

GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH
16th February, 2025
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Mass Deportation in USA

John Herd PP

In his recent letter to the US Catholic Bishops Pope Francis defends the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees. He emphasises the “infinite and transcendent dignity” of every human being which is more important than and sustains every other juridical consideration made to regulate society. Society needs to have laws to regulate conduct and protect people, but those laws should not trample on the transcendent dignity of people.

He is writing this letter in the context of the US government as it begins a program of mass deportation. While every country has a right to regulate migration, it is not right to classify all migrants and refugees as criminal. Many people have come to the US because of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or because of serious deterioration of the environment. To begin a program of mass deportation contravenes the dignity of these people and places them in a state of vulnerability and suffering.

The church’s social teaching speaks of the common good which needs to include all groups and individuals in society. A Christian perspective on society has a special concern for the poor and disadvantaged who do not have ability to advocate for themselves. The common good is not being served when only some groups in society are being protected and valued while others are not. In the US, as in our country, there are many groups and people who have access to money and can adequately defend themselves according to law. But migrants and refugees are probably the most vulnerable.

Migrants and refugees arrive in this country usually without much material means, often without English, without family support and without an adequate knowledge of the legal system. We have seen in the politics of our country how migration has sometimes become an explosive issue. It is quite legitimate for a government to make rules about migration and make it orderly and safe, at the same time concern needs to be shown for those who vulnerable and defenceless.

In his letter, Pope Francis says that our time is marked by increasing migration. It is a decisive moment in history, he says, “to reaffirm not only our faith in a God who is always close, incarnate, migrant and refugee, but also the infinite and transcendent dignity of every human person.” This letter is an encouragement to the church in the US to walk compassionately with migrants and refugees in their country, and also an encouragement for us as church in Australia to be aware of and walk together with migrants and refugees in our country.

Please remember in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Michael Wilson, Carmel O'Driscoll, Sr. Carita Higgins RSJ, Margaret Hone, Dr. Kay Wilson, Dr. Lilian Rossi, Philip Lew.

MEMORIALS: Patrick (Tom) Hurley, John Lower, Carlito Laguitalo, Judith De Los Reyes, Gershriel Padasas, Colleen Jenkins, Nancy Barry, Malcolm Miller, David Porter, Shirley Carlsson, Ron, Keith & Neil Milhinch, Clarke family, Sixto Rebarbas, Patrick Mulraney, Lydia Ramirez, Anthony Le Van Thuyen, Eileen Ging, Bernard Connolly, John Woods. *(Names listed for 1 month)*

SICK: Jasmin De Guzman, Pat Haren, Judy Newport, Helen McDonald, Gwen Branson, Margaret Arthur, Lorna Bautista, Jacky Buenaventura, David G, Marie Emery, Lynne Braithwaite-Noble, Val Baldwin, Nola Moore, Stefan Fischer, Lucy Quix, Virginia Esteban, Nicky Brockman, Diane Higgins, John Bijok, Mary Ryan, Angela Tsaliki, Anne Harkin, Francois Miller, Peter Gillard, Anton Sylvester, Michael McCalkin. *(Please advise if names of sick should be taken off list)*

CHILDREN'S JUBILEE MASS

Sunday 23rd February - 5.00pm
We would welcome and invite any children who are interested and would like to take part in this special children's mass.

Please contact Mary Royle 0413434466 or email the parish office at glenelgcp@bigpond.com

**ST MARY'S AND ST DOMINIC'S
HALLS FOR HIRE**

Please ring the Parish Office for all enquiries 8294 1888.

Catholic Clergy-Laity Golf Day

will be held at West Beach Parks Golf
Patawalonga Course
on Monday 31 March
with a 12.30pm shotgun start.

Attractive prizes for men and women.
Spouses and friends are welcome to attend the presentation dinner from 6.15pm. Cost of golf and dinner is \$100 (discount for clergy). Entries close on Friday 24 March. Enquires to Denis & Margaret Toohey - 83531273.

BINGO

St Dom's Hall , Thursday 1.00pm
Doors open at 12 noon.

\$5.00 per book of 10 games and
includes afternoon tea.

*Pick-up to & from for local residents -
Gold coin donation for petrol.

