

THE ECHO

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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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Parish Bulletin (*The Echo*)

Diane Innes
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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

15th / 22nd December 2024 Third / Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

WELCOMING THE MESSIAH

Luke 3:10 – 18

Dear beloved parishioners and friends,

I have a lovely story that I think you might be familiar with! Since we're in the spirit of Advent, it might be nice to revisit it together.

In a once-thriving monastery that had fallen on hard times, dedicated monks engaged in prayer, labouring in the fields, and serving the community. Now, only the Abbott and three ageing monks remained, their spirits unyielding despite their dwindling numbers. In the neighbouring woods lived an old rabbi renowned for his wisdom as a hermit. With hope in his heart, the Abbott sought the rabbi's counsel, believing that perhaps a word of advice could rejuvenate their beloved monastery. The rabbi welcomed him warmly, listened intently to Abbott's story, and imparted a profound truth: "God has revealed to me that the Messiah is one of you."

Returning to the monastery, the Abbott shared the rabbi's revelation, igniting a spark of wonder among the monks. The thought that the Messiah could dwell among them brought a new sense of purpose. They began to speculate who this divine presence could be: perhaps the Abbott himself, a wise and strong leader; or Brother Thomas, whose holy nature displayed the love of God; even Brother Elrod earned consideration, with his undeniable wisdom amidst crankiness; and finally, Brother Phillip, initially perceived as passive but revealed to be the first to lend a hand when needed. Unable to discern the identity of the Messiah, the monks chose to embrace patience and await the revelation.

But as they waited, they changed. Because they were sure that the Messiah was one of them, they began to treat one another with more and more respect. They found themselves laughing more often, beginning the day with a certain joyous expectation that perhaps today might be the day that the Messiah was revealed. The people who lived in the village close to the monastery noticed the change in the monks when they interacted with them. People started to come for Mass at the monastery and began seeking out the monks for spiritual direction. The word spread among their family and friends. Soon, the young people in the town began to consider joining the monastery. In a few years, that monastery was as alive and thriving as ever.

In today's gospel, John the Baptist reminds us that the Messiah is coming and urges us to be ready. This call invites us to reflect on our relationships—perhaps considering our spouses, co-workers, or even family members as potential Messiahs. For instance, we might pay more attention to our spouse's feelings, engage in conversations with colleagues, practice patience with children/relatives, or treat service workers with kindness. Embracing this perspective can lead to meaningful changes in how we connect with others.

Let us await the Messiah with hope and anticipation. As we approach Christmas, may we treat everyone with love and respect. Jesus will be born anew in our hearts, families, and community.

Blessings and prayers,
Fr. Shibu Jacob MSFS



RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr James Thomson
Martin Symonds

ONE MONTH MIND

Joseph Rathnam Pillai

ANNIVERSARIES

Emanuel Mifsud
Jim Rew

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

Andrew Neal
Carlos Barrios
Dora Bernardi
Eileen & Paul O'Gorman
Emmanuel
Enrique Barrios
Gino Silvestri
Grace Holmes
Jeff Wright
Jonathan Dee Johnny Candog
Sofia Barrios

**REGULAR WEEKDAY
MASS TIMES**

Tues – Thurs at 8:00am
Fri – Sat at 9:30am
in St Augustine's Church

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

Advent

A season of joyous preparation and hopeful waiting for the birth of Jesus. Let us journey together in preparing our heart, mind and spirit by meditating on God's Word in preparation for "The Word was made flesh and He lived among us".

FREE! ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS
• Adelaide Catholic Archdiocese:
ADVENT 2024

ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

Advent Reflection Group will be held on Wednesdays from 9am -10am in the Parish Family Centre

**CHRISTMAS CAROL IN THE PARISH
A Big Thank you**

A little while back, the Parish Pastoral Council was presented with and embraced an exciting idea for a 'Carols Afternoon,' and the enthusiasm was palpable! After months of meticulous planning and hard work, we were thrilled to host our first-ever Afternoon of Carols on Sunday, December 8, at St. Augustine's Church.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our incredible choirs: our own Couples for Christ and Fructus Agustini, along with the internationally recognized Adelaide Choral Ambassadors. Each performance was nothing short of spectacular!

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Grace Healey and Heidi Oria for their invaluable support behind the scenes. We also wish to acknowledge Nicholas, our parish business manager, for organizing the afternoon tea in collaboration with our dedicated parish volunteers. A special mention goes to Andrew Hall, whose initial proposal inspired this wonderful event and whose exemplary anchoring enriched the program's success. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of making this an annual Advent tradition.

To everyone who joined us to enjoy an afternoon filled with beautiful music and delightful treats, thank you! It truly was the perfect way to usher in the Christmas season together. Here's to many more joyful celebrations in the years to come!

**Sue Knight –
Chair Parish Pastoral Council**

Note: \$284 kindly donated on the day.

