



ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

Migrant and Refugee Sunday - Year B

29th September 2024

Sunday Reflection

Many of us may have had the experience of walking along and then suddenly falling forward, having stubbed our foot against a slightly raised paving slab. Sometimes the very paving that is meant to help us walk safely can prove to be a stumbling-stone because they are out of alignment with what surrounds them. Part of our baptismal calling is to support each other in our response to the Lord's call.

We need each other's example, encouragement and, sometimes, challenge, if we are to walk in the way of the Lord. Many of us will be able to think of people who are a support to us in the living of our baptismal calling. The saints have traditionally played that role in the history of the church. We look to them to show what it means to be the Lord's disciples; they can continue to speak to us across the centuries.

People who are much closer to us in time and place may have done the same for us. They show us the Lord's way by living that way themselves. Yet, we are also aware that some people can lead us astray, inviting us to take paths that are not in keeping with our baptismal calling. They can become obstacles to us, tripping us up as we struggle to follow in the way of Christ.

In today's gospel, Jesus shows a strong awareness of these two possibilities. He speaks of the one who gives a cup of cold water to one of his followers and the one who is an obstacle to bring down one of his followers; the one who supports and the one who blocks. Jesus himself had experienced Peter, the leader of the twelve, as an obstacle.

When Peter sought to dissuade Jesus from taking the path that God was asking him to take, because it would involve the cross, Jesus rebuked him with the words, 'You are a stumbling block to me' (Mt 16:23). The gospels suggest that Jesus' disciples proved to be stumbling blocks to others on more than one occasion.

Mark tells us that when parents were trying to bring their children to Jesus that he might bless them, the disciples spoke sternly to the parents and tried to block the children from reaching Jesus. In today's gospel, we find Jesus' disciples trying to block someone from doing the Lord's work, just because he was not one of them. In response, Jesus rebukes them, 'Do not stop him— Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

Peter and the disciples meant well in all these cases. Even well-meaning people, it seems, can become obstacles to the Lord's work. We can all find ourselves in the role of the stumbling block without realising it. Thinking that our way is the Lord's way, we can then proceed to try and impose that way on others.

The disciples in today's gospel had to learn that their way was, in fact, a much narrower way than the Lord's way, and that their narrow perspective was an obstacle to the Lord's work getting done. Those they judged to be 'not one of us', Jesus regarded as 'for us.'

Sunday Reflection (continued)

In contrast to his disciples, Jesus was able to recognise and encourage goodness wherever he found it. He knew that the Spirit blows where it wills. He was alert to the signs of the Spirit's presence wherever he came across them. In the same way, Moses in the first reading recognised and rejoiced in the movement of the Spirit in the lives of Eldad and Medad, even though Joshua wanted Moses to stop them prophesying. We all have a role to play in recognizing and supporting the working of the Spirit in each other.

Towards the end of his first letter to the church in Thessalonica, Paul says, 'Do not quench the Spirit.' To quench the Holy Spirit in others is to become a stumbling block, an obstacle, to God's working in their lives. We can quench the Spirit in others and hinder the good work that God is doing through them for a whole variety of very human reasons.

We can be motivated by jealousy, as Moses suggests Joshua was in today's first reading. Like the disciples, we can refuse to acknowledge God's good work in the lives of others because they are not 'one of us', because they belong to a different church or religion or ethnic group. We can be dismissive of the good someone else is doing simply because it is not the way we would have done it, forgetting that the Holy Spirit works in many diverse ways in people's lives.

Living as we do in a culture that is awash with obstacles and stumbling stones to God's working in our lives, we who seek to be the Lord's followers need to ensure that we do not become stumbling stones for one another. The Lord looks to us to give the cup of cold water, to nurture what is good in each other, and to rejoice in the working of the Spirit in the lives of others.

