

Reflection

A close-up photograph of a person's face with their eyes closed, receiving an ash blessing on their forehead from another person's hand.

Preparing for Lent

Once more, the season of Lent approaches. It is a special time for spiritual renewal, both individually and as a Christian community. During this graced time, we are called into a deeper relationship with the Lord, and are given opportunities to think deeply about what it means for us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, proclaiming a time of prayer, fasting, acceptance again of the good news Jesus came to proclaim, and a deeper commitment in prayer and service to one another and beyond – to the world community and all of creation.

As we journey with Jesus towards the celebration of Easter and the joy of the Resurrection, we are invited to remember again our identity and dignity as Christians in the light of our Baptism. It was Baptism that named and claimed us as Christians, calling us to identify with Jesus and his good news. The God of Jesus is a God of infinite tenderness and compassion who longs to be close to us and present to us in all of life's experiences: – the joys, the hopes, the griefs and anxieties, the isolations and the vibrant communities, the successes and failures.

In very recent times we have been challenged and overwhelmed by the devastating bushfires that have resulted in the loss of human life, the destruction of our flora and fauna, and the wiping out of businesses, family homes and livelihoods. It has been heartening to see the responses of so many people from a variety of backgrounds initiating events and activities to express concern and show solidarity to those most affected. They have done this by putting their gifts and talents at the service of the community to raise much-needed funds to enable people to get back on their feet. It is both heart-warming and consoling to observe the very public acknowledgement of such griefs and that people seem drawn together to support one another in making some kind of sense of things.

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In our Church, Lent is a time for consciously journeying together with renewed purpose and desire to 'come and see' where the Lord resides, and to be with him on this journey. For catechumens, those preparing to be initiated into the Catholic community at Easter time, this Lent is a significant time for being with the community, pondering the Scriptures, and deepening their relationship with and knowledge of the Lord.

In our Archdiocese during Lent, there is an opportunity in each deanery for parishes to come together to celebrate a Stational Mass. This practice echoes a custom in the early Church where the Pope, as Bishop of Rome, would journey in pilgrimage to all the stational churches to mark the season of Lent with his people. All are invited to participate in these stational Masses. Perhaps this year, we may consider doing so as an expression of solidarity with those most deeply affected by recent events, and in a spirit of thanksgiving for all of creation in its beauty and fragility.

Kathy Horan
RCIA Coordinator



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<https://www.cianetwork.net>

Resources for parishes relating to the RCIA process: including interview with Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal, both of whom were in Australia last year.

Note: details about membership will be found at this site.

Stational Masses Lent 2020

Fr. Philip Marshall will be present as Principal celebrant at most of the Stational Masses.

Thursday, 5th March at 7.00 pm

St. Luke's Church,
Corner of Honeypot Road and Goldsmith Drive,
Noarlunga Downs

Host: Fr. Josy

Wednesday 11th March at 7.00 pm

Mater Christi Church, Grange Road, Seaton

Host: Fr. Roger

Thursday 12th March at 7.00 pm

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church,
Payneham Road, Payneham

Host: Fr. Allan Winter

Sunday 15th March at 3.00 p.m

St. Paul's Church,
Penola Road, Mount Gambier

Host: Fr. Dean Marin

Wednesday 18th March at 7.00 pm

The Monastery, Cross Road, Glen Osmond

Host: Fr. Denis Travers

Wednesday 25th March at 7.00 pm

St. Rose of Lima Church, Mary St, Kapunda

Host: Fr. Mark Sexton

Thursday 26th March at 7.00 pm

St. David's Church, Vizard Road, Tea Tree Gully

Host: Fr. James Jeyachandran

Note:

It has long been the custom for candidates seeking full communion with the Catholic Church to be presented to the community at the Deanery Stational Mass. Parishes are requested to send in to the Office for Worship, relevant details, ahead of the Mass, for any candidates they are presenting, along with the name of the sponsor for each person.

Sometimes, in country parishes, candidates for the Rite of election and those for full communion with the Catholic Church will be presented to the community.