THE ECHO – PARISH BULLETIN

Dear Parishioners,

The weekly *Echo* – Parish Bulletin, will be issued in a **combined format** from next weekend, 15th December 2024 and will resume to a weekly issue on Sunday, 19th January 2025. Please take note of the dates listed below.

Please Note: Notices / Names due by Tuesday, 17th Dec for the inclusion in this combined Echo

- **Wednesday, 25th Dec**
- Nativity of the Lord /
- **Sunday, 29th Dec**
- Feast of the Holy Family

Please Note: Notices / Names due by Thurs, 2nd Jan 2025, 9:00am for the inclusion in this combined Echo

- **Sunday, 5th Jan 2025**
- The Epiphany of the Lord.
- **Sunday, 12th Jan 2025**
- Baptism of the Lord

If you have any queries, please phone the Parish Office on 8258 2314.

Thank you - **Diane Innes**

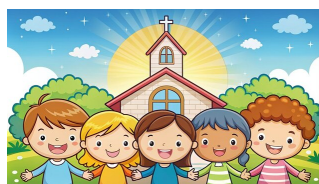
OUR PARISH IS A CHILD SAFE ORGANISATION

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.

*The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, *
compassionate to all his creatures. (Psalm 144)*



Dear Parishioners,

Fr James Michael Thomson

We commend to our God, who is kind and compassionate, the soul of Fr James Thomson, who died last Wednesday, 11 December. Fr. James was 46 years of age.

Many of you will remember Fr James: tall, with a little stoop. He came to the priesthood with years in the workplace behind him. When assigned to Salisbury parish, he served among us for only a short time before illness, which meant he was obliged to step back from his parish duties. Perhaps none of us got to know him well in such a short time, but his presence touched us all.

In his illness, Fr. James received strong support from our Clergy Care (Archdiocese of Adelaide) and trained professionals in various fields. He was surrounded by the love of his family and supported by his family, friends and the Church. His death, sudden and unexpected, will be a blow to his family, to our wider Church, and to all who wished him well.

While it's natural to wonder about the circumstances surrounding his untimely passing, we must approach this topic with sensitivity and care. Speculating without knowledge can lead to misunderstandings and baseless gossip. I truly hope that we, as a community of Salisbury parish, can come together in compassion and support rather than engage in gossip.

I recognise that we will cope with this heartbreaking news in our own way, and we want to express our solidarity with you during this painful time. Remember that we are not alone; together, we can navigate this difficult journey with the grace of God.

We invite your prayers for Fr. James, his family, and his brother priests. We commend Fr. James to our Almighty God, compassionate to all his creatures. And here in Salisbury parish, may we, all the parishioners, echo that same compassion. Our compassion guides us as we recall Fr James, and we remember his family.

Later, details of his funeral Mass will be available. We will announce these details at Masses. We will also have a special Mass for him in our parish, where we can especially remember Fr James, who served among us, and we can commend him to our God, who is slow to anger and abounding in love. May the love of God be our model at this difficult time.

**Fr Shibu Jacob MSFS
Fr Roderick O'Brien
Fr Francis Trinh Van Phat**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
CHRISTMAS 2024 – NEW YEAR'S DAY 2025**

FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI / CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS St. Augustine's Church	Thursday, 19th December 8PM – 9PM (English/ Filipino)
CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL) St. Augustine's Church	Tuesday, 24th December 6 PM Family Mass (English)
St. Augustine's Church	8 PM Vigil Mass (English)
St. Augustine's Church	10.00PM Polish
St. Augustine's Church	12 MN Midnight (English)
CHRISTMAS DAY St. Augustine's Church	Wednesday, 25th December 9 AM (English)
St. Augustine's Church	10.30 AM (Italian)
St. Augustine's Church	12 Noon (Polish)
End of Year Thanksgiving Mass MARY, MOTHER OF GOD / NEW YEAR'S DAY St. Augustine's Church	11PM (Tuesday, 31st December 2024) Wednesday, 1st January, 2025 9 AM (English)
St. Augustine's Church	12 Noon (Polish)

PLEASE NOTE: After Christmas, all weekday and Saturday Masses at St. Augustine's Church will be at **9:00AM** until the 28th January 2025. Thank you.



The situation in Lebanon continues to deteriorate. In response to a heartfelt plea for assistance by Bishop Tarabay and Bishop Rabbat, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas Australia and Caritas Lebanon, has launched a special Lebanon Appeal. This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon, especially those who are displaced and without homes or shelter. **Thank you for your support and generosity**

CARITAS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Christmas, families like Sakhina's are facing the devastating risk of disease due to a severe lack of clean water and proper sanitation in the world's largest refugee camp.

But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. As part of the second-largest humanitarian network in the world, Caritas Australia and our partner Caritas Bangladesh are on the ground, ready to act. Together, we can improve access to clean water, provide better sanitation, and help reduce the spread of deadly waterborne diseases this Christmas.