29 Sep: Migrant and Refugee Sunday (Multicultural Mass) at the Cathedral



Everyone is invited to celebrate Migrant & Refugee Sunday in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral today — 29 September at 2.30pm. All are welcome! Come dressed in cultural attire and enjoy an ice-cream and coffee after Mass, as we celebrate the many cultures that make up our amazing church in Adelaide. For detailed information about World Migrant & Refugee Sunday contact Tracey Tessitore from the Pastoral Services Team: Justice, Healing and Inclusion via email on:

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Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide
Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside
Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide

Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney
Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich
Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles and Todd Streets, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

1 Oct: Dulwich and Burnside Community Holy Rosary Devotion



For nearly 50 years, the Dulwich-Burnside community has had a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This community has been blessed with many priestly vocations. During the month of October, the Rosary will be prayed at 7:00pm from Monday to Friday in our homes. We invite you once again to join us in this special devotion and strongly encourage you to host a rosary evening by inviting our Blessed Mother into your home. Please contact Jean Lucas at 0421280100 or Deacon Remo at 0414189268 for more information. The host locations, are as below:

Details of Week 1: October 2024

Date:	Name:	Location:
1st	Jacque & Richard Moller	5 Riverton Grove, Tasmore.
2nd	Nan Hamra	5 Cooper Place, Leabrook.
3rd	Joan Glastonbury	1/18 Conyngham St, Glenside
4th	St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich followed by 1st Friday Benediction	

5/6 Oct: "Supporting our Clergy" Campaign of the Archdiocese of Adelaide

The Archdiocese of Adelaide will have a special campaign for "Supporting our Clergy" over the weekend of 5/6 October. A special collection will be taken up during that weekend to value and support the good work done by all the Priests and Deacons serving in our Parishes across the Archdiocese. We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

12 Oct: Charis SA Retreat Exploring the Holy Spirit in Scripture

Charis SA presents a spiritual retreat "Exploring the Holy Spirit in Scripture" with Mass, adoration and confession on 12 October from 10am-3pm at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich. Fr. Dean Marin, Vicar-General, Archdiocese of Adelaide is the key-note speaker and celebrant. For more information call 0407060715 or visit: www.charis-sa.org or .

13 Oct: Feast of St. Daniel Comboni of Sudan/South Sudan

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of **St. Daniel Comboni of Sudan/South Sudan** in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sunday, 13 October at 2.30pm. All are welcome to this cultural celebration of a saint who stood up for injustice and promoted care for the marginalised. Please check the Cathedral Notice Board for more details or please contact the Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on E: jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall.

27 Oct: "How to Suffer Well" A discussion by Fr. Tony Telford Sharp Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them on 27 October from 7pm-8.30pm in the Cathedral Hall for a special talk by Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp on "How to suffer well". The topic answers the question about why God brings challenges into our lives and the wisdom of the Church in facing those challenges with grace. The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them each week in their Ministry of fellowship. If you are interested to know more about the group and their activities, please contact Ngoc Nguyen on 0424643310 after the Sunday 6pm Mass at the Cathedral. **Please note that the Youth Group is open ONLY for people aged 18-35 years. Please check the notice board for regular updates and events being hosted by the Young Adults Group.**

2nd Nov: All Souls Day Mass Offerings

All Souls Day Mass Offering envelopes are now available at the entrance of all Churches in our Parish. Kindly take home an envelope to request for prayers for your deceased loved ones on All Souls Day. Kindly submit your envelopes to the Parish Office directly or deposit them into the Sunday Collection each week. The names of your deceased loved ones will be featured in the newsletters dated 3rd November and the following Sundays of the month. The timetable for All Souls Day masses will be available in the newsletter next week.

Safeguarding Sunday Art Competition

We would like to thank all the children that submitted their artwork for the Safeguarding Sunday Art Competition. We greatly appreciate the wonderful expressions of art by our children. We request those children who haven't collected their goody bag as of yet, to please contact the Parish Office during office hours.



