

## Mater Christi Feast Day & Scalabrini Day



Parish Community Feast Day  
& Fundraising for  
Scalabrinian Vocations

**Rosary @ 10:00am**

**Intercultural Mass @ 10:30am –  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall.

We will have raffles, and parish groups or personal donations to the  
**Scalabrini Bursary Fund** will be greatly appreciated.



## Mater Christi Parish Sacramental Program 2026

Children 8—13 years old.

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**Information & Registration Session**  
11 June • 6:30pm  
\$50 donation

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**Sacramental Preparation**  
18 June — 10 September

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**Sacraments Celebration**  
17 September



## Archdiocese of Adelaide

### MATER CHRISTI PARISH

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#### MASSES SCHEDULE

Weekdays  
8:15am—Monday—Friday  
Saturday  
8:00am—Italian  
4:30pm—Spanish (Ant Sunday Mass)  
6:00pm—English (Ant Sunday Mass)  
Sundays  
9:00am—English  
10:30am—Italian  
6:00pm—English  
3:00pm—Albanian—2nd Sun  
3:00pm—Filipino—3rd Sun  
Baptism—11:45am—Sunday  
Confession—8:30-9:00am—Saturday  
Adoration—7:00pm—Saturday

The Ascension of the Lord — Year A

May 17, 2026

### ASCENDING WITH JESUS

Human experience carries a tension between what we have been conditioned to perceive as dualities. We experience day and night and we might struggle dealing with good and evil, with life and death. Instead of experiencing the tension as dualities or two opposing realities, it is possible to view them as polarities, where these two seemingly opposites become complementary and interconnected.



The Resurrection of Jesus transforms the disciples from followers into leaders, so there is a radical change. And it comes with stability, as Jesus assures his unchanging presence, *'I am with you always; yes, to the end of times.'* In Ephesians, the appeal is that the Spirit will give those who follow Jesus—*'a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring [us] to full knowledge of him.'* This is a petition of self-interest/care for inner transformation. Yet, the Gospel directs to self-giving. *'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations.'*

It is easy to cling and justify one direction, one pole, one opposite and reject the other. It is easy to accept what we like of people who surround us and the situations we face, while actively rejecting what we dislike. Henri Nouwen (1932-1996) was a Dutch Catholic priest and spiritual teacher, who deeply reflected and wrote on spiritual polarities. Nouwen affirms that the soul is shaped by tensions that are not problems to be solved but realities leading us to discernment, if we live them through with grace. Thus, spiritual life is not a way to eliminating tension but learning to live faithfully and peacefully within polarities. From this perspective, we human beings mature by recognising the tension that can move us towards God, others and our true self.

#### MARIAN PROCESSION

Each year the Archdiocese hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Our Lady

## SUNDAY 17 MAY 2026

2PM | VICTORIA PARK  
4PM | VICTORIA SQUARE



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 1st Reading — Acts 1:1-11

From the Acts of the Apostles.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm (Ps 46)

**R:** *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

### 2nd Reading — Eph 1:17-23

From the letter to the Ephesians.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.



### Gospel — Matthew 28: 16-20

From the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## MAY, MONTH OF MARY

**ANNIVERSARIO NASCITA DI SAN PADRE PIO**  
Durante la Messa Italiana di domenica prossima il gruppo di preghiera di S. Padre Pio ricorderà insieme alla comunità la nascita di Padre Pio avvenuta a Pietrelcina (Benevento) il 25 maggio 1887. Sul fianco dell'altare verrà esposto anche il quadro del Santo.




### Opening Mass

29 May 2026, 5:45pm

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

All are welcome to join in the opening Mass of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod.

A simple meal in the hall will follow.

### IL GRUPPO "ROSARIO VIVENTE"

invita alla recita del SANTO ROSARIO ogni lunedì durante il mese di maggio alle 2pm, in chiesa.

La messa per il rinnovo delle tessere per tutti i membri sarà celebrata il martedì 12 maggio alle 2pm.

### THE SHEPHERD'S CALL 2026

A Day for Men of Faith

Saturday 6 June 2026

at Cardijn College  
Marian Campus.

Contact us: [synpaleide@gmail.com](mailto:synpaleide@gmail.com)



### UNCLAIMED forgotten objects

Non high-value items are often left behind. These are placed in a tray, in the foyer, left hand side before entering the church.

After one month, unclaimed objects will be disposed of.



## PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 16/05	4:30 PM	Mass in Spanish
	6:00 PM	Vigil Mass
Sun 17/05	9:00 AM	Nikoli Ducaj
	10:30 AM	+ Maria Ierace (1 yr) - Gustavo Baggio
	6:00 PM	English Mass
Mon 18/05	8:15 AM	English Mass
	7:00 PM	Mass in Spanish
Tue 19/05	8:15 AM	Italian Mass
	7:00 PM	Memorial + Giuseppe Furina
Wed 20/05	8:15 AM	Guido Di Fabio
Thu 21/05	8:15 AM	English Mass
Fri 22/05	8:15 AM	English Mass
	7:00 PM	Memorial + Irene Quici (1 yr)
Sat 23/05	8:00 AM	Italian Mass

## MINISTRY ROSTERS

May 17, 2026	Lectors	SOCM
6:00pm (Sat)	Lella Voras Reanne Macalinoag	Jenny DeBennaro Rosa Mazzone
9:00am	Alberto Logozzo Christine George	Teresa Candeloro Frank Ienari
10:30am Italian	Fenista Giglio Michela Giglio	Tonin Pecaj, Nella Santo, F. Colangelo
6:00pm	Marynel Perez Rietta Corkin	Ludwina Tan Teresa Cimmino

May 24, 2026	Lectors	SOCM
6:00pm (Sat)	Raymon Sequiera Teresa Jimenoa	Fil Della Pietra Thom Jimenoa
9:00am	Cherry Icamen Elaine George	Charles Zammit Rosa Brunello
10:30am Italian	Anthony Farinola Nicholas Farinola	Vittoria & Mario Di Niro, C. Mazzone
6:00pm	Lina Jose Marigold Milano	John Scarfo Ludwina Tan

## COLLECTION (10/05/26)

1st Collection	2nd Collection	Special Collection	Total
\$2,179	\$2,582	0	\$4,761