

Information desk

The Covid-19 plan:

As communicated separately, the latest information provided by the Premier includes:

- **Places of worship** have a density requirement of **1 person per 2 sqm.**
- **Funerals** are capped at 200 people and **requiring 1 person per 2 sqm.**
- **Weddings** are capped at 200 people and **requiring 1 person per 2 sqm.** The digital contact tracing form is still required.
- COVID Safe Check-in is still required.

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping keep our communities safe.

Places of worship must be supervised by a COVID Marshal who must have a copy of their training certificate available when conducting COVID Marshal duties and be clearly identified as a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:

Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please write your name & phone number in the Register upon entry.
2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
3. Sit only in the designated numbered pews in the Church.
4. Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 2 meters apart.
5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
6. Ensure that there is the 1.5m distance between you and the person in front when processing for Holy Communion.
7. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.
8. Keep the social distancing requirement when leaving the Church after Mass.
9. Please don't go back to the entrance door. Entry and Exit rule must be followed for your safety.
10. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.
11. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated. Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

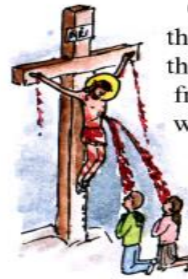
Sunday Collection	14/02/21
First Collection	\$682.15
Online Giving/Cash	
TOTAL 1st Collection	\$682.15
Second Collection	
Envelopes	\$592.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 70.00
Open Plate	\$439.85
Donation	
TOTAL 2nd Collection	\$1,101.85
Special Collection	

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

10am Friday
March 5.
Morialta Uniting
Church
Chapel St.
Magill.
All welcome.

God Washes Away our Sins

In the time of Noah, the people had forgotten about God. They only cared about themselves. They didn't care if they sinned against God or against each other. Only Noah and his family still remembered God and tried to do what was right.



God let a flood destroy all the people other than Noah's family. He wanted to wipe out the sins of the world and give people a fresh start at living in peace with Him. He washed the sins away with the great flood.

But the people still sinned, just like we do even after we have been baptized. So Jesus did something that would have the power to take away all the sins that are ever committed. He died on the cross, letting His blood wash away our sins. Now all we have to do is be sorry and turn to God and accept the forgiveness that He is waiting to give us in Confession.



Answers: Front page: Noah's ark
Inside: He was tempted by the devil.

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The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021



What was the story mentioned in today's first reading that talks about God washing away the sins of the world and making a covenant with His people?

Connect the dots to find out what the story was about!



A Recent Tweet from Pope Francis

#Lent is precisely the season of hope when we turn our gaze back to the God who is patient. Saint Paul passionately urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20).



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1st Sunday of Lent, Year B

20th / 21st February 2021

THERE STANDS AMONG YOU, UNKNOWN TO YOU, THE ONE WHO IS COMING AFTER ME.

Entrance Antiphon Psalms 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 24:4-9. R 10

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
For you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
And the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
Because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path;
He teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

Communion Antiphon Matthew 4:4

One does not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

PLEASE NOTE once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you to ensure we adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Kindly **DO NOT** leave it behind on your way out once Mass has concluded.

Parish Priest
Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Office Staff
Parish Secretary
Karen Taylor
Tue – Fri

WHS/ Finance Officer
Divya Paul
Monday

Police Checks Unit
Hiacinta Msomi
Monday

Sacristan
Weekdays: Michael Pierce
Sundays: Terence Yeow, Clare Boyle, & Roger Worth

Mass Times
Sunday 9.30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6.00 pm

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LOVE HEALS



During Lent

Prayers for the Planery Council

During Lent the Archdiocese asks all Parishes to Pray for the guidance of the Planery Council. Every Wednesday evening in the Church at 6.30pm we are having a special time of prayer for the Plenary Council Assembly "Rebuild my Church". All the faithful in the Archdiocese are expected to participate in it.

Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held every Friday of Lent at 7.00PM. Everyone is invited to attend and we welcome you to volunteer to lead us as we follow on this journey. Please add your name to the sheet at the rear of the Church.

Youth Group Activities

St. Joseph's Parish Youth Group

Nancy Ngure has kindly volunteered to be the new Youth Representative from our Parish. We are interested in starting a group for the Youth of our Parish. All Parish Youth are requested to remain in the church for a short meeting to inform you of forthcoming events. Our sincere thanks to Nancy.

New Horizons 2021: Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leaders Conference February 26/27 2021 at St Mary's College, Adelaide

Leaders of ministries and activities for young people in parishes, schools, communities and agencies in the Archdiocese of Adelaide are invited to attend this year's conference. The event will include Mass with Archbishop O'Regan, keynote presentations, workshops, resources, networking and collaboration opportunities and training from the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults. Registration is \$10 and includes meals and conference materials. Register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BOCUB>. Contact Peter Bierer in COYYA for more information E: peter.bierer@cesa.catholic.edu.au or P: 8301 6866 or visit www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au

CARITAS AUSTRALIA CONTACTS AND VOLUNTEERS

Caritas Australia is seeking a contact person within parishes. These volunteers would be a point of contact within the local area and would assist with parish speaking during Project Compassion in Lent and convey information about upcoming events and engagements. If you would like to volunteer, please use the link below to make initial contact so Caritas can get in touch with you: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaritasParishContact

ROSTERS for Readers, Commentators, Flowers and Counters have been emailed out to everyone we had an email address for and posted or given to others. They have also been placed on the Notice Board in the Church. If you have not received your copy please call into the office between Tuesday & Friday to get your copy.

