Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

16th February 2025

Sunday Reflection

In today's gospel we hear Luke's version of the Beatitudes. They may sound familiar but not quite what we are used to hearing. While Matthew's version is the most common, Luke also provides a list of Beatitudes.

However, Luke does it a little differently. Matthew lists eight beatitudes, all expressed in the positive "blessed are they." Luke offers four Beatitudes in the positive that parallel Matthew's but then Luke does something different. He offers four woes' "woe to you."

This helps emphasize a recurring theme found throughout Luke's Gospel known as "the reversal of fortune." God gives the wealth of the Kingdom of God to the poor while those who have made themselves rich may not receive the riches of the Kingdom of God.

Yet it is not about how rich or poor we are in material wealth that God is looking for. As Luke sees it, the rich think they are self-made people and have done it on their own. In their own eyes, they do not need God's or anyone else's help.

On the other hand, the poor learn to realize that material things are not the most important. In "hungry," they turn to God to "be satisfied." Does this make it bad to be "rich"? Not if the rich realize that they cannot really be satisfied by the earthly riches. We are not created to be "rich." We are created to know God and to be loved by God. Sometimes, the rich do come to realize that their wealth is not what is most important.

Then, they can use their wealth to help others because they no longer hoard it. What about the poor? Do all poor people know the love of God in their lives?

Unfortunately, no. This can happen because of their lack of necessities in life leads them to think that no one cares about them, including God. This is why that for the work of evangelization to be successful, it is necessary to first meet them where they are at and provide them with the basic necessities of life. Once they know that someone cares, that someone loves them, then we can talk to them about God's Love for them

Our first reading can help us get to the meaning of what Jesus is trying to get at. Jeremiah is not trying to provide us with a list of beatitudes or woes but he is trying to help us live with the right focus.

When we focus on material things or in human effort, we should look at the verse where Jeremiah writes, "A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord."

We should be able to trust in human beings and to seek help for one another but not over God. God is the one who determines what is good or evil. It is the will of God that we should focus on, not what other humans think.

Jeremiah reminds us that God is the one where we find "satisfaction" when he writes, "A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope." It is the very nature of God that we find hope. Perhaps one of the most important words in this passage from Jeremiah today is "trust."

Sometimes human beings lead us astray into sin. God will never lead us astray if we **truly listen to him**.

Human beings may promise to do something for us but may not or they may only be interested in doing something for us if it is beneficial for them. God receives no benefit from us. God helps us not for his own benefit but for ours because He loves us.

We can trust in God because of his perfect sacrificial love for us. When we see God's love in Jesus on the Cross, we know Jesus is the one where we should place our roots. God gives us living waters through the Holy Spirit.

So, let us heed the words of the psalm, "Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor lingers in the way of sinners." and to follow God, meditating "on His Law day and night" to find our true joy in God whom we are created to know and is the place where we find true satisfaction.

- Deacon Remo Patroni.

19 Feb: Schola Cantorum Sings Mass

Next Wednesday 19th February at the 5.45pm Mass we are privileged to have the SCHOLA CANTORUM, a boys choir from London, visiting the Cathedral and singing at the evening Mass. This group is one of the leading Liturgical Choirs in London and will be singing at Mass featuring works by Mozart, Handel and Palestrina. This is a unique opportunity to hear a world-class outstanding boys ensemble. All are welcome.

19 Feb: ACP School Aged Sacramental Program 2025

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish will be conducting a preparation program in 2025 for the Sacraments of Initiation, including Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Candidates should be at least 8 years old in early 2025. The program will start in February 2025 and enrollments should be completed at the earliest. If your child requires the sacrament of baptism, you will need to arrange an appointment to meet the parish administrator, before they can be enrolled in any other preparation program. Parents who would like their child enrolled in this program should contact the Parish Office email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 82108155.

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Regular Mass Timings

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St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

<u>Sunday Masses</u> Sat : 6pm(Vigil)

Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am, 2.30pm (African), 6pm

Weekday Masses Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm

Sat: 8am, 11.30am

<u>Confessions</u> Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm

Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am

<u>Public Holidays</u> 8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral Except 01 January—Mass at 10am at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide
Tues and Fri: 8am Sun: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions: 9.30am

Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm

Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)

4.00pm (Portuguese) - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays ONLY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they arranged

in what they craved.