Enquires phone:- 0417 369 959

Bus mobile:- 0421 163 742

**Vision Impaired Support
Group**

Continues to meet on the 1st Friday of each month. Meetings commence at 10.15am and conclude by 11.45am. Meet in St. Dom's hall, we have social discussion and time is set aside for prayer. A wonderful atmosphere has developed. Anyone who is interested in learning more is most welcome to call (0431 984 678) or just come and join in.

WH&S

In the event of an emergency please leave the church in an orderly fashion via any of the exits and move to the Assembly area. If able please assist those with special needs.
Thank you, Fr. John



Parish Pastoral Council

At the first meeting this year Darren Hone was elected chair, Peter Youil elected deputy. Members are: Brian Johnson, Rose Cullen, Michael Lynch, Mary Royle, Summer Edano, and principal of St Mary's Sonja Smith and principal of Our Lady of Grace Josette Charles, and parish priest Fr John Herd.

PPC have begun preparing a calendar of events for the year and invite parishioners for suggestions.

PPC want to hold a BBQ as a thank you for all volunteers in the parish. Anyone who contributes in the parish in any way please come along 1st March after Saturday 6pm Mass at St Mary's Hall.

PPC want to support the children's Mass at 5pm on 23 February.

PPC want to be attentive to concerns and suggestions of parishioners and will report back to parish at Sunday Mass.

DO YOU ENJOY?

- Smelling the roses
- Being outdoors
- Meeting like-minded people
- Creating beautiful spaces



If you answered 'YES' to any of these questions perhaps the GARDENING GROUP who volunteer to look after the Columbarium/Parish garden is for you. They meet on the 3rd Monday of the month from 8.30 - 10.30am. No heavy work involved. If interested please contact Trish on 0427 323740.



St Dom's Picnic Drives are back!

16th February

Victor Harbor Goolwa

\$30 Includes picnic, drinks, nibbles, coffee tea, cake etc., fuel and transport.

Departs St Dom's 10am arrived back at 4.30pm



Liturgy Roster 23rd February 2025

	6.00pm Mass	10.30am OLOV	5.00pm OLOV	9am OLOG
Sacristan	J. Coonan	T. Felici	J. Lee	Pat & Peter Murphy
Special Minister	H. Mesnil	A. Wilson	M. Caston	P. Kay
Commentator	P. Totani	K. Thomeycroft	C. Peterson	J. Crossley M. Mabarrack S. Mechis
Readers	B. Garton M. Macfarlane	S. Moss L. Thomeycroft	K. Gjomakaj D. Hone	
Power Point	M. Speechley	S. Moss	L. Peterson	-
Children's Liturgy	-	Melissa & Rose	Lily & Renee	Val & Anne R.

OLOV Linen: A. Hurley

Counters: J. Holland

Altar Servers: Tom R. & Lucy

OLOV Altar Society:

Lawn: B.N.

OLOG Flowers: Louise Healy & Bernie Quirke

If unable to fill your place on the roster for Masses please organise a replacement from the contact sheet.

✠ LITURGY—YEAR C ✠

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We meet to worship God, putting our trust in the Lord who brings healing and security to those who suffer, and raises the dead to new life.

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 17:5-8**

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

Psalm:

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

2nd Reading: **1 Cor 15:12, 16-20**

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 6:17, 20-26**

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Memorial Acclamation:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Feast Days

Mon 17 Feb - The Seven Holy

Founders of the Servite Order

Fri 21 Feb - St Peter Damian

Sat 22 Feb - The Chair of St Peter,
Apostle

Parish Calendar

23 Feb - Children's Jubilee Mass

1 Feb - Parish BBQ after 6pm Mass

5 Mar - Ash Wednesday

20 Apr - Easter Sunday

PARISH CHURCHES

Our Lady of Victories

13/15 High Street, Glenelg

Our Lady of Grace

36 Beadnall Terrace, Glengowrie

Sunday Masses, Glenelg

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm. Sunday: 10.30am,

5pm

Sunday Mass, Glengowrie

9am

Weekday Services, Glenelg

Mass: Tues. 9.30 am.

