Europe. On arrival, he was transferred to the RAF and trained to become a Lancaster pilot, going on to fly several bombing missions over Europe as part of an Operational Squadron.

On war's end, he flew several missions bringing back POWs from Europe, before he made his way home. Upon arrival, he enrolled at Adelaide Uni to undertake a science degree aiming to become an industrial chemist. He went on to complete an Honours degree and it was during these days that he met the love of his life, Mary Miller.

On leaving university, he worked at GH Michells, a wool processing company in Hindmarsh, where he headed the laboratory. He married Mum at OLOR in Stirling East in 1950. After marriage, he continued his tertiary education, completing qualifications in quality control, business administration and accountancy. He became president of the Dyers and Colourers Association.

He enjoyed this time of his life with his growing



family and often went fishing and hunting with his sons. He was very committed to his family and to the education of his children, while also always supporting them at sport and other activities. He was active, too, in the local parish, sorting out the parish finances and served on the first Parish Pastoral Council.

When Michells moved their plant to Salisbury in the early 1970s, Dad was responsible for the design of that plant, frequently travelling interstate to inspect and recommend changes to other Michell plants around Australia.

In 1973, he purchased a holiday home at Pine Point on the Yorke Peninsula and enjoyed heading over there to catch fish in his boat and go crabbing. At Michells, he became an expert in the science of wool, scouring, colouring and shrink-proofing, and worked closely with the CSIRO in Geelong.

He was on the Australian Wool Board and the Wool Secretariat in London and travelled overseas to attend and present papers at various international wool conferences. At Michells, he held several positions, including Plant Manager. On retirement, he continued with his passions in life, among them his family, fishing, watching sport, gardening and travelling locally and internationally. He never stopped working, often helping with the renovations of his children's homes, in painting and so forth.

Content in life and dedicated to his wife and family, he had a very strong faith. When in 2005 old age caught up with him, he moved into the Hillside Nursing Home at Heathfield and passed away in 2007 at the age of 83.



Thanks, Ted, you gave us a fantastic example

By his son, Eric Toome

When Fr Fred asked me to speak about my dad, I accepted quickly and confidently, certain that I could do him justice. It soon became evident that I may not be able to do that. For, despite my growing up with a gentle, quiet and dedicated man who did everything for his family, I knew and still know very little of his life prior to his arrival in Melbourne in 1949 as a post WW2 European immigrant.

He was university educated and when Estonia was invaded, he was working as a station master. Dad kept talk about his life before Australia to chats with his friends who had similar experiences.

Evald 'Ted' Toome was born in Estonia in June 1913, a brother to two sisters. Estonia was occupied first by Germany and later by the Russians, two nations which saw little of value in the country and its people. Dad did speak once of them being hated by both and was forced to change his family name from the very German sounding Seidelberg to Toome when the Russians arrived. At war's end, Dad and a group of friends made their way to American occupied Germany, where they were placed in displaced persons camps. With very little in the way of identity documents, it took years to become eligible to come to Australia.

The group made their way to Melbourne on two different ships, after which they were sent to different migrant camps in Victoria, Dad eventually made it to Benalla, where he met Mum, the sister in charge of the camp and a recent nursing graduate. After a few years, they moved to Adelaide and a flat

in Prospect. Dad got a job at Chrysler and, after my sister arrived, Mum became a housewife, as was the norm back then.

Dad soon found new employment in the Prisons Department, another daughter arrived, we moved to Gladstone and I was born, followed by three other children. In 1963, we moved to Cadell where, over the next seven years, I have memories of Dad taking us fishing and trying to teach three boys fishing etiquette.

Dad, pictured below left, right, was born a Lutheran but brought up his children as Catholics like their mother. He attended Mass every Sunday when not working and drove us to Morgan or Waikerie depending on where Mass was held. The parish priest, Fr Don Victory, became one of his closest friends.

In late 1970, we moved again to Adelaide where Dad took up his final appointment at Adelaide Goal. He worked hard and had a reputation among his co-workers and community as being an incredibly astute judge of character. He often said to us, "Yes, he may be in prison, but he made a mistake", getting us to see beyond the obvious and see the person beneath. After retiring in 1978, he spent much time with his friends and neighbours. Unfortunately, midway through 1979, he was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer, a consequence of the boredom of the POW camp where he smoked 100 cigarettes a day. A smoker to the end, he did cut back to around 20 a day.