SUNDAY LITURGY FOR FAMILIES

Due to the positive response, the Family Faith Formation Team will prepare Family Liturgies for each Sunday again this year. Families can use these at home to reflect on the Gospel each Sunday with their children. This can be found at this link on the Archdiocesan website: <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/family-and-parish-based-catechesis/prayer-services> at the end of each week

Rosters for 27/28 February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Time	Commentator / Reader
6:30 pm	Josh Page Fil Ciancio, Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Terence Yeow Grace Yeow, Kevin George
Children's Liturgy:	Tania and Michelle
Count Team No: 7.	Lino Beltrame, Pia Beltrame Anne Dudzinski, George Dudzinski

All those who volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that mass

Year of St Joseph - formation session

The Lefevre Catholic Community will make a special contribution to the Year of St Joseph by offering a formation session led by Sr Mary Cresp rsj. Sunday March 7, 4pm to 5pm at Sacred Heart Church parish meeting rooms, 253 Military Road, Semaphore. Please see the Flyer on the noticeboard.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversary: Maria Cannata, Ivan Perisic,
Shelton Selestine Totawatte

Departed souls: We remember the deceased members of the Families of our parishioners

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick: We remember the sick of our Parish



What is Lent for me?

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

On Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, at the imposition of ashes, we hear the first words of Jesus in the gospel of Mark (1:15), "**Repent, and believe in the Gospel.**" His powerful and *simple* words provide us direction and guidance as we journey through the sacred season of Lent. Directed and guided by his words, Lent becomes a privileged time: (i) a *time of repentance* where we humbly recognize our weaknesses and sinfulness before God and one another, and (ii) a *time of belief* where we joyfully affirm our faith in God, the One source of our strength and our forgiveness. In this Lenten journey, the invitation to return to the Lord is specifically addressed to the whole heart (Joel 2:12), meaning, the person in his totality – mind, heart and body.

Faith in the Mind

1. God exists and is truly active in our lives. It is in our encounter with God through the Church that we are able to put into perspective every aspect of our lives. **Lent is a time to return to what is essential and thus a time to turn our minds towards God.**

2. Acknowledge the moral order: God has established a radical difference between good and evil. God creates what is good (Genesis 1:39), and God is grieved by wickedness and evil (Genesis 6:5-6).

3. Acknowledge the human attitude that God has ordained toward good and evil. Many times, we allow ourselves to fall into mediocrity or bland indifference with respect to certain issues. Yet, the basic guideline is clear enough: hate evil and love good (Hosea 5:15).

Faith in the Heart

4. Open your heart to God. God does not delight in rending our clothing when our heart remains closed to Him (Joel 2:13). Our God is not a distant but a personal God, wishing our relationship with Him to be a relationship between two hearts that mutually love. Encounter God in the Scriptures.

5. Open your heart to Jesus Christ. God's love for us has a face, the face of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Gospel, the good news of God (Mark 1:1). Encounter him through the gospels. **6. Draw close to the heart of our Mother Mary.** No human being has loved Christ as his Mother did; her pierced heart unconditionally adhered to that of her Son's. Ask her to teach and intercede for us that we might love Jesus as she does.

Faith in the Body

7. Pray. As open and honest communication between husband and wife nurtures their marital relationship, so does open and honest communication between man and God nurture our relationship. This communication between man and God takes place precisely in prayer. Such reality requires that prayer be **treated not as a monologue but a dialogue.** Pay attention that half the time is devoted to speaking and the other half to listening. Note: In as much as the exhortation to repent (Greek metanoieite: Repent, all of you) and to believe (Greek pisteuete: Believe, all of you) addresses the individual within the community of faith, one is therefore reminded to pray with the Church and for the Church. **8. Fast.** As a church practice, fasting involves Catholics between ages of 18 and 59, to eat one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. A related practice is abstinence, involving all Catholics, ages 14 and older, who refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent. This Lenten practice derives its meaning from the words of Jesus, "*Man does not live by bread alone but every word that comes from the mouth of God*" (Matthew 4:4). In other words, **we must allow our physical hunger to reveal to us our spiritual hunger for the word of God.**

9. Give alms. Since prayer and fasting open us to God, it is almsgiving that opens us to our neighbour, particularly the poor. This Lenten practice derives its meaning from the great commandment: "*Love God and neighbour*". In becoming poor like Jesus, may we become rich in God.

Now: Now is the acceptable time to return to God with our whole heart. Now, as a point in time, is unique and cannot be repeated. Now is the day to commit ourselves to the salvation wrought for us by our loving and forgiving God.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.