Wed, Thurs. & Fri. 12noon

(Adoration on Thurs. at 11.30am)

Saturday Reconciliation: 11am

Parish Priest: Fr John Herd

Pastoral Council Chair: Darren Hone

Finance Committee Chair: Kevin O'Brien

PARISH OFFICE: 82941888

Email: glenelgcp@bigpond.com

Website: www.glenelgcp.com

ST MARYS HALL

Available for hire. Ph 8294 1888

COLUMBARIUM ENQUIRIES

Anne Kay. Ph. 0438 479 845

Child Safe Contact Person

Mary Royle 8294 1888

PARISH SCHOOLS

St Mary's Memorial School

Principal:- Sonja Smith

Office:-8294 4580

Our Lady of Grace School

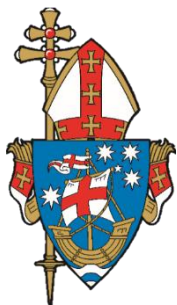
Principal:- Josette Charles

Office:- 8177 9100

Popes Intentions for February
2025

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE

WEEKLY E-NEWS

*Information for parish and
community weekly newsletters*

Living Catholic
10 February 2025

Important information for parish teams:

Hope Filled - Sacraments of Initiation

A sacramental team from within the Adelaide Archdiocese will present and share a detailed overview of the program that they deliver, detailing the roles and responsibilities of each member, examples of the activities they facilitate and the ways in which they have modified and adapted their program to suit the changing needs of families. An opportunity to unpack the current realities facing families, catechists and sacramental programs. Through using current Diocesan documents as guides, participants will connect with fellow sacramental leaders to share their experiences. Time and space will be provided to explore future initiatives, including how the document 'Drawn into the Joy of the Gospel' inspires, nourishes and enlivens our work with children and their families. For further information please [click here](#) or contact [Kelly Spencer](#) on 8301 6650.

Rite of Election 2025 – St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral Sunday March 9

Do you have anyone in your community preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil?

Please register any catechumens from your parish to attend the Rite of Election using this [REGISTRATION FORM](#) by February 28. All information regarding the liturgy and event details can be found in the Information Pack available to download from the website: ofw-adelaide.org.au/rite-of-election. If you have any further questions regarding this liturgy, please call 8210 8130 or email worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Free Workshops available for 2025: BOOK NOW!

Registrations are open for a variety of Liturgical and Pastoral workshops offered by the Community Life & Worship team for your parish. Please find the list of workshops on offer either by [clicking here](#) or by visiting our website, ofw-adelaide.org.au/courses-workshops.

Contact worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 8210 8130 to arrange for a member of the team to visit your parish.

Creating a Safer Online World

As children and young people head back to school and start the new year of activities in our parishes, it is a good time to think about how we use the internet. Increasingly, our learning, friendships, and social connections happen online, as well as in person at school and church. This makes it a perfect moment to focus on engaging with the online world safely, setting sensible limits on device use, and modelling good online behaviour ourselves. The Archdiocesan Integrity and Safeguarding Department is available for advice on safeguarding matters (8210 8150 or caasafeoperations@adelaide.catholic.org.au) [Click here](#) for the Parish Bulletin article and [click here](#) for the attachment.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

The Catholic agency
for international aid
and development

Caritas Australia celebrates 60 years of PROJECT COMPASSION this year!

Project Compassion 2025 Sunday is March 2 – *Please highlight this in your Parish Calendar!*

Running through the six weeks of Lent.

Project Compassion has been our national fundraiser during Lent since 1965.

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation. We are called to PRAY, FAST and GIVE ALMS. These actions fit perfectly with our mission.

Project Compassion 2025 has its foundations in Adelaide, and we are deeply grateful for the generosity of God's people (**YOU!**) for 60 years!

This year's stories highlight the transformative work **Caritas Australia** is doing in Vietnam, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Samoa.

By sharing these stories, we hope to deepen our collective understanding of the challenges faced by our global brothers and sisters, and to feel the joy of restoring dignity and hope within their communities.

