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PARISH VISION:
A Welcoming Community,
United in Faith,
Centred in
the Eucharist,
Which embraces the Spirit
and Nature of all
God's People

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SALISBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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Fr Roderick O'Brien (in residence)

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Phone: 8182 9093 (8am–4pm) and ask for
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Phone 8282 5395 (9am–5pm) and ask for
the Pastoral Care Worker on duty

Parish Bulletin (*The Echo*)

Diane Innes

Email: parishbulletin@salcath.org.au

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Augustine's Church

23 Commercial Rd Salisbury

Saturday - 6:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am & 6:00pm

Polish Sunday - 12 noon

1st Sunday of Month - 3:00pm (Filipino)

2nd Sunday of Month - 10:30am (Italian)

Holy Family Mass Centre:

Shepherdson Rd Parafield Gardens

Sunday: - 10:30am

St Finbar's Church:

Greencroft Road, Salisbury North

Sunday: - 9:00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday **after** 9:30am Mass and

before the 6:00pm Vigil Mass

5:15pm - 5:45pm

5th January 2025 and 12th January 2025 *The Epiphany of the Lord and The Baptism of the Lord Year C*

POLITICS, RELIGION AND MAGI

Matthew 2:1-12

Dear beloved parishioners and friends,

I wish you all a Happy New Year 2025 and God's blessings.

Some individuals believe that discussing political issues in church is something we should avoid. Whether we accept this notion or not really hinges on our understanding of the term "*political*." If we interpret it as advocating for a specific political party or voicing opinions about politicians, then perhaps it's best reserved for other settings. However, if we view political discussions as a way to examine how certain moral values are upheld or undermined by our government policies, then such conversations can be not only acceptable but truly essential. Gathering to pray provides us with a compassionate space to reflect on these important issues together.

Jesus did not come into this world merely to guide us to heaven; He came to demonstrate how we should live together in justice and love. When any government adopts policies that contradict His teachings, we, as His followers, must not only be aware but actively engage in discussion about it. In this light, being religious is inherently linked to being political.

This powerful truth unfolds in today's gospel. While we often focus on the magi and the precious gifts they brought to the Christ child in our Christmas nativity scenes, it's important to recognise the deeply political context surrounding their story. Much of the gospel passage highlights King Herod, the ruler at the time of Jesus' birth, who felt threatened by the arrival of the Christ child. His desperate desire to maintain control led to a tragic decision: Herod ordered the execution of all children in Bethlehem under two years of age. This heart-wrenching act forced Joseph to protect his family by fleeing to Egypt, transforming the holy family into refugees escaping oppression. It's difficult to imagine a more poignant political illustration of struggle and survival than this, laid out in the gospel story.

So, like Jesus, we live in a world where religion and politics overlap. We are fortunate to live in a democracy where we have a voice and a vote to influence the policies we believe are just. Regardless of your political affiliation, if you are a follower of Jesus, you respect the value of human life, whether that is human life in the womb or providing education and nourishment to the poor. If you are a follower of Jesus, you recognise the human freedom to begin life in another country through immigration, and you should insist that our government develop a just immigration policy that not only protects our borders but also treats those who would try to live among us with respect. If you are a follower of Jesus, you realise that there is a human right to adequate health care, just as there is a human right to food.

The church is not a venue for partisan debates or political campaigns; rather, it is a sanctuary where followers of Jesus gather to renew their commitment to living out his teachings in society. When the magi discerned Herod's violent and unjust political agenda, they courageously chose not to comply. When policies contradict Jesus' teachings, we, too, must summon the courage to speak out against them.

