

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach
On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People
EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (Year C)
2nd March 2025

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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass (except on Public Holidays)
 Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am
 Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Candlelit Mass
 Monday
 8pm

Lenten Program
 Wednesday
 19th -26th March
 7-8.30pm

Knit & Natter
 Thursday
 13th March
 10am– 12

Healing Retreat
 Saturday
 22nd March
 9.15am–3.30pm

Readings

**8th SUNDAY in
 ORDINARY TIME**

Sirach 27: 4-7
 Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16.
 1 Cor 15: 54-58
 Lk 6: 39-45

1st SUNDAY of LENT

Deut 26: 4-10
 Ps 90: 1-2,10-15
 Rom 10: 8-13
 Lk 4: 1-13

Child Safeguarding in the Catholic Community

Dear Parishioners,

I was fortunate to attend a recent seminar on Safeguarding through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching Empowering Clergy and Leaders to Build Cultures of Safety and Care. Presented by Hans Zollner SJ, a child safeguarding expert from Germany, the talk being part of his Australian tour to address Catholic communities.

As the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Henley Beach Parish Chairperson and Head of the Secondary Campus, St Michael's College, it was a valuable opportunity to assess where we stand as both a parish and a large Catholic school. I am proud to lead these areas and assure you that we work tirelessly to create safe spaces where people feel welcome and belong. The presentation began with a quote from St. John Paul II in 2002: "This time of trial will bring a purification of the entire Catholic community, a purification that is urgently needed." It was clear that as a Church, and within local parishes and schools, we must listen to the victims and survivors of abuse. Empowering them to receive the support they need is vital. Child safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and integral to our mission through education, social, and pastoral commitments.

At St Michael's College, we have a range of policies, procedures, guidelines, rules, and training that outline clear consequences for inappropriate actions. These policies must be understood, read, and adapted to each institution and its specific audience. At both the parish and school, we aim to live out these practices, creating safe environments where positive attitudes and a sense of responsibility become habitual. In 2017, the **Me Too** movement highlighted that safeguarding now extends to vulnerable adults. Abuse in any form – whether physical, sexual, or spiritual – is illegal. It does not discriminate, occurring across cultures and countries worldwide. For many, it is the most heinous crime. As a parish and local Catholic school, we are committed to addressing past failures with care, understanding and ensuring a future where the safeguarding of all people in our churches, parishes, and schools is a top priority.

The presenter concluded by noting that Australia is a leader in global safeguarding efforts. We have shown our commitment through policies, procedures, training, publications, and research. Experts are now in the field, and audits are being conducted across the nation. While we may never fully eradicate abuse, we can limit, reduce, and report it. We must continue to be guided by the experiences of past victims. Neighboring nations such as Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and East Timor are still far behind Australia in this regard. Though it is a difficult issue to confront, we must continue to resource, train, educate, and maintain constant awareness to ensure the safest possible environments for children, young adults, and vulnerable people.

Matthew Williams

PPC Chairperson Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Henley Beach Parish

The Christian Integrity

People in the world of business used to be proud to have the motto, "My word is my bond." Once one's word was given on a deal, it was considered binding. A transaction worth millions could be completed by a few words or the shake of a hand. The action of a few moments would receive written confirmation a day or even weeks later. Today, unfortunately, one's word is frequently not trusted as one's bond. What seems to be missing is personal integrity. That is one of the qualities we should want to carry with us always in this life; it's surely one of the criteria on which we shall be judged. Integrity means wholeness, being complete and not divided in any way; physically, spiritually, or aesthetically. It means being well-rounded. It's an uncompromising adherence to a code of moral or other values; utter sincerity, incorruptibility, honesty, and candour. Integrity of character avoids any and all kinds of duplicity, deception, artificiality, or shallowness.

Today's Gospel is a series of three unrelated separate sayings of Jesus harvested into one place. The three sayings have to do with the blind leading the blind, the splinter in a companion's eye, and a good tree and its fruits. The sayings are part of Luke's "Sermon on the Plain", the charter of Christianity, perennially meaningful. Shorter than Mathew's "Sermon on the Mount", the sayings are short lists of absolutely essential components of authentic Christianity "one-liners". Jesus' one-liners here are about being a true follower of Jesus, mostly in the area of integrity within oneself and having positive judgments of others.

