



We are a community learning to be disciples of Jesus

Welcome to Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish 13th November 2022

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times This Week

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| Saturday 6pm | | Our Lady of Mercy |
| Sunday 9am | | Our Lady of Mercy |
| Sunday 9:30am | | St James the Less (Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion) |
| Sunday 10:45am | | The Good Shepherd |
| Mon 14/11 | 11.00am | Rosary Garden |
| Tue 15/11 | 9.30am | Our Lady of Mercy |
| Wed 16/11 | 12 noon | Our Lady of Mercy |
| Thu 17/11 | 9.00am | Our Lady of Mercy |
| Thu 17/11 | 2.00pm | The Good Shepherd Funeral - Thomas Weir |
| Fri 18/11 | 9.30am | Our Lady of Mercy |
| Fri 18/11 | 7.00pm | St James the Less |
| Sat 19/11 | 9.30am | The Good Shepherd |
| Sat 19/11 | 11.00am | Rosary Garden |



Desire is the compass to discern our direction (part 1)

Pope Francis dedicated his October 12th General Audience on discernment to the theme of desire; encouraging the faithful to ask the Lord to help us know His desire for our lives. He said that “discernment is a form of searching, and searching always stems from something we lack, but somehow know.” Pope Francis noted that spiritual teachers refer to it as “‘desire’ - a nostalgia for fullness that is the sign of God’s presence in us.”

The word ‘desire’ comes from the Latin ‘de-sidus’ which means “the lack of the star,” of a reference point, to orient our path of life. “It evokes a suffering, a lack, and at the same time a tension to reach the good that is missing,” the Pope said, and hence, desire is the “compass to understand where I am and where I am going.”

Desire is not the craving of the moment. “A sincere desire knows how to touch deeply the chords of our being, which is why it is not extinguished in the face of difficulties or setbacks.” The Pope referred to instances when we are thirsty, noting that if we do not find something to drink, we do not give up. On the contrary, our yearning for water increasingly occupies our thoughts and actions, until we become willing to make any sacrifice in order to quench our thirst.

“Obstacles and failures do not stifle the desire; on the contrary, they make it even more alive in us,” the Pope said. “Unlike the desire or emotion of the moment,” he said, “desire lasts through time, even a long time, and tends to materialize.” He gave the example of a young person who wants to be a doctor, and embarks on a course of study and work that occupies years of their life. This choice means he will have to set limits, say “no” to other courses of study, avoid diversions and distractions, especially during the most intense times of study. It is thus, “the desire to give his life a direction and reach that goal enables him to overcome these difficulties.” “In effect, a value becomes beautiful and more easily achievable when it is attractive.”

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass on Thursday and Saturday mornings for half an hour.

Reconciliation is available during and after Exposition, and by appointment.

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Question of the Week

Jesus said, 'You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls'. (Luke 21:17-19)

Adults: When bad things happen, how do you deal with them?

Young People: What temps young people to give up on trying to live the Christian life?

Children: Have you ever worried about something that might happen? What can help you worry less?

Liturgy of the Word in the Absence of a Priest

There will be a second training session for leading a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at the Parish Hall in Strathalbyn on Thursday November 24th at 7.00pm.

Parish Finance Council Report

This month, Ian Hamilton of Arcuate Architecture gave us a presentation about maintaining heritage church buildings. We are considering the benefits of obtaining a Fabric Condition Report for Our Lady of Mercy church, which has some ongoing problems with rendering, repointing and leaks in the tower wall.

There has been a lot of activity in the Parish House over the past four weeks, as each room has been rearranged to accommodate our many activities in practical way. This work will continue during November, as we work to optimise the room layouts and find a neat and tidy home for each item.

The Finance Council continues to work with the Parish Pastoral Council to budget for our Masterplan projects. These are being incorporated into a 5-year budget.

And finally, we continued our work on planning and budgeting for accommodation for our new priest, who we expect to arrive in January 2023.