May the Magi inspire us to be just and courageous this New Year
Blessings and prayers,

Fr. Shibu Jacob MSFS



RECENTLY DECEASED

Werner Maass
Jorge Huevo-Leiva
Francesco Pirri
Pasquale 'Pat' Carbone
Romeo Requillo

ANNIVERSARIES

Anna Gallina
Pietro Gallina & Family
Cesare Cera & Family
Clara Luz Alvarez
Donatila Iglesias
Eileen McEvoy
Kevin McEvoy
Gloria Gladys Quintana
Juan Quintana
Katherine Rigney
Richard Gauci
Ted Warner

THE SICK

Aleyamma Jacob
Chelsea Cunningham
Chris Powell
Corine Roberts
Francescopaolo Mastrullo
Hailey Valle
Jim Love
Joseph Riley
Kirsten Sudario
Mary Harris
Michelle Purvis-Bond
Mitchell O'Brien
Oscar Lacuesta
Paul Cunningham
Paul Sahb
Paul Waldon
Peter Smith
Raelene Brown
Ramon Romero
Tonie Michael
Victor Ramirez
Violeta Regencia
Ana Maria Quintana
Aland Quintana jr.
Obdulia Berniz
Andrew Neal
Awrora Tolibas
Carlos Barrios
Dora Bernardi
Eileen & Paul O'Gorman
Emmanuel Enrique Barrios
Gino Silvestri
Grace Holmes
Jeff Wright
Jennifer Lazare
Jonathan Dee Johnny Candog
Sofia Barrios

KNIT and KNATTER

The Knit and Knatter group will recommence on Friday, 31st January 2025 at 10am in the Parish Family Centre. *All crafters are welcome*
Lorraine Thalbourne

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

All weekday and Saturday morning Masses at St Augustine's Church will be at 9:00am until the 28th January 2025

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9:00am – 12:30pm
Tues - Thurs: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Fri: 9:00am – 12:30pm

RECONCILIATIONS St Augustine's Church

Saturday after 9:30am Mass and before the 6:00pm Vigil Mass 5:15pm-5:45pm

BAPTISMS

St Augustine's Church
Within Mass: Every Saturday at 9:30am
Outside Mass: 3rd Sunday at 10:30am
Holy Family Mass Centre
1st & 4th Sunday
Within the 10:30am Mass



ROSARY ON SATURDAYS
St Finbar's Church
at 9:00am

Contact:
Win Simons 0438 148 907

TUESDAY EVENING POLISH MASS WITH EXPOSITION
**** SUSPENDED ****

until after Ash Wednesday. Will recommence on Tuesday, 11th March 2025
For all enquiries please contact: Polish Chaplain - 8445 8466

YOU CAN SUPPORT THE 2025 NATIONAL DEACONS CONFERENCE!

Would you like to support the deacons of South Australia and Northern Territory, chosen to host the 2025 National Deacons Conference early next year (Hahndorf, 27 February – 2 March 2025)?
Deacons of the SA/NT region represent 10% of deacons in Australia (200). Each biennial National Deacons Conference is locally funded, relying entirely on nationwide registrations and generous local sponsors. Deacons (often married men) are the fastest growing ordained ministry worldwide and can be the face of creative ways in which the Spirit moves within the Church and community. Your personal financial support of the Conference will be greatly valued. **To donate today** (whether \$200, \$100, or any amount), **please contact the Events Office via:**
caaevents@adelaide.catholic.org.au
or **8210 8220**

Deacon Paul Crowe,
National Deacons Conference Convenor



Mondays 9:00 – 10:00am
St Augustine's Church
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Win Simons 0438 148 907

OUR PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION

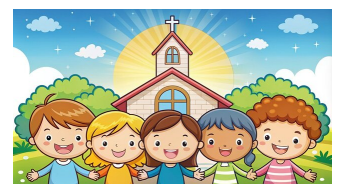
We are a Child Safe Organisation committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued.

~ A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL ~

CHILD SAFE CONTACT PERSONS

- ◆ Fr Shibu Jacob
- ◆ Grace Healey
- ◆ Nicholas Dangcalan
- ◆ Louise Svendsdotter
- ◆ Diane Innes

Contact details can be found on the posters that are in the Church, Family Centre and Parish Office.



PLEASE NOTE

Dear Parish Family,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to inform you that I will be away from the parish from January 15 to February 21, 2025. The first two weeks will be dedicated to a study leave at the University, during which I will participate in my convocation and complete other related formalities. Then, I will spend time with my family.

During my absence, please feel free to contact the dedicated team members who will be available to assist you with any needs that may arise.

- For Sacraments & Sacramentals, please contact Rev. Fr. Roderick O'Brien.
- For any pastoral concerns, Ms. Grace Healey is here for you.
- For business matters, Mr. Nicholas Dangcalan is your go-to person.

