



# ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY - YEAR C

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## NEWTON MASS TIMES

Mon to Sat: 8:00am Mass  
Saturday: 6:00pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:00am and 5:00pm  
11:00am (Italian)

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 8:30am - 9:00am  
5.30pm - 6.00pm

## ADORATION TIMES

Mon-Fri after 8am Mass until 9.30am  
1st Friday: 8:00am Mass followed  
by Exposition of the  
Most Blessed Sacrament  
until 5:00pm  
4th Friday: 8.00am Pro Life Mass  
followed by Rosary and  
Adoration until 9.30am

## FAMILY MASS

Every 1st Sunday: 5:00pm

## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MASS

Every 4th Sunday: 5:00pm

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## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been  
bountiful with me.

### First Reading

**Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23**

The Lord has put you in my power, but I  
will not raise my hand against you.

**Responsorial Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13**

**The Lord is kind and merciful.**

**Second Reading Corinthians 15:145-49**

Just as we have carried the earthly  
image, we must carry the heavenly  
image.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!**

### Gospel

**Luke 6:27-38**

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

### Communion Antiphon

**I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name,  
O Most High.**

“Love your enemies,  
do good to those who  
hate you.”

Luke 6:27

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

**TO LOVE:** Do I follow the Golden Rule to treat others the way I would have them treat me? (Lk 6:31)

**TO SERVE:** Lord Jesus, thank you for your divine mercy toward me, a sinner.



## Welcome to God's family through Baptism

Selina Maria Abela

Our Prayers & Blessings to Selina and her family

### Upcoming Meetings & Prayer Groups

**Wednesday 26 February**

**7:00PM RCIA Instructions**—Bishop Kennedy Room  
**Every Tuesday after 8am Mass**—Novena to St Anthony  
**Every Saturday Morning after 8.00am Mass**  
**Cenacle Rosary for Priests**—Bishop Kennedy Room

### Stewardship – Our Gifts to God & Parish

We are grateful to you for your presence, your participation and your financial support of St Francis of Assisi Parish.

1st Collection is for the Priests of the Archdiocese

2nd Collection is for the support of Newton Parish.

**Weekend of 16 February 2024**

**1st Collection Total: \$1289.20**

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### Next Week on the Roster

Please ensure you arrive 10 minutes before Mass begins.

**CLEANERS: Saturday 1 March - Leader: M. Ramsay**

A. Cover, E. Kinyanjui, M. Rego, P. Remnant, I. Schuller, G. Tassone, T. Visconti

**6.00pm Vigil: Saturday 1 March**

Commentator: M. Nardi  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: B. Dawidowska, S. Abranches  
 Ex.Min.Hol.Comm: D. Ferguson, S. Abranches, Altar Server

**9:00am: Sunday 2 March**

Commentator: V. Bartemucci  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: P. Fernando, V. Rubino  
 Ex.Min.Hol.Comm: R. Skubala-Szafir, A. Ferraro, M. Iasiello

**11:00am: Domenica 2 Marzo**

Commentator: D. Zollo  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: A. Corbo, L. Stanziano  
 Ex.Min.Hol.Comm: E. Maiorano, G. Masone, A. Tronnolone

**5:00pm: Sunday 2 March**

Commentator: J. Condina  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: P. Terminello, T. Post  
 Ex.Min.Hol.Comm: D. De Ieso, N. Farina, Altar Server

### READINGS NEXT WEEKEND — 2 March

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year C**

**Sirach 27:4-7 / 1 Cor 15:54-58**

**Gospel Luke 6:39-45**

### World Day of Prayer 2025

The Cook Islands

“I made you wonderful”

**Friday 7 March**

**10:00AM @ St. Martin's Anglican Church**

**3 Gorge Road, Paradise SA 5075**

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. All welcome.



### Jubilee Year Hectorville Parish

**Pilgrimage to St Aloysius Church—Sevenhill, Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills**

**Tuesday 1 April**

On behalf of Father Jeevan, the Hectorville Parish would like to extend an invitation to Newton Parish to join us on our pilgrimage day to St Aloysius Church at Sevenhill, Clare Valley in the Adelaide Hills. It is to be held on Tuesday 1st April 2025. The bus will leave from The Hectorville Parish (18-20 Montacute Rd, Hectorville) at 9:00AM and return at approximately 5:30PM.

The cost is \$35 per person to cover transportation costs. You will need to bring your own lunch, however, coffee and tea will be provided. **To book your seat, please contact the Hectorville parish office on 8336 9988 with your details.**

### Volunteering at Calvary – The power of a smile

You can make an impact volunteering at Calvary Adelaide Hospital which has a number of volunteer 'patient support' positions available. These roles provide valuable support to patients, visitors and staff.