When he underwent surgery, the surgeons discovered the full extent of his cancer and simply closed him up again. Dad seemed to know this and was unwilling to put anyone through further angst. It was just after midnight on 18 October 1979, a thunderstorm began, I recall calling Fr Don in Port Pirie and giving him the news. Within three hours he was by our side at the RAH. Fr Don celebrated Dad's funeral in a Catholic church, which certain members of the clergy had frowned upon and attempted to block. Don would not bow to them, and Dad got a send-off befitting his person, beliefs and moral strength.

A postscript to all this is that, around 1981, we discovered that one of Dad's sisters had made a life in Canada and the other had stayed in Estonia. He had never known they were alive. Mum was able to visit Estonia and meet his family there, but we as his children could only visit after 1989, when Estonia gained its independence from Russia.

Thanks, Ted, you gave us a fantastic example and I just wish we had more time together.



Syd certainly made every post a winner!

By Pam Broadbridge

I was so excited when Fr Fred asked me to do a Fathers' Day Talk about my Dad and immediately rang Nanna Joan Post in Cleve, Auntie Cordi in Wudinna and Michael Evans in Melbourne for their input. Joan married Dad after our mother Gwen died at an early age, Auntie Cordi is the only sister alive and Michael, my nephew, interviewed Dad about his World War II experiences.

Sydney Eric Post, pictured centre, was one of 12 children born to Lutheran parents Wilhelm and Meta Post. He was 'one-of-a-kind,' with a happy outlook and a giving, generous, kind, gentle and genuine friend. His only regret was his birth date, 29 December, which, being so close to Christmas and New Year, meant no party, no good presents.

I recall going to the Wharminda General Store with my pocket money and on seeing men's socks, I bought him a pair and gave him one sock on Christmas Day and one on his birthday. While he didn't mind, he did remind me forever.

Dad's claim to fame was being "the first white child born at Thevenard". He attended primary school at Ceduna and Minnipa and repeated his QC (Qualifying Certificate) to improve his results.

He didn't get the opportunity to go to high school, rather going to work on a farm. When he turned 18, Australia was at war, he signed up for the army and served in New Guinea and on the Kokoda Track. Dad contracted mumps and burst an eardrum, leaving him deaf in one ear. The 'Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels' carried him back to Port Moresby.

On being discharged at 21, he returned to Wharminda to farm with his brother before meeting the new young schoolteacher, Gwen Russell. They married in 1947 and with Mum being Catholic, the service was in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide, albeit at a side altar as it was regarded as a mixed marriage.

Dad supported the Catholic family, driving us from the farm to Mass at Tumby Bay at a time when we fasted for three hours before Communion. He would sit outside and read the Sunday Mail, although he did threaten to attend when the Mass was said in

English.

Dad share-farmed on his brother Ron's farm for some years before moving onto his own block. He had a lovely working relationship with his brothers Harold (everyone called him Rusty), Jim and Frank.

They farmed together and played sport together, including football, cricket, tennis, golf and bowls. Dad wasn't one to talk about his sporting abilities, but he did play football for the Combined County Jervois team at the Mortlock Shield in Port Lincoln and country cricket in Adelaide.

One of the fondest memories held by my sister Jan and me was playing mixed doubles with him at local tennis tournaments. He won games on his own, we assisted at the net as he covered the baseline. One year at Wharminda, he played for the premierships teams in tennis, cricket and football.

Dad loved life. He loved living in the country and on crossing the Port Augusta Bridge when returning from Adelaide, he'd always say, "I feel a lot better now."

Dad loved his RSL, was an active member, always attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service and received life membership in the Cleve RSL branch.

He loved our Mum and his two girls. When Mum died aged 49, Dad remarried a few years later, his second wife Joan Devereaux giving him devoted care and attention. He loved her, too, they enjoyed holidays and she cooked lovely meals. He would say, "I have Christmas dinner every day."

He loved sport, barracked for North Adelaide in the SANFL and the Crows in the AFL, but mostly for his grandson Troy, No. 20 at Melbourne.

He loved laughter and was blessed with a great sense of humour, although he was known to be laughing so much that he'd occasionally share the punch line before the joke. And like all the Posts, he loved playing cards, his mantra being the winners make supper, the losers wash up.

A soldier, a sportsman, a community man, a family man and a friend to all.





The author, Tristan Barnes, right, with his father Ken

Justice wasn't just Dad's job – it was...and remains...his heartbeat

By his son Tristan

Good evening, everyone.

Today, we celebrate Father's Day – a day to honour the men who taught us how to ride bikes, how to drive cars, and how to *not* drive them like maniacs.