You can also call the parish office at 8258 2314 if you prefer.

Wishing you all blessings and a wonderful time ahead. Take care!

Warm regards,

Fr. Shibu Jacob MSFS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



Thank you to children's liturgy ministers who dedicated their time and love to nurture our children's faith and the love for God's Word.

Thank you to all the children who have zealously participated in the sessions.

CLOW Ministry will resume on the weekend of 8th – 9th February 2025.

Are you interested becoming a CLOW minister? 😊

Please send your names and contact details to Grace Healey at pastoralassociate@salcath.org.au

WEEKDAY READINGS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – YEAR C

Monday 6th – Sunday 12th January 2025

Mon: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8,10-11; Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tue: St Raymond of Penyafort

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 71:1-4,7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 71:1-2,10-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thu: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 71:1-2,14-15,17; Lk 4:14-22

Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6; Jn 3:22-30

Sun: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR C

Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30;

Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16,21-22

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR. JAMES THOMSON

Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 9 am, St. Augustine's Church,
23 Commercial Road, Salisbury

We invite you to join us for a Memorial Mass for Fr. James Thomson at St. Augustine's Parish Church on **Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 9:00 AM**. This will be an opportunity for us to come together as a community to remember and celebrate the life of Fr. James. Let us unite in prayer and reflection, cherishing his profound impact on our lives and the warmth he brought to our hearts. Your presence would mean so much as we pay tribute to his spirit and the love he shared with all of us. After the Mass, you are welcome to join us for a coffee at the Parish Family Centre.

Kind regards

Fr. Shibu Jacob MSFS & Salisbury Parish Team



OPENING OF JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Jubilee year begun with the opening of the Holy Door of the Basilica of St Peter in the Vatican on 24 December 2024. In the Archdiocese of Adelaide, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan opened the Holy Year with Midnight Mass on 31st December 2024, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

For more details go to the Vatican Website link to the Jubilee 2025 Calendar www.iubilaeum2025.va



If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer for any of the Ministries or Services in the Salisbury Parish, please contact: Grace Healey on 8258 2314 or via email: pastoralassociate@salcath.org.au
We are currently in need of volunteers to operate the Overhead Projector during Mass

Note: All Volunteers 14 years or older, will need to have a Police Clearance Check, before they can commence their ministry.

WEEKDAY READINGS

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR C

Monday 13th – Sunday 19th January 2025

Mon: St Hilary

Heb 1:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 6-7,9; Mk 1:14-20

Tue: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2,5-9; Mk 1:21-28;

Wed: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 104:1-4,6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thu: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 94:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Fri: St Anthony

Heb 4:1-5,11; Ps 77:3-4, 6-8; Mk 2:1-12

Sat: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 18:8-10,15; Mk 2:13-17

Sun: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Is 62:1-5; Ps 95:1-3,7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

● Knights of the Southern Cross

The Knights of the Southern Cross are active in the Parish.

Contact: Paul Hawkes 0439 832 834

● Knitting Group (Knit & Knatter)

Will recommence in the New Year on Friday, 31st January 2025.

Contact: Lorraine 8263 7333

● Lay Canossian Association

Will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:00am in the Parish Family Centre

● Reflecting the Gospel

Every Wednesday at 9:00am in the Parish Family Centre.

Contact: Win Simons 0438 148 907

● Rosary at St. Finbar's

Rosary held at St Finbar's 9.00am every Saturday.

Contact: Win Simons 0438 148 907



Children's Liturgy of the Word

St Augustine's Church:

Saturdays at 6pm

Sundays at 9am & 6pm

St Finbar's Church:

Sundays at 9am

Holy Family Mass Centre

Sundays at 10:30am

NOTE: **Children's Liturgy is for children in the age group of 5-12.**



PARISH SCHOOLS

St Augustine's Parish School **Years R - 6**

25 Commercial Rd. Salisbury 5108

Ph: 8182 7900 Fax 8182 7999

Principal: Daniel Cowan

Holy Family Parish School **Years R - 6**

71 Shepherdson Rd. Parafield Gdns. 5107

Ph: 8250 6616 Fax 8250 3043

Principal: Christopher Platten

Thomas More College **Years 7 - 12**

23 Amsterdam Cres. Salisbury Downs 5108

Ph: 8182 2600 Fax: 8182 2699

Principal: Corey Tavella

NOTIZIE ITALIANE

Domenica 5 Gennaio 2025

Epifania del Signore - Matteo 2, 1-12.

