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# Dominews

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time- Year A  
September 3, 2023  
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## Mass Timings

### **Rosary Church**

Thursday, Friday  
1st, 3rd, 5th Saturday:  
12 noon

Saturday Vigil:  
6pm

Sunday:  
8am, 10am, 5:30 pm

### **St Laurence's**

Monday, Tuesday,  
2nd & 4th Saturday:  
12 noon

Wed School Term  
7:45 am  
Wed School Hols and  
every Saturday  
8:30 am

Sunday:  
9 am, 11 am

### **Calvary Chapel**

Wednesday 12 noon

Confessions will be  
available  
before 12 pm Mass,  
Monday- Saturday and  
Saturday Vigil Mass

## Parish Office

If you need to visit the  
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CATHOLIC EDUCATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
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## **Catholic schools: Australia's ecclesial future? (Part 1 of 2)**

Catholic schools are the jewel in the crown of the church in Australia. While parishes continue to decline, the school sector is often booming. The contrast between ageing congregations and young students is stark. Equally striking is the contrast between relatively youthful school staff and ageing church leaders.

Twelve months ago, with the Plenary Council final assembly still fresh in my mind, I reflected in Eureka Street that if church renewal is to take place, then Catholic schools must embrace and actively support church reform. My own recent engagement with Victorian Catholic school principals convinced me then that their status, credentials, and ties to young people gave them a pre-eminent place in any such reform.

Twelve months later, in July 2023, as the Synod on Synodality first assembly came closer, another wider speaking engagement with almost 2,000 staff of a dozen Victorian Catholic secondary schools over three weeks, confirmed my belief. These staff, including but not restricted to leaders and team members in Catholic identity and religious education, have crucial responsibilities and unparalleled opportunities in their daily contacts with teenagers whether Catholic or from many other backgrounds.

My presentations covered topics like Pope Francis and the Universal Church and the Church in Australia. If the outcomes of Pope Francis' 2023-2024 Synod on Synodality, based on the themes of its Working Document, are to penetrate more than skin deep into the Catholic community, schools must be at the forefront. If not, the Synod will be a wasted effort and a missed opportunity. It will be wasted because it will not catch the attention, much less the enthusiasm, of the next generation.

The task is challenging. Students in Catholic schools represent the face of the present and the future. They are extraordinarily diverse in terms of ethnic and faith backgrounds. The vast majority, reflecting official surveys of the wider Catholic community, are 'unchurched' in the sense of not being regular churchgoers outside of school. Teachers are confronted, but not really surprised, by the dismal official figures (6 per cent) of church attendance for their former students, Catholics aged 20-34.

They themselves represent the equally dismal official figures for church attendance of those aged 35-60. That applies to the Catholic teachers. The anecdotal evidence offered to me by the school communities and by various priests was that 10 per cent church attendance may be generous.

*(Continued next week with 'The Universal Church's 'experiment with synodality'.)*

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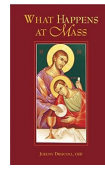
These thoughts may be useful reflection in the light of our parish experience of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, mostly facilitated by our Catholic schools.



## MARRIAGE MATTERS

The 'Sign' of Growth is Change

St Paul urges us to think of God's mercy and change the way we behave so that the will of God is visible in us. As husbands and wives we can help each other in this endeavour, so that a renewed and deeper love is revealed in our relationship and, in turn, reflected out to our family, friends and community.



**THE SECOND READING** If we look at the content of the preaching of the primitive Church as represented in somebody like St Paul, we can see a situation that did not yet feel the need of something like the Gospel genre. Paul preached only the death and Resurrection of Jesus, and he managed to preach the Gospel without reference to the many words, parables, miracles of Jesus, not to mention the details of his birth. In other circumstances and as the years passed, communities felt the need for a more extended narrative of the life of Jesus. From this the four Gospels arise. (pg.45)

### Sausage Sizzle after 5:30 Mass - September 3

Free sausage sizzle to welcome new parishioners and to get to know your fellow parishioners. Feel free to bring along family and friends who might be interested in learning about our faith and help spread the Good News!

When: September 3, 2023 (1st Sunday each month)  
Where: Rosary Church - outside side entrance, or in the hall if it's too cold.  
Time: 6.30pm (Immediately after 5.30pm Sunday Mass)  
Cost: Free

### ROSTERS

Morning Tea 3/9: Elena & Siobhan

Morning Tea 10/9: Rojo & Elsie

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: Roster upto 8/10 can be found in the porches

### Divine Mercy Service

Sunday, September 9, 2023 at 2:50 pm in the Rosary Church. All welcome. Contact Mario: 0412 700 300

## Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me

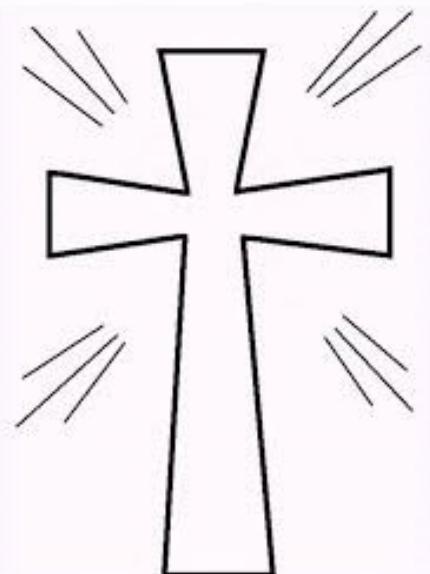
In today's reading, Jesus is trying to teach his friends what it means to be a disciple. A disciple is someone who wants to follow in Jesus' footsteps, no matter how hard this might be.

