

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

BACKGROUND ON  
THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

*I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them.*

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Ash Wednesday  
Holy Mass & Service

Wednesday 18th February 2026  
9:15am & 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross  
During the Season of Lent

Friday evenings  
20th, 27th February  
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March  
Service at 7:00pm (Confession at 6:30pm)

Lenten 2026  
Booklets

Available at the  
Eastern entrance of  
our church.  
Please take one.

Also available on line:  
<https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/publications>



## Parish Bulletin

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

14/15 February 2026

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Sirach 15:15-20

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.*

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord

The World Day of Prayer—Nigeria 2026  
Friday 6th March 2026 10:00am followed by Morning Tea

*Such was said to  
your ancestors,  
but I am speaking  
to you.*

## FOLLOW GOD'S LAW

The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour.

Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

## PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today—our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**Mass Times**

Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**

Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**

Tues to Fri 8:45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**

Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**

Wednesday after Mass

**St. Joseph's Primary School**

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**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

**ROSTERS— 21/22 Feb 2026**  
**First Sunday of LENT**

Time	Commentator/Readers
<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	Fil Ciancio Edward Konieczny Chris Chua
<b>9:30am</b>	Bridgette Barrett Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
<b>Count team</b>	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
<b>Altar and Flowers</b>	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio Sarita Ingham and volunteers

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

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

The Knights of the Southern Cross after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 22 Feb 2026**

Thank you for your support!



**Project Compassion Donation Envelopes:**  
How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.



**Please remember in your prayers**

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

**Grazia Rosa De Zolt**

Death Anniversary:  
**Francesca Costa**  
**Marcel Clark**  
**Vince Laudato**

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

Sick:

*We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.*

**If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	7/8 Feb 2026
Open Plate	\$707.90
Planned Giving	\$293.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000.90</b>
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$969.95
ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING	
Jan 2026: \$2,080.00	
TAP and GO	
Jan 2026: \$505.00	

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**The Sound of Gospel Fringe show**

Church members can get a 50 per cent discount on tickets to this show which features The BorderS, *The Voice* sensation Henry Olonga and other Gospel singers supported by a choir, dancers and Adelaide's finest musicians. It will feature classic songs from Aretha Franklin, Johnny Cash and Bruce Springsteen alongside modern Praise songs by Ce Ce Winans and the Rend Collective. Click on the barcode or visit [Adelaidefringe.com.au](http://Adelaidefringe.com.au) and use your special promo code GOSPEL at the checkout to receive your half price offer. The venue, Woodville Town Hall, has ample free car park spaces.



**Cathedral Pipe Organ recitals during Fringe 2026**

See the Cathedral organ showcased by a select group of organ maestros in a series of free lunch time recitals.  
Wednesday February 25, 1pm – Christopher Trikilis  
Wednesday March 4, 1pm – Jacinta Jakovcevic  
Wednesday March 11, 1pm – Amir Robin-Karas  
Wednesday March 18, 1pm – Val Estrella  
Sunday March 22, 1pm – Young Organists



**Dialogue Week – February 22-28 2026**

The Synod needs to hear from you! The 2026 Archdiocesan Synod is a big meeting to help the Archbishop and leaders of our parishes, schools and communities to make decisions for our future. Dialogue Week is a chance for you to have a voice in the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. It's an invitation to have a conversation with someone else about the things that are important to you and to share them with the Archbishop and the Synod members. During Dialogue Week, you can send in your feedback and help shape the agenda of the Synod. Parishes, schools and communities will provide opportunities for *Dialogue Groups* during this week. You can also organise your own! Visit [www.togetherontheway.au/dialogue-week](http://www.togetherontheway.au/dialogue-week) for more information, resources and materials, and ask the parish about your local Dialogue Week activities.

**Cathedral Light Show – Adelaide Fringe**

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is set to be illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe. Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from 8.30-9.30pm nightly (except Mondays), with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Audience members can move around the Cathedral to view the projections from different angles and expected 'dwell time' is about 15 minutes. Tickets range from \$10 for preview nights to \$15 (February 20-March 22). To book, visit [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au).

**Lend a Hand with Project Compassion 2026**

Caritas is looking for local parishioners to help promote Project Compassion in their church this Lent. This includes setting up displays, handing out boxes/envelopes and sharing stories. If you think you can help, check first with your parish secretary/priest and then get in touch with Caritas Kaz on 8210 8204.

**BIRTHLINE PREGNANCY SUPPORT**

Birthline is seeking compassionate volunteers to become Telephone Counsellors. No prior counselling experience is required – full training is provided through a FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course, held Wednesday nights, 7-9pm, commencing April 29 2026. Enquiries: [tcc@birthline.org.au](mailto:tcc@birthline.org.au) (preferred) or call (08) 8331 1223

**The Kids' Bulletin**

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)



Do not think that I came to abolish the law or the prophets...  
Whoever opens and teaches the Commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?*

**Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!**

**Ash Wednesday**



This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices-out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.