Engaging a faithful people through Liturgy

For anyone who has an interest in providing good liturgy, but especially Pastoral Associates, participants in the Ministry Formation Program, Musicians, other liturgical ministers.

with

Fr Paul Turner

Fr Paul is pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, Missouri. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant'Anselmo in Rome and is the author of a large number of publications, including *Whose Mass is it?* (2016), *Light in the Darkness: Preparing Better Catholic Funerals* (2017), and *Glory in the Cross: Holy Week in the Third Edition of the Roman Missal* (2011). He is a regular contributor to "The Amen Corner" for *Worship* magazine and is a sought-after presenter at liturgical conferences and congresses. He approaches the celebration of the liturgy as both pastor and scholar, and brings to his presentations a wealth of practical experience.



presented by the Adelaide Catholic Archdiocese's Office for Worship and Ministry Formation Program

Saturday 21 March 2020
9.30am to 12.30pm

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall
Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA

Tickets \$10 per person

Book online - www.trybooking.com/BILYT

Enquiries - Ph: 08 8210 8130 | E: worship@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au

Alive in the Spirit

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be

Save the date for the National Pastoral Ministry Conference

An opportunity to explore:

- What gives life in the Spirit and renewal in our Church
- Ways to invigorate the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults within our parishes
- Our engagement with Plenary 2020

Join with others who thirst to be the Community Christ calls us to be

9th – 11th JULY 2020

St Mary Star of the Sea College, Wollongong

Hosted by the NSW Association of Pastors and Pastoral Associates/Workers in collaboration with Christian Initiation Australia Network and the Mission Planners Network of Oceania. Supported by the National Plenary Team

Spread the word and look out for more information in the coming months

More information contact: Lisa Bright
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IMPORTANT DATES

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 26 February

Rite of Election

Sunday 1 March, 2.30pm

St Patrick's Church, Grote St, Adelaide

**Parish RCIA contacts are asked to please notify us at the Office for Worship of the names of catechumens and their sponsors who will be attending the Rite of Election.

Mass of the Chrism

Monday 6th April at 6.00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Holy Week

begins Monday 6th April.

Easter Sunday 12th April

Mass for New Catholics

Sunday 3rd May 6.00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Adult Confirmations

(held at St Francis Xavier Cathedral)

Saturday 13th June, 6.00 pm Mass

Saturday 17th October, 6.00 pm Mass

MINISTRY FORMATION PROGRAM



DEVELOPING VIBRANT

COMMUNITIES

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

When: Thursday 27 February 2020

Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm

At: Catholic Education Conference Centre, 116
George Street, Thebarton, Room 7.

PRESENTED BY JANE ANGHA



Jane is the founder and dreamer behind *Ministry Blueprints* - it's no mistake that her top strength is *Futuristic!* With years of director, coordinator, and mentorship experience in parish, diocesan, and non-profit ministry, she brings to the work of hospitality a broad knowledge and understanding of the inner workings of faith communities. <http://www.ministryblueprints.com>

Jane holds a BS in Education and a Master of Theology. She is a national conference speaker and currently a consultant to young adult ministry for the Diocese of Green Bay, USA. She is a wife and mother to three globe-trotting children who still prefer her home cooking.

Jane Angha is dedicated to training, equipping, and empowering parish leaders and ministers to create warm and welcoming environments for those they serve.

Hospitality matters. It is not the work of a committee or single person, but a learned charism meant for everyone in the faith community. It is something practiced and lived by all, for the sake of sharing joy, building community, and growing faith.

Refreshments supplied.

Course Requirement for MFP Students.

A donation from non-student participants welcome.

RSVP: 21 February. shoran@adelaide.catholic.org.au



National Centre for
Evangelisation

The Bridge Newsletter is a great resource containing articles on topics of interest, resources for RCIA and faith sharing as well as upcoming events.

Click on the link below or enter in your browser to access:

<https://nce.catholic.org.au/the-resource-centre/the-bridge-newsletter>