Next Week: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13, 22-23. **Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:45-49.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38.

Liturgies & Activities (17th-23rd Feb)

Mon Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.

Tue Blessed Fra Angelico.Fri St. Peter Damian.

Sat Feast of the Chair of St. Peter.
Sun 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Agusta Iasiello and David George Kerry.

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Josef Malczk, Cecil Romansanta, Gerald Savill, Lebino Mazzocchetti, Leonor Solorzano, Vincente Bassano, Vincente Emilio Bassano, Emilio Solarzano, Brigida family (Antonio, Joana & Diago), Haifa Adam and Michael & family members,

Queen of Angels: Serafina Antonia Trimboli, Ielasi family (Antonio, Rosario & Caterina), Saverio & Anna Sergi, and Maria Costa.

St. Mary's/Holy Name: MaryAnn McNamee, Giandomenico ladanza and Evelyn Balan.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Dick Waitee, Coralie & Bill Milne, John Cousins and Beverley & Bernard Henderson.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Anton Sylvester, Maresa, Trevor, Domenica L Musico and Carol Giles, Leling Suzara, Antonio Romeo, Smith family, Angelina Musico, Emily Swan, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Joshua Jose, Jithin Jamon, Madison Musico, William Hemmeld, Daphne Bizell, Peter Slobodian, Marie Winters, Joshua Antony, Baby Otilie Sheens, Steve Gleeson, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

16 Feb: Cathedral Parish Scripture Study on the Psalms

The Cathedral Parish Scripture Study Program invites everyone to join its next bible study program, which continues to explore the Psalms, the book of prayers and hymns in the Old Testament. The program started with an introductory session on Monday, Feb 3rd, 19:30-21:00pm, in the Cathedral Parish Hall and then continue for six weekly modules every Monday evening. Study materials will be provided, though we invite participants to make any donation that is possible to support this Adult Faith Formation initiative. To help you discern your contribution, we offer you two levels of payment to consider: full cost \$25, concessional rate \$20. Bookings are strongly recommended, please contact the Cathedral Parish office or email Florian Ploeckl: ploeckl@outlook.com).

23 Feb: Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group Social Night

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them each week in their Ministry of fellowship. The Cathedral Young Adults welcomes all young adults of our parish to thier first event for the year 2025: Social Night on 23rd February. We are excited to have you back and have planned a series of events for you in 2025. Please note that the Youth Group is open ONLY for people aged 18-35 years. Please refer to the poster on the Church Notice Board for more information. Please contact Ngoc on 0424643310 if you have further enquiries.

27 Feb: Support the National Deacons Conference 2025

Deacons (often married men) are the fastest growing ordained ministry worldwide and can be the face of creative ways in which the Spirit moves within the Church and community. The deacons of South Australia and Northern Territory have been chosen to host the 2025 National Deacons Conference this year (Hahndorf, 27 February – 2 March 2025). Each biennial National Deacons Conference is locally funded, relying entirely on nationwide registrations and generous local sponsors. Your personal financial support of the Conference will be greatly valued. To donate today (whether \$200, \$100, or any amount), please contact Deacon Paul Crowe, National Deacons Conference Convenor at pcrowe@adelaide.catholic.org.au

15 Mar: Seven Hills Pilgrimage by the Adelaide Cathedral Parish

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish is planning a half-day pilgrimage to St. Aloysius Church Seven Hills as part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations. More details to follow in the newsletter next week. There will be a nominal cost to cover travel expenses to the venue. Please call 82108155 during office hours to register your interest as seats are limited.

St. Vincent de Paul Society campaign

We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St. Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at svdp@svdpsa.org.au

March 2025: Fringe Pipe Organ Recitals

Free pipe organ concerts in St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral will again feature in the Adelaide Fringe Festival during February and March. The lunchtime concerts have become popular fixtures for music lovers since they were introduced in 2017. Commencing at 1pm, the performances this year feature acclaimed organists Jacinta Jakovcevic (Wednesday February 26), Amir Robin-Karas (Wednesday March 12), James Lloyd (Sunday March 16 – Festival of Hymns) and Casey McEwan (Wednesday March 19). Young organists on 23rd March. All recitals are free and no tickets required. Donations are welcome.