Nato Gesù a Betlemme di Giuda, al tempo del re Erode, ecco che dei Magi dall'oriente giunsero a Gerusalemme e chiesero: Dov'è il re dei Giudei che è nato? Abbiamo visto sorgere la sua stella, e siamo venuti per adorarlo. All'udire questo, il re Erode si turbò e con lui tutta Gerusalemme; e radunati tutti i sommi sacerdoti e gli scribidel popolo, prese a interrogarli dove il Messia dovesse nascere. Gli risposero: A Betlemmedi Giudea, perché così fu scritto. Parola del Signore.

I Magi guidati dalla stella, giunsero fino a Gesù, che trovarono con Maria sua madre, e adorarono. Mentre Erode giudeo ne progetta la morte, i Magi, pagani, si prostano davanti al Messia. La salvezza è venuta per tutto il mondo, ma i primi a ricercarla sono i pagani.

Domenica 12 Gennaio 2025

Battesimo di Gesù - Luca 3, 15-16. 21-22.

In quel tempo, poiché il popolo era in attesa e si domandavano se Giovanni non fosse lui il Cristo, Giovanni rispose: Io vi battezzo con l'acqua, ma viene uno che è più forte di me, al quale io non son degno di scogliere neppure il legaccio dei calzari. Egli vi battezerà con Spirito Santo e fuoco. E mentre tutto il popolo veniva battezzato, anche Gesù si fece battezzare. E mentre pregava, si aprì il cielo e discese su di lui lo Spirito Santo in forma corporea, come di colomba, e vi fu una voce dal cielo: Tu sei il mio figlio diletto, in te mi sono compiaciuto. Parola del Signore.

La preghiera di Gesù precede il conferimento dello Spirito Santo. Secondo Luca, infatti, Gesù, dopo aver ricevuto il battesimo di penitenza, come qualsiasi peccatore, sosta in preghiera. Gesù sta per ricevere lo Spirito Santo. Negli Atti, Luca noterà che i credenti pregano prima di ricevere il battesimo e il dono dello Spirito Santo.

*LE PROSSIME MESSE IN ITALIANO:

*BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE: DOMENICA 12 GENNAIO 2025

*DOMENICA 9 FEBBRAIO 2025

* Incontro Laiche Canossiane: Martedì 4 Febbraio 2025 alle 9.00 am

PARISH PASTORAL FUNDING

	<u>22nd December 2024</u>	<u>Avg for Year</u>	<u>Target</u>
ENVELOPES	\$ 8,058.50	\$ 5,348.39	
OPEN PLATE	2,339.85	1,935.37	
TOTAL	\$ 10,398.35	\$ 7,283.76	\$7,500
1st Collection	\$ 3,218.00		

	<u>29th December 2024</u>	<u>Avg for Year</u>	<u>Target</u>
ENVELOPES	\$ 3,043.00	\$ 5,304.05	
OPEN PLATE	4,722.20	1,988.96	
TOTAL	\$ 7,765.20	\$ 7,293.01	\$7,500
1st Collection	\$ 5,234.00		

NOTE: Figures include Direct Debits, Credit Card Collections and Unpledged Direct Deposits.

COUNTING ROSTER 2025

DATE SUPERVISORS & COUNTERS

5th Jan Josie Shimmin & John Shimmin
Ellen Arklay & Christopher Carroll

12th Jan Anne Blake & Kevin Blake
Jan Von der Borch, Sheila Najar

19th Jan Neil Walters & Helen Ryan
Christine Walters, Dennis Ryan and Peter McEvoy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

ST AUGUSTINE'S

9th Jan - Helen's Group

18th Jan - Polish Group

ST FINBAR'S

11th Jan - No Group

18th Jan - Neal's Group

MASS PREPARATION TEAM

HOLY FAMILY

12th Jan - Rosie Rivera

19th Jan - Jessica Do / Chinh Do