

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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the Pastoral Care Worker on duty

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

**THIS ISSUE OF THE CHRISTMAS ECHO
WILL ALSO COVER THE FOLLOWING DATES:**
SUNDAY, 29TH DECEMBER 2024

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
WEDNESDAY, 1ST JANUARY 2025
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
and New Year's Day

25TH DECEMBER 2024

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – YEAR C



Dear beloved parishioners and friends,

There are a few occasions that fill our hearts with as much joy as Christmas! Each year brings its own special spirit, but Christmas has a way of capturing our hearts every time. No matter what challenges we face, the true message of Christmas shines through—it always wins in the end. I truly cherish this season. It reminds us of how the Word became flesh and lived among us in Jesus Christ (Jn. 1:14). The heart of Christmas is the story of Jesus being born in a humble manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. It's amazing to think that the Almighty God found no room in the inn and chose to come into the world in such simplicity. This beautiful paradox shows how God is born within us—in our moments of vulnerability, weakness, and even sadness. That's where we can truly feel His presence. Christmas is a magical time, especially for children who can't wait for Santa to arrive on Christmas Eve! It encourages a spirit of kindness and giving to those who might be struggling. Yet, we also know it can be a tough time for those missing loved ones or dealing with difficult situations. So, during this wonderful season, we wish you a happy, holy, and safe Christmas and a joyful New Year in 2025! As we approach the end of 2024 and look forward to the possibilities of 2025, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to our incredible parish community. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated staff, tireless volunteers, and each member of our community. Your unwavering commitment, love, and prayers across all our ministries have truly made a remarkable impact. It's inspiring to witness how each of you brings your unique talents to the table, enriching the mission and ministry of our Church, especially here in Salisbury Catholic Parish. Together, we are building something special, and I am so grateful to journey alongside you all!

Fr. Shibu Jacob MSFS and Parish Team



RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr James Thomson
Guerino Savelli
Joseph Abela

ANNIVERSARIES

Helen Portelli
Beverly Allison & Allison Family
Giuseppe Perre
Jadwiga Perre
Joseph Garcia
Lisa Varacalli
Mary Leydon
Patista Abela

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
Patrice Buetefuer
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

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Wednesdays 9-10am
In the Parish Family Centre
Please note that on January 15, 22,
29 the Gospel Reflection Group will
be at **9:45am** due to Mass at 9am)
Win Simons 0438 148 907

ANNIVERSARIES (Cont'd)

Peter Manalo
Ross Perre
Victorina Velasco

**TUESDAY EVENING
POLISH MASS
WITH EXPOSITION**

In St Augustine's Church.
Adoration at 5.30pm,
Mass at 6.00pm.
For all enquiries please contact:
Polish Chaplain - 8445 8466

THE ECHO – PARISH BULLETIN

Dear Parishioners,
The weekly Echo – Parish Bulletin, is being issued in a **combined format** from 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 Thursday, 2nd Jan 2025, 9:00am for 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*

PRAY FOR PEACE

Monday 9-10am
St Augustine's Church
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Win Simons 0438 148 907

ROSARY ON SATURDAYS

St Finbar's Church at 9am
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.

Knit and Knatter

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas and may the New Year be filled with Peace, Hope and Joy.

Knit and Knatter group will be taking a break over the Christmas period and will recommence on Friday, 31st January 2025 at 10am in the Parish Family Centre.

All crafters are welcome.

SHARING THE LOVE
Lorraine Thalbourne

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

CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL)

St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church

Tuesday, 24th December

6 PM Family Mass (English)
8 PM Vigil Mass (English)
10.00PM Polish
12 MN Midnight (English)

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church

Wednesday, 25th December

9 AM (English)
10.30 AM (Italian)
12 Noon (Polish)

SAINT STEPHEN'S

St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church

Thursday, 26th December

9 AM (English)
12 Noon (Polish)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church
St. Finbar's Church
Holy Family Mass Centre
St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church

Sunday, 29th December

6PM Saturday Vigil (28th December)
9AM
9AM
10:30AM
12 Noon (Polish)
6PM

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass

11PM (Tuesday, 31st December 2024)

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD /
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

St. Augustine's Church
St. Augustine's Church

Wednesday, 1st January, 2025

9 AM (English)
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.

**You can support the 2025
National Deacons Conference!**

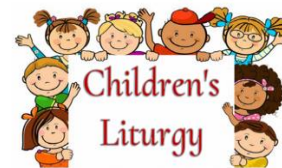
Would you like to support the deacons of South Australia and Northern Territory, chosen to host the 2025 National Deacons Conference early next year (Hahndorf, 27 February – 2 March 2025)? Deacons of the SA/NT region represent 10% of deacons in Australia (200). Each biennial National Deacons Conference 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 by Monday 23 December 2024.**

Deacon Paul Crowe
National Deacons Conference Convenor

'JOY OF THE GOSPEL' REFLECTION BOOK 2025

Now available from the Parish Office. Cost \$15.
Enquiries Win Simons 0438 148 907

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.