Cathedral Tour Guide Training

Would you like to lead groups on short tours of the Cathedral? Are you parishioner who has an interest in the development and significance of our historic neo-Gothic masterpiece? We are looking for people interested in forming a group who could help facilitate tours through the Cathedral and pass on the legacy of this beautiful, longest continually used Cathedral in Australia. Training and information will be provided and resources from which to learn. Would suit a retired ex-teacher or anyone with an interest in the history of the Cathedral. Contact music@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Birthline Pregnancy Support

Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss? At Birthline, we're searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of Telephone Counsellors. Whether you have prior experience or are completely new to counselling, our FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course (TCC) will equip you with the skills and confidence needed to support those in need. If counselling or a commitment to weekly training isn't the right fit for you, there are other volunteer opportunities available. Please see flyer attached for more information. For enquiries, please visit: birthline.org.au or email tcc@birthline.org.au or call on 0413 380 883.

Homeshare: A solution to the rental crisis for older women in SA

Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity. The *Homeshare* program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity—a model that has been successfully running around the world for years.

A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the Homeshare Pilot Program is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 55+ living on their own that have a spare bedroom, with female homesharers that need affordable accommodation from a similar age group that can offer some help around the house. Unlike a traditional flatmate arrangement, the matching process is rigorous: both parties undergo interviews, reference checks and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a householder or homesharer, please click the link or visit: https://www.vinnies.org.au/sa/get-involved/homeshare

Latin Mass Community

Today will be Fr. McGuckin's last Sunday with us before he moves to Sydney. We will have a farewell morning tea after the 9:15am Mass today. Please bring a plate to share.

1st Holy Communion classes begin today, 16th Feb at 11am in the Atrium (building A, entrance next to the playground). There will be a short meeting for the parents of the 1st Holy Communion candidates at 11.15am in the music room (small room off the morning tea room). Confirmation classes begin next Sunday 23rd Feb at 11am.

Tickets for the Community Bush Dance are now on sale at Trad Café. Please see the flyers for details.

Fr. Dominic Popplewell FSSP will be joining our community from next Sun. 23rd Feb. Please make Fr. Popplewell feel welcome when he arrives.

Scripture classes commence next Mon 24th Feb at 7.30am. We will be reading the Gospel according to St. Mark.

Birthline Pregnancy Support is also in need of volunteers to join their team to make a real difference in the lives of women and families facing crisis pregnancies or pregnancy loss. Please see posters and flyers for more details or contact Grace Juanta 0413 380 833 or email: birthline@birthline.org.au

Please note that there will be no exposition after mass this Tuesday 18th Feb.

The 2025 Latin Mass Community calendar is now available from the doors of the church. Please take one home (and put it on your fridge).

Please do not place any material (advertising or otherwise) in the church or the grounds <u>without the prior permission of the chaplain</u>. 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 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 Mary Walsh (Margaret Antonas' sister) Simon Fiedler (Nathan's Father), Hannah McCaffrey, Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiote, and Tony Caruso.

Please also remember the recently deceased, especially Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother), and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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 at all times by an adult family member when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall.



Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year for the whole Church, with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. 2024 was declared a Year of Prayer in-preparation.

The 2025 Jubilee Year theme, *Spes Non Confundit* (Hope Does Not Disappoint), calls us to anchor our lives in the steadfast hope that comes from God.

Archbishop Patrick opened the Jubilee Year in the Archdiocese of Adelaide on 31st December 2024 at midnight Mass at the Cathedral. The Jubilee will end on 28 December 2025.

Three places within the Archdiocese of Adelaide are designated as pilgrimage sites for the Holy Year:

- A) St Francis Xavier's Cathedral in Adelaide
- B) St Joseph's Church in Penola
- C) St Aloysius' Church in Sevenhill

As one of the pilgrimage sites of the Holy Year, we will pray the Jubilee Prayer at all Sunday Masses.

Opportunities for prayer at each of the pilgrimage sites will be advertised throughout the year as well as occasions when the Papal Blessing with the plenary indulgence will be imparted. The Archdiocesan website will continue to provide resources and information ab out the Jubilee Year. Refer to this link for resources: https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-faith/jubilee-year-of-hope-2025/resources to find the Jubilee Hymn, videos, the Pope's monthly prayer intentions, pilgrimage prayers and more.

Jubilee Year Prayer (will be prayed before the final blessing)

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Scan the QR code to see the prayer on your smart devices.