We thank all of our parishioners for your generous support of our parish initiatives via the planned giving program, and through your prayers and volunteer time and effort. If you would like to join the Planned Giving program, or set up a direct debit, please contact the Parish Office on E:mbstparish@adam.com.au.

Hopes...Dreams...Desires Weekend Retreat

"Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable". Pope Francis

This three-day silent retreat offers the opportunity to spend time with God and yourself to reflect on your current hopes and dreams. These quiet days will provide a space of freedom to explore your desires and the life-giving possibilities that await.

From 4pm, Friday November 18 to 2pm Sunday November 20, at Sevenhill Retreat Centre, College Road, Sevenhill. \$340, live-in. Enquiries and bookings: Chris McCabe M: 0439 901 019, E: chris.mccabe08@gmail.com or Lesli Townsend M: 0434 474150 E:lesligulubaliyato@gmail.com.

Advent Retreat Day

The World Community for Christian Meditation in SA presents "Crossing Place", an Advent retreat day with Rev Anne Hewitt, Exec Director & General Secretary, Churches Together SA. Saturday 19 November, 11am to 3pm at St Michael's Anglican Church, Mitcham. BYO packed lunch and cup. Tea, coffee and water provided. Donation: \$15.

Welcome to the Parish

We welcome new parishioners Tony and Maria Franklin to Mount Barker and we look forward to getting to know them!

Let's all remember to keep our eyes out for new people and introduce ourselves to anyone we do not know, especially over the upcoming Advent and Christmas period.

Memorial Mass for Deceased Bishops, Clergy & Religious

All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese. Thursday, November 17 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Mass will begin at 5.45pm and music will be led by the Gleeson College Choir. For more information contact Archdiocesan Events on P: 8210 8220 or E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

November Masses

The names of those we are especially praying for in November are displayed in each of our churches.

Men's Retreat at The Monastery

'To be my Best Self': This men's retreat will be led by Fr Denis Travers CP and Fr Tony Eggar CP. Commences November 18 with a dinner and concludes Saturday November 19 with a 6pm Mass. Cost: \$160 covers accommodation and all meals. Enquiries and reservations P: 8338 8700 or E:conference@themonastery.net.au.

Sevenhill Pilgrimage for Young Adults Aged 18 - 35

Join COYYA and the Jesuits for a pilgrimage from 8am-6pm Saturday November 26, 2022. The day includes a 2-hour (9km) pilgrimage walk from Watervale to the Sevenhill Centre of Ignatian Spirituality and Winery along the Riesling Trail followed by a retreat, time for personal reflection and opportunities to meet other young adults. Cost: \$40 includes transport, retreat, lunch and wine tasting. Bookings by Wednesday November 16 at www.trybooking.com/CDKPM. Further information: coyyaadl@cesa.catholic.edu.au.

Journey: Celebrating Italian Migrants

Sunday, November 13 at 3pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The event will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia. In this Mass, we reflect on the significance of our Italian migrants with a focus on the 20th Century Patroness Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, protector to all immigrants. Refreshments by Nonna's Cucina will be available to purchase after Mass. Archdiocesan Events P: 8210 8220 / E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Praise and Worship Family Night

Join us from 6.30pm, Wednesday November 30 for finger food, gathering and connection in **Henley Parish** Church Hall. A live band will support the event, and we will be joined by guest speaker Donna Brennan who is the Lead for Alpha Australia Catholic Team. There will be great music, prayer teams and the sacrament of Reconciliation. So why not bring a group of friends and together we can build on our personal relationship with Jesus. RSVP / enquiries: Barb Conlon M: 0439 305 543 or Henley Beach Parish Office P: 8356 8888.

Sunday Readings

FIRST READING MALACHI 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 97:5-9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the people with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL LUKE 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



**Next Week: November 20, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C,
Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3, Psalm: 121:1-5, Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20, Gospel: Luke 23:35-43.

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