



Catholic Communities of:
St Matthew's, Bridgewater
Our Lady of the Rosary, Stirling East
St Joseph the Worker, Lobethal
St Matthew's, Birdwood

ADELAIDE HILLS CATHOLIC PARISH

THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA YEAR C

8th/9th November 2025

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SUNDAY'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome—the Pope. It is, therefore, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope. Inscribed on its façade in Latin are the words: "The mother and head of all the churches of the City and the world." Today's feast celebrates the unity of all local churches with the Church of Rome—the heart of our Catholic communion.

The Basilica was dedicated in 324 A.D. by Pope Sylvester I after Emperor Constantine granted Christians freedom of worship. Its dedication marks the end of persecution, the emergence of Christian worship into public life, and the Church's visible establishment in society. With this feast we celebrate the Church coming out of hiding into open mission—no longer confined to catacombs, but now at the heart of the city.

Yet the true temple of God we celebrate today is not made of marble or stone—it is us, the Christian community. As St. Paul tells the Corinthians, "You are God's building... Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

Today's feast invites us to renew our dedication as members of Christ's body. We celebrate the Church not simply as a building, but as a living, holy people gathered around the Eucharistic table.

In this weekend Gospel Jesus cleanses the temple, signaling that its rituals of sacrifice are being fulfilled and replaced by himself. Soon, his sacrifice on the cross would replace the Passover lamb. His blood would deliver us from death and free us for new life. Just as manna sustained the Israelites in the desert, so the bread Jesus gives will sustain us for eternal life.

Jesus' contemporaries did not understand, but guided by the Spirit, we do. John makes this clear: "He was speaking about the temple of his body." The other Gospels place the cleansing of the temple at the end of Jesus' ministry; John places it at the beginning—to show that everything Jesus says and does from that moment reveals him as the fulfillment of Israel's hopes.

Salvation has come to the people in Jesus Christ. He is now the meeting place between humanity and God—the Holy of Holies made flesh. Whenever we gather in his name, we too become that holy place where the world can encounter God.

Today we celebrate not only a building, but the living Church—God's holy people gathered in unity, guided and empowered by the Spirit to bring Christ's life into the world. May this feast renew us in our mission to be Christ's presence for others.

A CHURCH FOR ALL FAITHFUL

St John Lateran Basilica



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, Gabrielle Morgan, Mirla Mills, Judith McPhee, Krystina Rowland, Carolyn Whitfield.

November Anniversaries: Thelma Smerdon, Fr Brian Schmidt, Stella Dacko, Frank Clements, Stephen Man-na Susanne Movat, Daniel Clements, Tony Nicolas, Mario Della Torre, Colin Sutton.

Recently deceased: Bishop Patrick Power, Mons Robert Rice.

WEEKDAYS MASSES

Monday 10th	OLOR	9.00a.m.
Tuesday 11th	Mass at St Catherine's	9.00a.m.
	Rosary at the OLOR	4.00p.m.
Wednesday 12th	BIRDWOOD	9.00a.m.
Friday 14th	BRIDGEWATER	11.00a.m.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

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Thursday 13th	Parish Finance Council	4.00p.m.
Sunday 16th	Bridgewater community Meeting	12.00p.m.
Wednesday 19th	Parish Pastoral Council	6.00p.m.
Sunday 23rd	Feast of Christ the King	
	Advent Retreat	12.00p.m.
Tuesday 25th	Parish Team Meeting	9.00a.m.
	Liturgy meeting	11.00a.m.
Friday 28th	Mass 3rd/4th Yr St Catherine	9.00a.m.
	Memorial Mass	6.30p.m.
Sunday 30th	Beginning of Advent	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus,
made a whip.
You shocked us with it.
Help us to understand your anger.
Let us see with your eyes:
grace,
pouring from the temple of God,
making all things fruitful,
healing what is broken.
Your zeal.
O Christ,
unleash your zeal
upon us.
Let the concerns of God be first for us.
Let us pray and care for your poor.
And give us courage to act
as you did when lust rules.

ADVENT BOOKLET

The Advent booklet will be distributed next weekend. The parish has financed \$340 in buying the booklets. They will be distributed free to those who have ordered it.

ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND MASSES

NORTHERN End	BIRDWOOD Sunday 16th Nov 8.30a.m	Lobethal Sunday 23rd Nov 8.30am
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Welcome	Mary Nyeboeur	Gayle Raven
1st Reader	Gayle Raven	Margaret S
2nd Reader	Simon Murphy	Joan Murdoch
Euch. Minister	Margaret S	Eric Toome
Cleaning	Carmel Fairbairn	Henny Murphy

BRIDGEWATER	Sat 15th Nov 6.00 pm	Sun 16th Nov 10.30am
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Sacristan	Mark McGeough	Di Golding
Welcoming	Karen Heusler	John Leeton
Reader 1	Mark McGeough	Nolan Parodi
Reader 2	Mary Homann	Phil Schultz
Euch. Minister	Ann Teteris	Karen Dutton
Musicians	Damien Mansfield	Power Point
Counters	Marie Thompson & Di Golding	
Cleaning	Jan McDonnell & Dan DeFazio	
Our Lady	Di Golding	Di Golding
Flowers	Gina Kelly	Gina Kelly
Tea & Coffee		

OLOR	Sunday 16th Nov 5.30pm	Sunday 23th Nov 5.30pm
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Sacristan	Paul Anderson	Paul Anderson
Welcoming	Rosy Jones	Annette Lamont

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Christmas is approaching fast and it's a busy time for everyone, including the St Vincent de Paul Society. We are having our Christmas Appeal on 15th/16th November (and 23 November for Lobethal) where we will have speakers at the end of mass and envelopes available for donations. Jesse Trees will be erected at each Parish centre around the same time with gift tags of children's ages and gender ready for gifts to be donated by parishioners to fill the hampers for school and community families in need. We are selling Christian Christmas cards (\$10 for a 10 card pack) and 2026 Columban Art Calendars (\$10 each). There will be a collection box for the money at each parish centre - please bring the correct change. If we run out of cards and calendars, please speak to Lea Crosby, Margaret Smitherman or Marianne Berry and we will endeavour to supply you with your order. Look out for donation boxes in Coles Bridgewater, Klose's Lobethal, Klose's Woodside and Mt Barker Central for a way to contribute food for our Hamper Drive. Thank you for supporting St Vinnies. Anyway that you can contribute is much appreciated.

ROSARY

The rosary group meets every Tuesday at the OLOR church at 4.00p.m. and recite the rosary. Please come and join us and be part of this group. We offer the Rosary especially for the sick of our parish.

MEMORIAL MASS

As November is traditionally the month of remembrance within the Catholic Church we are given the opportunity to reflect on and pray for those who are no longer with us especially those who died during this year. The Memorial Mass will be held on Friday 28th November at 6.30pm. at Bridgewater. Forms of attendance are available at the back of the church. It's important that filling the form means that one will be attending.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Masses will be offered for the deceased relatives and friends for:

Lew Brickhill, Rita & Frances Gourley, Charles, Agnes, Norman & Veronica Davey, Bill & Margaret Guthrie, Terry, Eileen, Ann & Cyril Deed, Duszynski & Naraniecki families, Valentina & Zenon Sobecki, Maria & Adam Jezioranski, Malcolm Golding, Shirley Forster, Neil Osborne, John, David & Selena Murphy, Stephanus & Bernarda Bennink, Guilia, Paul & Lino Farrugia, Puntoriero & Thompson Families, Ermino & Maria Tarca and Families, John Ritzi, Linda Radic, Tommy Moore, Catherine & Patrick Rooney, Eilish & Louis Donachy, John Crosby, Kerry-Anne Leewton, Troy Broadbridge, Janis Evans, Susan McLeans, Christine Evans, Ralph, Sylu & John Pappandrea, Kath & Dan Nichols, Tony Clifford, Catherine & Alec Raven, Dorothy & John McKeown, Gay & Arthur Morris, Mary & Hubert Biggs, Brian Mackenzie, Brian Sachse, Claire O'Connor, Michael Grohs, Karmenu Farrugia, Olga, Karmenu & Carmelo Schembri, Jane Harrison, Kath & George White, Rosemary Hood, Audine & Julian Andrews, Neil Faggotter, Roos & Alma Anderson, Paul Millhouse, Sue Crabb, Ralf Lightfoot, Ruth & Les Howe, Glenda Le Gallant, Francis & Patrick O'Flynn, Paul Waul, the Preece family, Bill & Neil Guthrie, Greg & Elizabeth Rohan, Noel Dermody, Eva Burton, Brian Pyn, Margaret Pyne, Dr Remington Pyne, John & Joan Evans, John & Beverley Twelftree.