We hope to see you next year! 😊

**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



**CHRISTMAS
APPEAL**

A Leaving Collection at Christmas Masses will be taken up for Catholic Charities, which provides much-needed funds to Hutt St Centre, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's special schools. These agencies play a significant role in bringing hope to people in need here in South Australia. Your donations, regardless of their size, will make a profound difference in the lives of those who rely on the support of Catholic Charities.



OPENING OF JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Jubilee year has 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 will open the Holy Year with **Mass at Midnight on 31 December 2024**, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

[ERRATUM Ref Echo Insert 8th December]

Please take note, the correct Vatican Website link to the Jubilee 2025 Calendar is: www.iubilaeum2025.va

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

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

Will recommence on
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th
February 2025

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

Mercoledì 25 Dicembre 2024

Natale di nostro Signore Gesù Cristo - Luca 1, 2-14.

Un angelo del Signore si presentò ai pastori e la gloria del Signore li avvolse di luce. L'angelo disse loro: Non temete, perché ecco io vi annuncio una grande gioia, oggi è nato per voi un Salvatore, che è il Messia, il Signore. Questo per voi il segno: Troverete un bambino avvolto in fasce, adagiato in una mangiatoia. E subito apparve con l'angelo una moltitudine dell'esercito celeste che lodava Dio: Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli e pace in terra agli uomini che egli ama. Parola del Signore.

Il mistero di questo bambino è sempre stata una sfida per il cuore dell'uomo. Gli angeli e i pastori annunciano che questo bambino è il Signore, vedono in lui il segno di una gloria inaspettata. Avvolto in fasce o su di una croce l'uomo Gesù è il segno che Dio viene tra di noi. Il canto di adorazione degli angeli mette in luce il senso univale della sua nascita.

Domenica 29 Dicembre 2024: Santa Famiglia - Luca 2, 41-52.

I genitori di Gesù si recavano tutti gli anni a Gerusalemme per la festa della Pasqua. E quando egli ebbe dodici anni vi andarono secondo l'usanza, ma nel ritorno, Gesù rimase a Gerusalemme senza che i genitori se ne accorgessero. Credendolo nella carovana fecero il cammino di un giorno, e poi si diedero a cercarlo, non trovandolo, tornarono a Gerusalemme in cerca di lui. Ed avvenne che dopo tre giorni lo trovarono nel tempio, seduto in mezzo ai dottori. Parola del Signore.

Dodici anni, per un ebreo, è l'età in cui si è maggiorenni; l'adolescente comincia ad acquistare una certa indipendenza in rapporto alla famiglia. Contemporaneamente assume le sue responsabilità davanti a Dio. Così acquista il diritto di leggere la parola di Dio nell'assemblea. Alla domanda affettuosa e addolorata della madre Gesù risponde: Non sapevate che io dovevo trovarmi nella casa del Padre mio?

*LA PROSSIMA MESSA IN ITALIANO:

BATTESIMO DEL SIGNORE: DOMENICA 12 GENNAIO 2025

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

PARISH PASTORAL FUNDING

	<u>15th December 2024</u>	<u>Wkly Avg YTD</u>	<u>Target</u>
ENVELOPES	\$ 5944.55	\$ 5294.19	
OPEN PLATE	2772.25	1927.28	
TOTAL	\$ 8716.80	\$ 7221.47	\$ 7,500
1st Collection	\$ 3030.00		

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

WEEKDAY & SUNDAY READINGS - NATIVITY OF THE LORD - YEAR C

Monday, 30th December 2024 - Sunday 5th January 2025

Mon: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 95:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Tues: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 95:1-2,11-13; Jn 1:1-18;

Wed: **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Num 6:22-27; Ps 66:2-3,5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thurs: **Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 97:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Fri: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 97:1,3-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sat: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 97:1,7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Sun: **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Is 60:1-6; Ps 71:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3,5-6; Mt 2:1-12



COUNTING ROSTER 2024

DATE SUPERVISORS & COUNTERS

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.

29th Dec **Malcolm Allison & Bernadette Haggerty**

Paul Haggerty, Stan & Christina Zalupka

5th Jan **Josie Shimmin & John Shimmin**

Ellen Arklay & Christopher Carroll

12th Jan **Anne Blake & Kevin Blake**

Jan Von der Borch, Sheila Najar

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

ST AUGUSTINE'S

2nd Jan - Anthony's Group

9th Jan - Helen's Group

ST FINBAR'S

4th Jan - Mrs Simon's Group

11th Jan - No Group

MASS PREPARATION TEAM

HOLY FAMILY

5th Jan - Marvin Malagar

12th Jan - Rosie Rivera