The ones who taught us how to change a tyre, grill a steak and, occasionally, how to fix things with duct tape and a prayer.

Fathers are a gift. They reflect, in their imperfect but loving way, the strength and compassion of our Heavenly Father.

As Psalm 103:13 says:

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

I've been blessed with a wonderful dad – Ken Barnes. He's not Catholic, but he has always supported my faith.

We talk about it often, and sometimes I feel he's reaching out in his own quiet way.

I pray for his conversion, and I trust God's timing. After all, if God can turn water into wine, he can certainly work with a retired lawyer from Sydney.

Dad ran his own law firm, specialising in family law – some of the toughest cases. He had a deep sense of justice, always standing up for those who couldn't stand up for themselves.

Proverbs 31:8-9 says:

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves...defend the rights of the poor and needy."

That was Dad. Justice wasn't just his job – it was...and remains...his heartbeat.

At home, he was fair but firm. He disciplined us when needed, had zero tolerance for lies, and gave balanced criticism.

And yes, he had *that look* – you know the one!

The look that said, "I know exactly what you did, and we're going to talk about it... after dinner."

But most of all, he loved me enough to put effort into me. He still does. Even now, with the distance between us – he's in Sydney, I'm here in Adelaide – I feel his presence in my life.

He has a lovely companion now, and I'm grateful she brings him joy. We're waiting on a possible diagnosis of Parkinson's, and I ask you to keep him in your prayers.

Tonight, I invite you to think about your own fathers.

The ones who taught you, challenged you, maybe embarrassed you in public once or twice – but loved you deeply.

Whether your dad is here, far away or has passed on, take a moment to remember what he gave you.

Remember his time, his wisdom, his love – and, yes, definitely, even his terrible dad jokes!

Let us thank God for the gift of fathers.

And let us pray for all fathers – that they may continue to reflect the love of our Heavenly Father, who never stops pursuing us.





Above left, Fr Fred and his sister Maryanne enjoy his favourite meal at a Maltese restaurant while, above right, he visits the graves of his parents and brother Lino

Fr Fred shares moments of his Maltese holiday

In a recent email to *The Bridge*, Fr Fred shared a few photos from his holiday in Malta.

In the first, above left, he is enjoying his favourite meal, rabbit and chips, in the company of his sister, Maryanne, at a local restaurant.

The second photo, above right, shows him visiting the grave of his recently deceased brother, Lino, as well as that of his parents, Paul and Julia Farrugia, at the Addolorata Cemetery just outside the capital, Valetta.

New PPC member Tom Kovac introduces himself

I was born in Valpovo, a small town in Croatia (a state of former Yugoslavia.) My family immigrated to Australia in 1969 when I was 11 and, after initially living in country Victoria, we moved to Adelaide in 1971, where we've been ever since.

My wife of 35 years, Otta, and I moved to the Adelaide Hills 19 years ago with our two children, Katya and Matthew. Prior to retiring this year, I was self-employed as a flooring contractor, but over my working life, I've had varied occupations in the service and retail industry. I joined the CFS as a volunteer 13 years ago and am currently kept out of trouble by renovating and caring for our grandchildren and ageing stepmother when needed.

When we first moved to Bridgewater, we attended Mass at St Matthew's sporadically but in recent years, we have become more involved in the church community, Otta with the Social Justice Group and various other volunteer roles and me with the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

Convinced that the PPC provided a great vehicle for helping within the community, I joined earlier this year. As a PPC member, I hope to bring another perspective to the topics discussed and contribute by helping the church community in a

practical way through the planned opportunities that arise from those meetings.

I feel one of the challenges we face is our ageing community and the need for younger parishioners, not only in the Mass attendance but throughout church life.

I suspect other faiths have similar experiences as, sadly, religion is seemingly no longer an integral part of children's and young people's moral upbringing.



New PPC member, Tom Kovac



Reflecting on the connection between respect for creation and social justice

By the Ecology Group's Helen Cantwell

This year we've been celebrating 10 years of living with *Laudato Si*, that wonderful writing of Pope Francis clearly saying to us that it is impossible for us as human beings to celebrate our astounding technological progress of the 20th Century without addressing our lack of progress towards achieving social justice.

Pope Francis chose his name to draw the connection between respect for creation and social justice, and now Pope Leo has followed the example of this connection through his name choice.