O Lord Jesus Christ, grant to the souls of the faithful departed, the full remission of their sins. Be mindful, most merciful Saviour, of that Soul in Purgatory who was most devoted to Thee in the Holy Eucharist. Shorten the moment of his deliverance, that he may glorify Thee, and aid me in my journey toward eternity. Amen

MANDATORY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

All Church employees, Clergy and Religious Persons and volunteers are required to complete a new suite of mandatory safeguarding training modules. This course is designed to deepen our understanding, strengthen our practices, and ensure that safeguarding is embedded in every aspect of our ministry and service. All volunteers will be asked to undertake the "Safeguarding Essentials" course, on-line. Once completed you will be e-mailed a certificate to show you have successfully completed the course. To help, a PowerPoint will be shown before the weekend Masses of November 22nd & 23rd. Following on from this instructions will be sent out to all on how to access the online training course. For those who are unable to access a computer, the parish will arrange for a session in the Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills hall at Bridgewater and the Mary O'Dea centre in Birdwood.

SOUTHERN CROSS

Please take a copy of the Southern Cross of this month. Each copy costs \$2 and \$1 goes to the parish.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Next meeting on Thursday 13th November at 4.00p.m. at the OLAH parish hall, Bridgewater. We have received from the Archdiocese the permission to go ahead with the renovation of the parish house in Birdwood with an expense of \$44,000 Inc. GST

ADVENT RETREAT

On the 23rd of November the Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King which is the last Sunday before Advent, also known as the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This year the Advent retreat will be held on this Sunday. The idea is that parishioners will still not be involved in Christmas celebrations and a good beginning preparation for Advent. The retreat will commenced after the 10.30a.m. Mass at Bridgewater and will end by 2.15p.m. if one intends to come please put your name in the list provided at the back of the church.

BAPTISM AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 6th December at 2.00p.m. The Parish invites all families who have had their children baptised in the Adelaide Hills Parish to attend a Get Together/Christmas Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall. St Nicholas will make an appearance during the afternoon with special treats for the children. For catering purposes please RSPV indicating numbers of adults and children to Cathie Oswald before Wednesday 3rd December to catherine@adelaidehillsparish.com.au

STIRLING CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

After the success of last year, the parish is once again participating in the Stirling Christmas Pageant. Our parish is holding an bacon and egg sandwich stall on Sunday 7th December from 11.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. We are asking for volunteers who can help in the catering. Please speak to or contact John Leeton on 0419 2543 814 john.leeton2@bigpond.com

BRIDGEWATER COMMUNITY MEETING

Our next Bridgewater community meeting will be held on Sunday 16th November after the 10.30a.m. The Agenda will include: Advent/Christmas program, Social Justice activities.

BIRDWOOD CWL STALL

The CWL Birdwood wish to thank all those who supported their stall and raffle during the Ecology Sunday at St Catherine. All proceeds will go to various charities which the CWL supports.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

Thanks for the Social Justice Group who organised the Melbourne Cup lunch. We appreciate enormously the parishioners who always support such activities. However, it is always so disappointing that there are so many others who don't attend, and we wish we knew the reason why. FR FRED

Weekly Income 1st/2nd November 2025 THANK YOU

First Collection:	\$546.80
Planned Giving Received:	\$2640.00
Loose Plate:	\$235.60

If you would like to donate by Direct Debit use the parish bank account details below:
BSB: 066-782 Account: 100000277
Account Name Adelaide Hills Parish
Refer payment as "donation"

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**

The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**

The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



The 10th November is confirmed by the history of Armistice Day which occurs on the following day. Armistice Day marked both the end of fighting in the First World War and the precarious nature of the peace that followed it. When celebrated each year, the emblem of Armistice Day was the red Flanders poppy. It was the fragile flower that survived on the fields of war, a symbol of the survival of human life despite the worst efforts of science.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK 33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading	Mal 3:19-20
2nd Reading	2 Thess 3:7-12
Gospel	Lk 21:5-19