He says that we should take up our cross and follow him. Every day we see crosses all around us. People wear them as jewellery, they hang them on the wall, and they use them as key chains. And of course, we see crosses in the Church. But The Cross is so much more than that. It is a reminder of our Saviour's great love for us and our call to follow him! It reminds us that we have a Saviour, Jesus Christ, who was willing to give up everything so that we could have everlasting life. Those of us who want to be his followers must be willing to make sacrifices for the love of God and do his will, no matter how difficult it may be.



Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you that you loved us so much that you sent your Son to die on a cross. As his disciples, help us to take our cross and follow him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

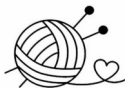


Jesus, You died for me. Please show me how to live for you.

## PARISH

### **Knitting and Craft Group**

The Parish Knitting and Craft Group will be meeting on Mondays at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Marie Whitehead for details: 0428 768 333



### **Join us in Praying the Rosary**

Rosary Church:

Saturdays at 5:30 pm before the 6 pm Mass  
Sundays at 4:50 pm before the 5:30 pm Mass

Wherever there is midday Mass:  
Monday - Saturday before the midday Mass



### **Parish Quiz Night - 2 September**

Thanks to all those convening teams, participating, helping on the night and donating prizes.

Answer to last week's question:  
The 2022 Commonwealth games were held in Birmingham.



1 September is the beginning of the Season of Creation, the annual Christian celebration when we pray and respond to the cry of creation. During the season, which runs from the World Day of Prayer for Creation (1 September) to the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 October), the global ecumenical family comes together to listen and care for our common home. We unite this year around the theme Let Justice and Peace Flow.

## ARCHDIOCESE

### **Journey to the Synod – September 12**

The third of three gatherings with Archbishop O'Regan as we journey towards the Synod: exploring communion, participation and mission will be held on Tuesday September 12 at 7pm, at the Festival Function Centre, 292 Findon Road, Findon. Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKUV>  
Please direct enquiries to Sarah Moffatt: [smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or P: 8210 8110

## ARCHDIOCESE (Continued)

ACRATH presentation – Lefevre Catholic Community Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking of Humans (ACRATH) is dedicated to eradicating modern slavery and slavery-like practices, specifically human trafficking and the harm it causes. Join Angela Hart and Teresa Lynch, South Australian Coordinators of ACRATH on Sunday September 17 from 4–5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Community meeting rooms, 253 Military Road, Semaphore, for an awareness raising and education session on how modern slavery, slavery-like practices, and human trafficking affects each one of us, and how our combined small actions can assist to eradicate this growing problem

### **Please pray for:**

**Recently deceased:** Anne Winders, Monica Allen, Giuseppe Meduri, Ken Brown, Giovanni Canil, Sr Pat Davis, Fr. Laurie Beath, Fr Peter Dunn, Maria Cavuoto, Nino Lacanale, Fr Rafael Cabezon OP, Antonio Narni, Toni De Palma, Fr Simon Suvenava OP, Fr Noel Molloy, John Holland, Rosa Gang Do, Joseph Prabhu, Gil Harnett, Anthony, Carmen Gillis, Francisca T. Nayre, Conor McKenna, Pat Morisset

### **Those whose Anniversaries occur about this time:**

Angela Argentieri, Michael North, Nicola Di Francesco, Alessandro Stenta, Angela Benincasa, Karol Urbancic, Michelina Romaldi, Virginia Mehrstens, Fr John Neill OP, Carmela Pizzino, Emilio & Nicolina Morelli, Ivan & Molly Oswald, Lukasz, Chelsea Ireland, Rosa Quartuccio, the Quartuccio family, Br Brendan O'Hearn, Wactaw Szymaniak, Maria & Marcen Snoszek, Domenico Stenta, Michael Smiley, Ted Milne, Colin Harford, Belinda Shadiac, Maurice Button, Michal & Helena Fudali, Jesus Sale Snr, Rino Berno, Joseph (Jack) McEvoy, Augustine Kelly, Flavio Berno

**Those who are sick:** Please keep in your prayers Leanne Worrell, Tom Allen, Vincent Allen, Mons. Robert Aitken, Lucy Sloane Tran, Rosa Dathici, Fletcher Adams, Robert Smyth, John Perry, Maria Antonelli, Anthony Rissi, Maria Stilie, Domenico Carrotti, Ann Gibbings, Marion Hiosan, David Vignone, Fr David Halstead OP, Toni Iop Charalambros Popadopoulos, Angela, Tam Thi Thu Pham, Ray Bishop, Tracy Mifsud, Berryl Wannut, Iolanda Pellegrini, the Olesinski family, Hank Dee, the Van-der Borch family

**Baptisms:** Mila Brown, Sophia Dudzinski

**Funerals:** Anne Winders

*To have the names of your loved ones printed in the weekend bulletin, please contact the office no later than Wednesday afternoon of that week.*

### **2nd Collection 26/27 August**

Planned Giving Envelopes:	\$ 457.00
Our Lady of the Rosary Church	\$1413.60
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*Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.*

**This Week's Readings**  
**22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah *Jeremiah 20:7-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans *Romans 12:1-2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *Matthew 16:21-27*

**Communion Antiphon**

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**Responsorial Psalm**

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

**Next Week's Readings**

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



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