Laudato Si begins by quoting popes through the 20th Century who have made this connection for us. There was Pope Saint John XXIII's Peace on Earth in 1971, Blessed Pope Paul VI's statement that "ill-considered exploitation of nature runs the risk of destroying it and humanity becoming victim of this degradation", and Pope Saint John Paul II declaring that there is an essential need to "safeguard the moral conditions for an authentic human ecology".

In turn, Pope Benedict XVI noted that "human beings are spirit and will, but also nature...the misuse of nature occurs when we no longer recognise any higher instance than ourselves."

Ten years on, we are strongly aware of the timely effect of Pope Francis' skill in communicating through Catholic circles on all levels and religious circles of every variety. Natural disasters and diseases on a pandemic scale have added weight to awareness of the wisdom of Catholic leadership. The exhortation of *Laudato Si* is not only to respect and admire our Catholic leadership, but to be "missionary": to accompany our Christian action with

Christian conversation and we are receiving instruction in how to go about this...

Listen. That is, trust the attempt of the other person to communicate.

Value silence. That is, pause, to assure the speaker that they've been heard and to allow the Holy Spirit to provide the words, or work through the silence.

The buzz word in Catholic circles is 'synodality'. And as with all buzz words it is advisable to appreciate the effort of those who come up with the vocabulary as they attempt to say a lot with little.

Another of Pope Francis' style of teaching through practical applications has been the instigation of The Season of Creation, from 1 September to 5 October, during which we celebrate our common "seasons of fruitfulness", in both northern and southern hemispheres at a time when the appealing weather around the equinoxes encourages us to spend more time in the natural world, to appreciate our intricate connection to humus, healthy, productive soil.

I've been told on numerous occasions that dirt is soil out of place. And while four out of five human beings currently live in cities as they are an essential solution to accommodate the current level of human population, it would be foolish to see them as humanity out of place.

City planning developments devoted to health and healing – think hospitals and mental health clinics – also include those facilities that provide access to nature and recognise the essential connection between human health and 'humus': healthy soil.

Among many opportunities to celebrate this beautiful season, Christian Life Community invites all to come together on Saturday morning, 27 September 2025, for an occasion which combines time to appreciate the beauty and fragility of Australian scrub and to enjoy spiritual conversation around a shared lunch.

Those keen to get involved are invited to meet either at 9am or 10am at Gate 2 Wottons Scrub, Gum Flat Road, pictured left. Please wear sensible outdoor clothing as this is very much an outdoor activity over one to two hours. Afterwards, from 11:30am to 1:30pm, we will reconnect in Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills Hall at St Matthew's Bridgewater, a short 10-minute drive away, where we will enjoy a shared meal.

As has become a common response to our recognition of our privilege, any donations will be given to Jesuit Social Services.



OLOR boys receive special blessing from community

By Debbie Somers



Four young boys who completed their Sacramental Programme journey when they made their First Holy Communion on 10 August and who now worship with us at the 5.30pm Mass on Sundays at Our Lady of the Rosary (OLOR) received a special blessing from the community on 17 August.

Led by Fr Fred, Liam, Ross, Elliot and Toby (pictured left) were welcomed warmly and we look forward to assisting them on their faith journey.

After Mass, the four boys added a lovely touch to the evening by distributing chocolates to the congregation.

Safeguarding Sunday – Conversations to Action

By Mark McGeough

Safeguarding Sunday is observed this weekend (14 September) and is the culmination of National Child Protection Week, a national initiative to engage everyone in supporting families and protecting children. This year's theme is *Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversations To Action*.

Aligned to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity to not only reaffirm safeguarding practices and protocols but to celebrate the presence of children, young people and those who are vulnerable in our parishes and communities as we continue to develop and embed a strong culture of safeguarding for all.

It also invites us to pray for those harmed directly or indirectly by abuse and recognise the importance of change to ensure we are a safe, hope-filled and welcoming church.

The Adelaide Hills Catholic Parish and the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

May we work to build and support safe communities for all people. Parishes play a really important role in creating the safe harbours that families need.

You improve the lives of children every time you link families together, support parents who need a hand, adopt a child-safe culture for your organisation and spread positive messages that value children.



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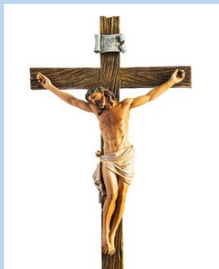
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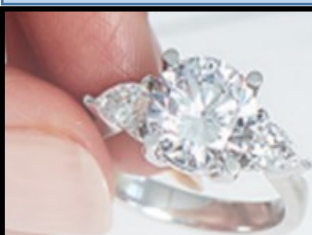
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