Latin Mass Community

Monday Scripture class is in recess until the end of October. Servers' practice continues at 5:30pm.

Thursday evening's *Introduction to the Bible* class continues at 7:40pm. All welcome.

This Friday is the 1st Friday of the Month:

10am: Young Mothers' Rosary Group – contact Louise Moir for details.

5:30pm: Catechism classes for those in school years 3-12.

6:30pm: Low Mass followed by 1st Friday Devotions, Benediction and Compline, with Adoration continuing overnight until 6.30am Saturday.

Holy Hours for the clergy at 3am and families at 5:30am Saturday.

Low Mass at 7am and a Sung Mass at 8:30am on Saturday

There will be a free screening of "The Flowers of St. Francis" film this Sat. 5th Oct. at 7:30pm in the Ellengowan Hall, at the back of the Holy Name Church carpark. BYO snacks. All welcome. NB: Movie is in Italian with English subtitles. Please contact Madeline Gallasch for details.

There will be an Altar Servers cycling activity day on Sat. 12th Oct. beginning with 8:30am Mass and ending ~4pm. All altar servers welcome.

Registrations for this year's *Christus Rex* Pilgrimage are now open. Please see flyers or visit www.christusrexpilgrimage.com for details.

Save the Date: Our Annual All Saints' Community Picnic is on Sun. 3rd Nov after the 9:15am Mass. You are invited dress up as your favourite Saint – prizes for best children and adults. All welcome.

Fr McCaffrey is currently away on annual leave and will be back next week.

Please do not place any material (advertising or otherwise) in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey, Fr. McGuckin or Fr. Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9:15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Margaret Easlea, Hannah McCaffrey, Stephen Lawler (Kathleen's father), Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Constantine Day, Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafioti, Tony Caruso and Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother).

Please also remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.



Catholic Charities

September: 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

The Catholic Charities Appeal was founded in 1941 by Archbishop Beovich to help people in our community. Originally the Appeal was established to support the four orphanages in the Diocese:

- The Orphanage of St Vincent de Paul founded in 1866 (was transferred to Goodwood in 1888 under the care of the Sisters of Mercy)
- St Joseph's Orphanage Largs Bay - founded in 1903 (under the care of the Sisters of St Joseph)
- The industrial Home for Boys at Brooklyn Park or Boys Town (under the direction of the Brothers of St John the Baptist)
- The Foundling Home for infants in association with the Refuge at Wattle Street, Fullarton - run by the Sisters of St Joseph until 1963 when the Daughters of Charity took over. It became Louise Place. (The Refuge was founded by Mother Mary MacKillop in 1868 and moved to Fullarton in 1901).

As social circumstances changed the large orphanages were closed and children were cared for in family-type homes. This led to an increase in the number of Catholic welfare agencies providing for the different needs of children and families.

A call for increased giving to the Catholic Diocesan Charities Appeal was made. Archbishop Gleeson was then able to include these other agencies in the Appeal. The Catholic Charities Appeal currently supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools.

Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal. Leaflets are available at the entrance of all our churches in the Parish. These frontline agencies support some of the most vulnerable in the community at a time when many people are doing it tough. Brochures with reply paid envelopes will be available at the back of the church from this weekend. All donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible. Donations can be made via the reply online: <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or through the paid slip on the leaflets/envelopes. We thank you for your kindness and generosity to help our fellow South Aussie brothers and sisters.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hymn Sheets for Weekend Masses are now online!

Hymn Sheets for all weekend masses at the Cathedral namely Vigil, 9am, 11am and 6pm are now available on the Parish website and can also be accessed by scanning the QR code which is available at the entrance of the Cathedral and also at the Easter door. Alternatively they are also available on the physical hymn sheets so just scan the QR code on physical sheet of a person sitting next to you and you are good to go! Come join in the community singing each week! You can also visit the following link on our website: <https://www.adelcathparish.org/music-in-the-cathedral/hymn-sheet>