



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

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

14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent - Year A and 21st December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

First Reading - Isaiah 35.1-6a,10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R. see Isa 35.4)

R. Lord, come and save us. or: Alleluia!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. **R.**

Second Reading - James 5.7-10

A reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 11.2-11

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples who said to Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' 'Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.'"



RECENTLY DECEASED

Rodrigo Ruda Abejo
Sergio George Puglierin

MONTH MIND

Rita Barcello
Guerino Savelli
Guistina Savelli

ANNIVERSARIES

Lorenzo Martire
Mgr James 'Jim'
O'Loughlin
Agustin Quipanes
Miguel Quipanes
Fr James Thomson
Victorina Velasco

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
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
Rebecca Alarcon
Obdulia Berniz
Edilberto Coronel
Matilda de Sousa
Floriza Franco
Graciana Hernandez Duthie
Terina Kura
Geraldine Marron
Mary Mwihaki
Monet Navata
Silvia Reyes de Mejia
Maris Sanderson
Victor Giovanni
Santamaria
Felicitas Uribe
Stephen Wgañga

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Augustine's Church
Tues – 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

CAROLS AFTERNOON



If you were lucky enough to be present for our second annual Carols Afternoon on Saturday 6 December, you know how fabulous it was!

Heartfelt thanks to the amazing choirs who kindly performed for us:

- Fructus Agustini
- Couples for Christ Australia (with Youth for Christ and Kids for Christ)
- Laudamus Choir
- Mustard Seed Choir

How blessed we are to have such great talent in our parish! I think my favourite part was the Aussie Carol which we all contributed to (albeit less professionally!) It was such great fun.

Thank you to all who were able to stay for the afternoon tea and heartfelt thanks to Grace Healey (Pastoral Associate) and Andrew Hall who led the whole event and was our wonderful MC on the day. Such an event doesn't happen without lots of planning and preparation - sincere thanks for that!

It was a wonderful way to herald in the season of Advent - wishing all in our Parish a blessed holy season.

Sue Knight - (PPC Chair)

THE ECHO – PARISH BULLETIN

Dear Parishioners,

The weekly *Echo* – Parish Bulletin, will be issued in a **combined format** from this weekend, **Sunday 14th / Sunday 21st December 2025.**

The Christmas Echo - Thursday 25th December 2025 will also be combined with Sunday 28th December 2025 / Thursday 1st January 2026 / Sunday 4th January 2026.

The Echo will resume to a weekly issue on Sunday, 11th January 2026. Please take note of the dates listed below.

Please Note: Notices / Names due by Tuesday, 16th December 2025 for the inclusion in the combined Christmas Echo 25th December, 28th December / 1st January / 4th January.

Please Note: Notices / Names due by Tuesday, 6th January 2026 for the 11th January 2026 Echo.

If you have any queries, please phone the Parish Office on 8258 2314. Thank you - ***Diane Innes***

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.



**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**

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL)

St Augustine's Church

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Augustine's Church
St. Finbar's

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

SAINT STEPHEN'S

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

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE

St. Augustine's Church

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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

PLEASE NOTE: After Christmas, all weekday and Saturday Masses at St. Augustine's Church will be at **9:00AM** till school resumes. Thank you.

Friday 19th December

8PM – 9PM (English/ Filipino)

Sunday 21st December

6 PM Saturday Vigil 20th December

9 AM

9 AM

10.30 AM

12NOON (Polish)

6 PM

Wednesday 24th December

8AM

6 PM Family Mass (English)

8 PM Vigil Mass (English)

12 MN Midnight (English)

Thursday 25th December

9 AM (English)

9 AM (English)

10.30 AM (Italian)

12 Noon (Polish)

Friday 26th December

9 AM (English)

12 Noon (Polish)

Sunday 28th December

6 PM Saturday Vigil (27th December)

9 AM

9 AM

10.30 AM

12 Noon (Polish)

6 PM

Wednesday 31st December

12 MN Midnight

Thursday 1st January 2026 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

9 AM (English)

12 Noon (Polish)

**CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
PLAY PRACTICE**

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

**St Augustine's Church on
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**

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

Cost \$12

2026 Columban Art Calendars will be arriving soon.

Please phone the Parish Office and place your name on the list. Thank you

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sunday, 21st December 2025

First Reading - Isaiah 7.10-14

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R.7c+10b)

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the river. **R.**

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false. **R.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second Reading - Romans 1.1-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

From Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which God promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures: the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - Matthew 1.18-24

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

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 14 Dicembre 2025

3ª Domenica di Avvento- Anno A (Matteo 11, 2-11.)