Please check out our website for lots of resources to support your parish in awareness raising and fundraising.

at caritas.org.au or at: [Project Compassion 2025 resources](#)

Invitation to Safeguarding Forum with Fr Hans Zollner

The Integrity and Safeguarding Department of the Archdiocese is pleased to announce that it will be hosting an important safeguarding forum featuring Fr Hans Zollner in Adelaide on Thursday February 13. This free event, which will take place at Sfera's in Modbury, is co-sponsored by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd and is strongly supported by the Archbishop. Clergy, safeguarding personnel, and employees of the Archdiocese are encouraged to attend. Fr Hans is an internationally renowned Safeguarding expert, Catholic Priest, Theologian, Psychologist, and Professor. He was a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors for nine years and he is currently the Director of the Institute of Anthropology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr Hans is recognised as one of the world's leading Safeguarding Experts in relation to the prevention of sexual abuse. Please join us as we explore the essentials of effective Safeguarding and reflect on our shared responsibilities to nurture and sustain genuine cultures of safety within our Church. Please direct queries to Mary-Ann Carver via email at mcarver@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 08 8210 8222. [Click here](#) for more information.

RCIA Save the Dates!

For those parishes preparing candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil, please save these dates.

Rite of Election: **March 9** – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, afternoon tea and discussion with the Archbishop 2-4pm, liturgical rite 4-5pm. Information and registration will come out in this month. This rite is required for all those who will be baptised this, Easter.

Mystagogy Mass: **May 24** – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, 6pm. All those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil are invited to celebrate with the Archbishop. Reception to follow.

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Graphics

Graphics for the Jubilee logo and for a pull-up banner can be found among the Jubilee Resources page [here](#).

Jubilee Year calendar and resources

There are 36 events throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life ([Click here for the Calendar](#)). For each event, the National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared a brief resource that parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection. The resources include:

Introduction: a brief explanation of the Jubilee event and personal prayer;

Teaching: relevant text from Papal or Church documents to assist local reflection and homily notes;

Reflection: Testimony - a human story of someone with experience in the relevant field; image/artwork - a visual representation highlighting the theme for contemplation;

Prayers of intercession: two examples that can be used by parishes;

Additional resources: further resources to assist understanding, promotion or advocacy of the Jubilee theme.

You can find and download the resources by clicking [here](#). Contact the Community Life & Worship team at E: worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 8210 8130, if you have any issues accessing the files.

Job Vacancies

Volunteer Teacher of English for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Vinnies Refugee and Asylum Seeker Service (Kilburn) is seeking a volunteer to teach basic and functional English to refugees and asylum seekers. Classes are held at the Kilburn Community Centre on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 12.15pm. Class dates follow the school term. Qualifications are not essential, but some experience is necessary. There is volunteer support for the teacher at the classes. The group is composed mainly of older persons who have not been to school, male and female, from mixed countries of origin and all are refugees. Their English level is low. The volunteer is needed to start as soon as possible. Further information from Emma Yengi, Coordinator. P: 08 8340 3053, Emma 0448 775 414, E: eyengi@svdpsa.org.au. For more information about the role and how to apply, [click here](#).

Bulletin notices ([Click here](#) for related flyers or attachments)

Clearview-Kilburn Catholic Parish – Family Bingo Night

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of Bingo at St Gabriel's Primary School Gymnasium, located on 17 Whittington Street, Enfield. Bring your family and friends for a night of excitement and friendly competition. Tables of 10 available. There will be raffle tickets, lucky squares and games for children! Sausage sizzle, soft drinks, water and ice cream will also be available for purchase. Prizes and good company guaranteed! Bring your own food for your table to share. Please note: CASH ONLY for all purchases on the night. Coins and small notes preferred. Don't miss out on this fantastic community fundraiser - see you there! Please see flyer attached for more information.

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 email tcc@birthline.org.au or call on 0413 380 883. Website: birthline.org.au.

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 visit: [Homeshare](#).

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

Lefevre Catholic Community – Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the Philippines

Sunday February 16 from 4pm to 5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Parish, 253 Military Road, Semaphore.

Fr Julian Tenison Woods, a pioneer Australian scientist and priest, integrated faith and science in his life and ministry. Fr Roderick O'Brien will present an overview of Fr Julian's three voyages to the Philippines and the treasure trove of scientific papers and articles and correspondence he left for us. For enquiries, call Sr Marie on 8449 6378. A certificate of attendance is available for professional development. Register with Sr Marie prior to the event and on the day.



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support.

The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild.

Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

GLENELG PARISH



Date: 1st March 2025

Time: after 6pm Mass

Place: St. Mary's Hall

This is wonderful opportunity to celebrate our contributions to the parish, connect with one another, and enjoy a great evening together. We look forward to seeing you there!

Parish Pastoral council