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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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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

St Augustine's Church

23 Commercial Rd Salisbury

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 6:00pm

Polish Sunday: 12 noon

Filipino 1st Sunday of Month: 3:00pm

Italian 2nd Sunday of Month: 10:30am

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

7th December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

First Reading - Isaiah 11.1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On that day: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (R. see 7)

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. **R.**

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy. **R.**

Second Reading - Romans 15.4-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name."

Gospel - Matthew 3.1-12

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, John said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 'Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'"




RECENTLY DECEASED

William James Dennis
Mallen

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Abela
Pedro Candog
Nicola Cavauiolo
John Desira
Fortunata Fimmano
Rosie Maranan
Don Mullen
Vergil 'Yoyo' Oria
Denis Smith

THE SICK

Khole Antonello (Baby)
Arthur Borce
Jan Von der Borch
Raelene Brown
Chelsea Cunningham
Paul Cunningham
Dimetri de la Rea
Erlinda de la Rea
Leigh G.
Mary Harris
Annette Harvey
Shaun I.
Lynda Nora Kearney
Oscar Lacuesta
John Lewington
Stephanie Lopez
Jim Love
Francescopaolo Mastrullo
Tonie Michael
Hazel Gabriela Mu (Baby)
Andrew Neal
Christopher Neal
Mitchell O'Brien
Eileen & Paul O'Gorman
Theresa P.
Olivia P.
Michelle Purvis-Bond
Joseph Riley
Corine Roberts
Ramon Romero
Paul Sahb
Apple Sangalang
Peter Smith
Kirsten Sudario
Paul Waldon
Kim Wilson
Ray Woolley

Obdulia Berniz
Edilberto Coronel
Matilda de Sousa
Floriza Franco
Graciana Hernandez Duthie
Geraldine Marron
Mary Mwhaki
Monet Navata
Silvia Reyes de Mejia
Maris Sanderson
Victor Giovanni
Santamaria
Felicita Uribe
Stephen Wgaंगा

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Augustine's Church

****NO 8:00am Mass on Tues, 9th Dec****

Wed – Thurs at 8:00am (English)

**Tues at 6:00pm (Polish with
Adoration at 5:30pm)**

Fri – Sat at 9:30am

***Please Note: Saturday with Adoration
after Mass***

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



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Mass on Monday, 8th December
at 9:00am
in St Augustine's Church**

ADVENT PENITENTIAL RITE

Advent is a great time of reflection,
waiting for Jesus.

Advent Penitential Rite

will be held on

**Friday, 12th December 2025 at 7:00PM
in St Augustine's Parish Church.**

There will be an opportunity for individual
reconciliation after the Penitential Rite.

Additional Reconciliation Opportunities

The regular timings on Saturdays, will still
be available after Mass. If the above
timings are not convenient, feel free to
contact the Parish Office to make an
appointment with one of the Priests for a
mutually convenient time.

Salisbury Parish Team

Volunteer for the Christmas Masses

Calling on all who are serving Ministries at
Mass, to sign up for the Eucharistic
celebrations at Christmas. Please put your
name and contact details on the Christmas
Masses Volunteer Sign Up sheets located
at the back of the Church / Mass Centre.

Please sign up by

Sunday, 7th December -Thank you.

♦ 24th Dec, Wednesday - Christmas Vigil

Masses: 6PM, 8PM and 12 Midnight

♦ 25th Dec, Thursday - Christmas Mass:

9AM St Augustine's Church

9AM St Finbar's Church

10.30AM (Italian) St Augustine's Church,

12Noon (Polish) St Augustine's Church

***NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

For enquiries please phone:

Grace Healey on 8258 2314

Tuesday Morning Mass

St Augustine's Parish School will have their

End of Year Mass

on Tuesday, 9th December at 9:30AM.

*** There will be NO 8:00AM Mass on this day ***

Knit and Knatter- Coffee Catchup

Summer holiday break

from

**Friday 12th December 2025 to
Friday 16th January 2026 inclusive.**

Lorraine



**INTEGRITY &
SAFEGUARDING**
CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE



Our Parish is a Safe Organisation for Children,
Young People and vulnerable Adults. We are
committed to their care, wellbeing and
protection. We believe they have the right to
be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued. We have
zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children,
young people and vulnerable adults in all that we do.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACT PERSONS

Fr Charles Lukati, Grace Healey, Nicholas Dangcalan, Diane Innes

Contact details can be found on the posters that are in the Church, Family Centre and
Parish Office and in our Safeguarding Noticeboard in front of the Family Centre.