(Source: Pope Francis - Angelus 11 December 2022)

In quel tempo, Giovanni, che era in carcere, avendo sentito parlare delle opere del Cristo, per mezzo dei suoi discepoli mandò a dirgli: «Sei tu colui che deve venire o dobbiamo aspettare un altro?». Gesù rispose loro: «Andate e riferite a Giovanni ciò che udite e vedete: I ciechi riacquistano la vista, gli zoppi camminano, i lebbrosi sono purificati, i sordi odono, i morti risuscitano, ai poveri è annunciato il Vangelo. E beato è colui che non trova in me motivo di scandalo!». Mentre quelli se ne andavano, Gesù si mise a parlare di Giovanni alle folle: «Che cosa siete andati a vedere nel deserto? Una canna sbattuta dal vento? Allora, che cosa siete andati a vedere? Un uomo vestito con abiti di lusso? Ecco, quelli che vestono abiti di lusso stanno nei palazzi dei re! Ebbene, che cosa siete andati a vedere? Un profeta? Sì, io vi dico, anzi, più che un profeta. Egli è colui del quale sta scritto: "Ecco, dinanzi a te io mando il mio messaggero, davanti a te egli preparerà la tua via". In verità io vi dico: fra i nati da donna non è sorto alcuno più grande di Giovanni il Battista; ma il più piccolo nel regno dei cieli è più grande di lui». Parola del Signore

Giovanni, è assalito dal dubbio e invia i discepoli a verificare: "Andate a vedere se questo è il Messia o no". Ciò significa che anche il più grande credente attraversa il tunnel del dubbio. E questo tunnel del dubbio non è risparmiato e non è un male, anzi, talvolta è essenziale per la crescita spirituale: ci aiuta a capire che Dio è sempre più grande di come lo immaginiamo; le opere che compie sono sorprendenti rispetto ai nostri calcoli; il suo agire è diverso, sempre, supera i nostri bisogni e le nostre attese; e perciò non dobbiamo mai smettere di cercarlo e di convertirci al suo vero volto. Così fa il Battista: nel dubbio, lo cerca ancora, lo interroga, "discute" con Lui e finalmente lo riscopre. Giovanni, definito da Gesù il più grande tra i nati di donna, ci insegna insomma a non chiudere Dio nei nostri schemi.

***Le prossime messe in italiano: Giovedì 25 Dicembre, Natale del Signore, alle 10.30 e Domenica 11 Gennaio 2026 alle 10.30**

***Incontro Laiche Canossiane: Martedì 3 Febbraio 2026 alle 9.00 am**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 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 contribution will make a profound difference in the lives of those who rely on the support of Catholic Charities.

WEEKDAY & SUNDAY READINGS

● Third Sunday of Advent - Year A - Monday, 15th - Sunday, 21st December 2025

Mon: Num 24:2-7,15-17; Ps 24:4-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tue: Zeph 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 33:2-3,6-7,16,18-19,23; Mt 21:28-32
Wed: Gen 49:2,8-10; Ps 71:1-4,7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17
Thur: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 71:1-2,12-13,18-19; Mt 1:18-24
Fri: Judges 13:2-7,24-25; Ps 70:3-6,16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sat: Is 7:10-14; Ps 23:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sun: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A**
 Is 7:10-14; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

● Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A - Monday, 22nd - Sunday, 28th December 2025

Mon: 1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1,4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Tue: Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14; Lk 1:57-66
Wed: **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Eve)**
6pm Vigil - Is 62:1-5; Ps 88:4-5,16-17,27,29; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Lk 2:1-16
8pm Is 9:1-7; Ps 95:1-3,11-13; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Midnight Is 62:11-12; Ps 96:1,6,11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Thurs: **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Day)**
9am Is 52:7-10; Ps 97:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Fri: **St Stephen**
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 30:3-4,6,8,16-17; Mt 10:17-22
Sat: **St John the Apostle**
 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 96:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:2-8
Sun: **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR A**
 Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 127:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15,19-23



COUNTING ROSTER 2025

DATE SUPERVISORS & COUNTERS
14th Dec **Peter Neylon & John McGrath**
 John McGrath Snr, Isabelle McGrath and Beth Buckley
21st Dec **Malcolm Allison & Bernadette Haggerty**
 Paul Haggerty, Stan & Christina Zalupka
25th Dec **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Anne Blake & Peter Neylon
 Kevin Blake, and any available counters
Refer to Counting Roster and please phone Anne Blake if you are able to help out with the count.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

St Augustine's Church

20th Dec – Polish Group

24th Dec – Anna's Group

St Finbar's Church

20th Dec – Mrs Simon's Group

27th Dec – No Group

MASS PREPARATION TEAM

Holy Family Mass Centre

21st Dec – Jessica / Chinh

28th Dec – Salve Sulit