Donate today at caritas.org.au/christmas

**WEEKDAY & SUNDAY READINGS -FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-YEAR C
Monday 23rd – Sunday, 29th December 2024**

Mon: St John of Kanty Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14; Lk 1:57-66
Tues: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 6pm Vigil - Is 62:11-12; Ps 96:1,6,11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 8pm Is 62:11-12; Ps 96:1,6,11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:1-20 Midnight Is 62:11-12; Ps 96:1,6,11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Wed: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 9am Is 52:7-10; Ps 97:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Lk 2:1-20
Thurs: St Stephen Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 30:3-4,6,8,16-17; Mt 10:17-22
Fri: St John 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 96:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:2-8
Sat: The Holy Innocents 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 123:2-5,7-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sun: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH 1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28; Ps 83:2-3,5-6,9-10; 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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: Kerry White

Thomas More College **Years 7 – 12**

23 Amsterdam Cres. Salisbury Downs 5108

Ph: 8182 2600 Fax: 8182 2699

Principal: Corey Tavella

NOTIZIE ITALIANE

Domenica 15 Dicembre 2024

Terza Domenica di Avvento - Luca 3, 10-18.

In quel tempo le folle interrogavano Giovanni dicendo: "Cosa dobbiamo fare?". E rispondendo diceva loro: "Chi ha due tuniche, ne faccia parte a chi non ne ha; e chi ha dei cibi, faccia altrettanto". E rispose a tutti dicendo: lo vi battezzo col l'acqua, ma viene uno che è più forte di me, al quale io non son degno di sciogliere i legacci dei calzari. Egli vi battezzerà co acqua e fuoco. Parola del Signore.

Il Battista, annunciando la venuta del messia, ci invita a riformare la propria vita con la pratica della carità e della giustizia. Tutti si domandavano se Giovanni non fosse il messia, e il Battista ne approfittò per orientare le anime a Cristo. Con completo disinteresse, egli nascose la sua persona per annunciare esclusivamente il messia.

Domenica 22 Dicembre 2024

Quarta Domenica di Avvento - Luca 1, 39-45.

In quel tempo Maria si alzò e partì in fretta verso la montagna, per una città di Giudea, ed entrò nella casa di Zaccaria e salutò Elisabetta. Ed avvenne che, appena Elisabetta udì il saluto di Maria, le esultò il bambino nel grembo; ed Elisabetta fu ricolma di Spirito Santo. Ed esclamò a gran voce: Benedetta tu fra le donne e benedetto il frutto del tuo seno. Parola del Signore.

Giovanni Battista salta gioiosamente davanti a Maria, come Davide danzava davanti all'arca. Ugualmente l'esultanza di Elisabetta che accoglie Maria riproduce quella di Davide davanti a quel sibolo misterioso della presenza divina. L'evangelista vuole indicare che Maria è la nuova, vera dimora di Dio tra gli uomini. Dio non abita più in un simbolo materiale o in un tempio di pietre; egli stesso ora, in Maria, si fa presente tra noi.

***LE PROSSIME MESSE IN ITALIANO:**

***NATALE DEL SIGNORE: MERCOLEDÌ 25 DICEMBRE 2024**

BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE: DOMENICA 12 GENNAIO 2025

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

PARISH PASTORAL FUNDING

	8 th December 2024	Avg for Year	Target
ENVELOPES	\$ 6,159.40	\$ 5,280.91	
OPEN PLATE	1,627.30	1,910.04	
TOTAL	\$ 7,786.70	\$ 7,190.95	\$7,500
1st Collection	\$ 3,691.00		

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

WEEKDAY READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C Monday 16th – Sunday 22nd Dec 2024

Mon: Num 24:2-7,15-17; Ps 24:4-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tues: Gen 49:2,8-10; Ps 71:1-4,7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17

Wed: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 71:1-2,12-13,18-19; Mt 1:18-24

Thurs: Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Ps 70:3-6,16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Fri: St Lucy

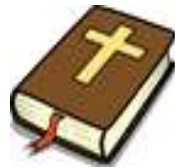
Is 7:10-14; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sat: St Peter Canisius

Song 2:8-14; Ps 32:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Sun: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

Micah 5:1-4; Ps 79:2-3, 15-16,18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44



COUNTING ROSTER 2024

DATE SUPERVISORS & COUNTERS

15th Dec Neil Walters & Helen Ryan
Christine Walters, Dennis Ryan and Peter McEvoy

22nd Dec Peter Neylon & John McGrath
John McGrath Snr, Isabelle McGrath and Beth Buckley

25th Dec WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY
COUNTING TO BE DONE ON BOXING DAY - THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER

Any available counters who can help with Boxing Day count and for further details please phone Anne Blake.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

ST AUGUSTINE'S

21st Dec - Polish Group

26th Dec - Vince's Group

ST FINBAR'S

21st Dec – Montgomery's Group

28th Dec - No Group

MASS PREPARATION TEAM

HOLY FAMILY

22nd Dec - Salve Sulit

29th Dec - Children / Youth