The benefits of volunteering just a few hours a week are many. You'll feel a heightened sense of wellbeing, purpose and appreciation, while those you support will be forever grateful. If you like spending time in service for others and have a positive approach to life; if you're kind, sensitive, responsible, have a sense of humour, then we would love to hear from you!

**For further information, please email [CHCA-volunteers@calvarycare.org.au](mailto:CHCA-volunteers@calvarycare.org.au) or contact Jessica on 0427 012 336.**

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

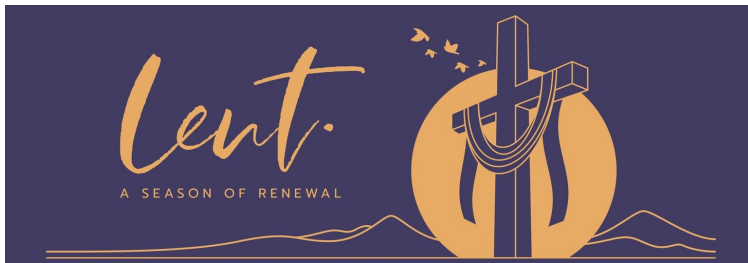
Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity. The Homeshare program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity—a model that has been successfully running around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

A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA. For our **Homeshare Pilot Program**, we carefully match female Householders aged 55+ living on their own with female Homesharers from a similar age group. Women helping women! Each Homesharer is thoroughly vetted through 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: [www.vinnies.org.au/sa/get-involved/homeshare](http://www.vinnies.org.au/sa/get-involved/homeshare)**



**First Aid Kit** is located on the wall in the Church foyer near the bulletin board.



## Turni di Liturgia Italiana

Turni della liturgia Italiana sono disponibile nell'atrio della chiesa. Grazie.

## La Quaresima - Mercoledì delle Ceneri

### Mercoledì 5 Marzo

La Quaresima inizia il Mercoledì delle Ceneri. La Quaresima è il periodo liturgico che ci prepara alla morte e alla Resurrezione di Cristo. In questo periodo di preparazione penitenziale, volgiamo i nostri cuori e le nostre menti a Dio attraverso la preghiera, il digiuno e l'elemosina.

Come primo giorno di Quaresima, il Mercoledì delle Ceneri ci risveglia all'ingresso di Gesù nel deserto prima della sua morte. Prima di Pasqua, tuttavia, dobbiamo preparare i nostri cuori alla sua Resurrezione.

Iniziamo il periodo di preparazione dei nostri cuori alla Pasqua riconoscendo la nostra fragilità e il bisogno di conversione, un volgere i nostri cuori a Dio. Le ceneri simboleggiano la nostra mortalità. Sono un promemoria fisico che i nostri corpi decadranno, ma le nostre anime vivranno nella vita eterna.

Le ceneri saranno benedette e distribuite a tutte le Messe

**8:00AM Messa in Inglese**

**10:30AM Messa per tutta La Scuola**

**19:00 Messa Bilingue**

## Lent - Ash Wednesday

### Wednesday 5 March

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Lent is the liturgical season that prepares us for Christ's death and Resurrection. In this season of penitential preparation, we turn our hearts and minds to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his death. Before Easter, however, we must prepare our hearts for his Resurrection.

We begin our season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion, a turning of our hearts to God. The ashes symbolise our mortality. They are a physical reminder that our bodies will decay, but our souls will live on in eternal life.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses

**8:00AM Mass in English**

**10:30AM Whole School Mass**

**7:00PM Bilingual Mass**

## The Way of the Cross

### Friday 7 March

The Way of the Cross during Lent begins Friday 7th March at 7:00PM

### The Jubilee Prayer

*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

*Franciscus*

## Jubilee 2025 Upcoming Events



### FEBRUARY

### MARCH

**15-18 February**

Jubilee of Artists

**21-23 February**

Jubilee of Deacons

**8-9 March**

Jubilee of the

World of

Volunteering

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## Community Morning Tea

### Saturday 8 February

Our next monthly community gathering will be on Saturday 8th February. There will be tea and coffee in the Parish Hall after the 8am Morning Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.



## Vinnies Pantry Needs



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## Help Rebuild Our Church Roof

### The Roof Restoration Project is now complete.

On Tuesday 18 February we held our Roof Appeal Business Luncheon at the Altavilla Irpina Sports and Social Club.

Thank you to all those who were involved in making this day a huge success. A very warm thanks to the Altavilla Club for their generosity in putting on this event with no cost to the Parish. Special thanks to the generous donors of the day and our special guest speaker, Mr Cooper.

Thank you to the businesses and people who bought tickets and donated to this event. With this luncheon we were able to go above and beyond our fundraising goal.

Keep an eye out on next weeks bulleting for updates on the final outcome for the roof appeal.



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