If you have any suggestions or complaints, please send a confidential email to:

businessmanager@salcath.org.au

SCHEDULE OF MASSES CHRISTMAS 2025 – NEW YEAR'S DAY 2026

FILIPINO SIMBANG GABI/ CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS

St. Augustine's Church 8PM – 9PM (English/ Filipino)

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Augustine's Church 6 PM Saturday Vigil 20th December

St. Augustine's Church 9 AM

St. Finbar's Church 9 AM

Holy Family Mass Centre 10.30 AM

St. Augustine's Church 12NOON (Polish)

St. Augustine's Church 6 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL) Wednesday 24th December

St. Augustine's Church 6 PM Family Mass (English)

St. Augustine's Church 8 PM Vigil Mass (English)

St. Augustine's Church 12 MN Midnight (English)

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Augustine's Church 9 AM (English)

St. Finbar's 9 AM (English)

St. Augustine's Church 10.30 AM (Italian)

St. Augustine's Church 12 Noon (Polish)

SAINT STEPHEN'S

St. Augustine's Church 9 AM (English)

St. Augustine's Church 12 Noon (Polish)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Sunday 28th December

St. Augustine's Church 6 PM Saturday Vigil (27th December)

St. Augustine's Church 9 AM

St. Finbar's Church 9 AM

Holy Family Mass Centre 10.30 AM

St. Augustine's Church 12 Noon (Polish)

St. Augustine's Church 6 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE

St. Augustine's Church Wednesday 31st December

12 MN Midnight

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

St. Augustine's Church Thursday 1st January 2026 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

St. Augustine's Church 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** till school resumes. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION - Matthew 3.1-12

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom. In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire. At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the *coming towards us* ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire. We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.

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Parish Stewardship.....

Grateful and Generous as Pilgrims of Hope

REMINDER: NEW Parish Planned Giving Envelopes are still available for collection this weekend AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE.

Please ensure that you collect yours TODAY and assist in saving on postage costs.

Thank you to those who have supported our Parish Stewardship in some way. It has been a very successful effort by all parishioners.

Attached to the Sunday Bulletin this week is a brief Report from our Parish Stewardship Renewal Director. Thanks to all.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY PRACTICE

An invitation to children who would like to take part in the Christmas Nativity Play, there will be a practice in:

St Augustine's Church on

Thursday 11th December

10.00am to 11.00am

or 4.00pm to 5.00pm

Thursday 18th December

10.00am to 11.00 am.

Please Note:

The Christmas Nativity Play will be held during the Christmas Family Mass at 6pm on Wednesday, 24th December in

St Augustine's Church.

All enquiries to

Grace Healey on 8258 2314



✿ John McGrath ✿

Wishing you many blessings on your special day. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your dedicated service to the Salisbury Parish for many years as a volunteer. Thank you

HOLIDAY CLOSURE NOTICE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday, 22nd December 2025 and will reopen on

Monday, 5th January 2026 on reduced hours daily from 9:00am – 12:30pm.

Normal Office hours will resume on

Monday, 19th January 2026.

Joy of the Gospel

2026 BOOK – SOLD OUT!!

There is an opportunity to order 40 more copies of this book, but **ONLY** if we have interested people in buying these extra copies. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible if you are interested.

Cost: \$15

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Cost \$12

2026 Columban Calendars available at the Parish Office.

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 be held on Friday mornings at 10:00am - 11:30am in the Parish Family Centre.

Contact: Lorraine 8263 7333

● Lay Canossian Association

The Lay Canossian group meet on the First Tuesday of each 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 8258 2314

● Rosary at St. Finbar's

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

Contact: Win Simons 8258 2314



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 years.

PARISH SCHOOLS

● St Augustine's Parish School

Years Reception – 6

25 Commercial Road
Salisbury 5108
Phone: 8182 7900 Fax 8182 7999
Principal: Daniel Cowan

● Holy Family Parish School

Early Learning - Year 6

71 Shepherdson Rd.
Parafield Gardens 5107
Phone: 8250 6616 Fax 8250 3043
Principal: Christopher Platten

● Thomas More College

Years 7 – 12

23 Amsterdam Crescent
Salisbury Downs 5108
Phone: 8182 2600 Fax: 8182 2699
Principal: Corey Tavella

NOTIZIE ITALIANE - Domenica 7 Dicembre 2025 2ª Domenica di Avvento- Anno A (Matteo 3, 1-12.)

(Source: Pope Francis - Angelus 4 December 2022)

Preparate la via del Signore, raddrizzate i suoi sentieri!". E lui, Giovanni, portava un vestito di peli di cammello e una cintura di pelle attorno ai fianchi; il suo cibo erano cavallette e miele selvatico. Allora Gerusalemme, tutta la Giudea e tutta la zona lungo il Giordano accorrevano a lui e si facevano battezzare da lui nel fiume Giordano, confessando i loro peccati. Vedendo molti farisei e sadducei venire al suo battesimo, disse loro: "Razza di vipere! Chi vi ha fatto credere di poter sfuggire all'ira imminente? Fate dunque un frutto degno della conversione, e non crediate di poter dire dentro di voi: "Abbiamo Abramo per padre!". Perché io vi dico che da queste pietre Dio può suscitare figli ad Abramo. Già la scure è posta alla radice degli alberi; perciò ogni albero che non dà buon frutto viene tagliato e gettato nel fuoco. Io vi battezzo nell'acqua per la conversione; ma colui che viene dopo di me è più forte di me e io non sono degno di portargli i sandali; egli vi battezerà in Spirito Santo e fuoco.

Parola del Signore

Giovanni Battista predicava la vicinanza del Regno, e quando si avvicinano a lui farisei e sadducei, noti per la loro ipocrisia, la sua "reazione allergica" è molto forte! Alcuni di loro, infatti, probabilmente andavano da lui per curiosità o per opportunismo, perché Giovanni era diventato molto popolare. Giovanni dice loro: "Fate frutti degni di conversione!". È un grido di amore, come quello di un padre che vede il figlio rovinarsi e gli dice: "Non buttare via la tua vita!". In effetti, l'ipocrisia è il pericolo più grave, perché può rovinare anche le realtà più sacre. Giovanni, ci fa riflettere. Non siamo anche noi a volte un po' come quei farisei? L'Avvento è un tempo di grazia per toglierci le nostre maschere per liberarci dalla presunzione di crederci autosufficienti, per andare a confessare i nostri peccati, quelli nascosti, e accogliere il perdono di Dio, per chiedere scusa a chi abbiamo offeso.

*La prossima messa in italiano: Domenica 14 Dicembre 2025 alle 10.30am

e Giovedì 25 Dicembre, Natale del Signore, alle 10.30 am

*Incontro Laiche Canossiane: Martedì 6 Febbraio 2026 alle 9.00 am

ITALIAN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Date: Wednesday, 10th December Venue: Italian Cultural Centre.

Cost: Tickets \$25.00.



If interested please phone: Silvana 0411 440 107 / Connie 0419 816 827

PARISH PASTORAL FUNDING

	30 th November 2025	Avg for Year	Target
ENVELOPES	\$ 4,075.50	\$ 5,050.51	
OPEN PLATE	2,530.80	2,355.02	
TOTAL	\$ 6,606.30	\$ 7,405.53	\$7,500
1st Collection	\$ 2,958.00		

Note: Figures include direct debits, credit card collections and unpledged direct deposits.

WEEKDAY & SUNDAY READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent - Year A -

Monday, 8th - Sunday, 14th December 2025

Mon:	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gen 3:9-15; 20; Ps 97:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Tue:	St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Isa 40:1-11; Ps 95:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wed:	Our Lady of Loreto Isa 40:25-31; Ps 102:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
Thur:	St Damasus Isa 41:13-20; Ps 144:1,9-13; Mt 11:11-15
Fri:	Our Lady of Guadalupe Isa 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sat:	St Lucy Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 79:2-3,15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:10-13
Sun:	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A Isa 35:1-6a,10; Ps 145:6-10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



COUNTING ROSTER 2025

DATE	SUPERVISORS & COUNTERS
07 th Dec	Neil Walters & Helen Ryan Christine Walters, Dennis Ryan and Peter McEvoy
14 th Dec	Peter Neylon & John McGrath John McGrath Snr, Isabelle McGrath and Beth Buckley
21 st Dec	Malcome Allison & Bernadette Haggerty Paul Haggerty, Stan & Christina Zalupka

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

St Augustine's Church 11 th Dec – Anthony's Group
St Finbar's Church 13 th Dec – No Group

MASS PREPARATION TEAM

Holy Family Mass Centre 14 th Dec – Rosie Rivera
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