Jesus applies these principles to several areas, and one thing, there isn't much sense in leaders trying to guide others until and unless the leaders have been there themselves. For another thing, we ought to have enough integrity to see both ourselves and others honestly. To the Christian disciple who is concerned with the faults of another and ignores his own, Jesus applies the word "hypocrite", a designation he had previously given only to the scribes and Pharisees. Each of us must be ready for some painful "I" surgery.

But we are sure to come out with better vision, and better eyesight, because we looked to ourselves first.



Parish Retreat for the Lenten Season



Retreat Day

The Parish Pastoral Council is happy to let you know that this year we are having a parish retreat and reconciliation day on Saturday 5th April 2025.

2025 being the Jubilee year it is very important that we have some special spiritual celebrations in the parish throughout the year. The season of Lent is a special time and so it is good for all of us to gather together for a one day retreat.

Fr Roderick O'Brien has kindly consented to be the animator for the day. We will begin with the morning Mass at 9.15 am and will continue with a day of reflection prayer and reconciliation service.

There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

There will be opportunities for confessions. (Please note that we will not conduct another second rite reconciliation during lent. So if you cannot make the whole day retreat please make sure that you find some time to attend the reconciliation service.) Please mark your diaries well in advance for making yourself free for the day and watch this space for more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Gerald Victory, Annette Smith, David Bampton, Shirley Rowberry, Terence Byrne, Fr Chris Murphy MSC, Padma Mathavan (Father of Fr Krish Mathavan), Betty Hill, Denis Chaplin, Graham Bruce, Tania Cavuoto, Fr Terry Bowman MSC.

Anniversaries

Peter Young, Desmond & Veda Peters

Sick Parishioners

John Boeyen, Peter Stevens, Sean Kennedy, Wendy Boeyen, Graham Brackett, Aduzinda Matthews, Brian Fitzgerald, Margaret O'Connor, Peter Tierney, Sonia Bennie, Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Rene Young, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

8am Mass

9.15am—Grades 3-7 from the school will be present.

7pm Evening Mass



Weekly Bulletin

If anyone would like the weekly bulletin emailed to them please contact the office at:

welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au

Knit & Natter



Our group will get together on Thursday From 10am – 12 noon in the Conference Room located in the Parish Office.

New knitters are welcome.

We would be grateful for any wool donations throughout the year.

Carmel Kay 0499 907 011

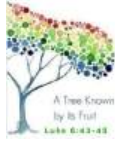
The Southern Cross

The latest edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church. Cost \$2.00

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Stewardship Reflection

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” - LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Living Waters Prayer Group Lenten Retreat



Keep Watch, and Pray

Saturday 22nd March

9:15am-3:30pm

Speaker: Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal

The day will include:

- ◇ Mass 9:15am
- ◇ Talks given by Fr Manu
- ◇ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
- ◇ Silent Reflection
- ◇ Reconciliation
- ◇ Prayer Ministry

Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 20th March Cost by Cash Donation. All Welcome

Lenten Program Year of Jubilee 2025 All Debts Cancelled



Wednesday 19th March & 26th March
7- 8.30 pm in Parish Hall. Cost by donation
Enquiries:- Cheryle Douglas 0423 480 440

Alpha Youth



Alpha Youth is for High School aged students from years 7-12 and is held in the Church Hall, on Sunday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Alpha Youth creates a space for young people to have meaningful conversations about life, faith, identity & purpose. Every Alpha Youth session includes time to connect, over food and games. It is all about creating spaces for open and honest discussion. Nothing is off limits and you can say whatever you think. Seriously!

Parents will need to complete a google form (QR code on poster and invite card) to show interest in your child attending and also complete a Registration Form at the Launch event.

Lenten Reflections Booklets



Prayful reflections for your Lenten journey, these booklets are free.

Project Compassion



Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the church.

World Day of Prayer

“The Cook Islands”



Will be held at Uniting Church
44 Woodville Road Woodville South.

- ◆ Friday March 7th at 1pm.
- ◆ Speaker Dr Deidre Palmer
- ◆ All welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PRAYER



God of our journey
we are all pilgrims of hope
brought together by your love
and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee
when we are called to greater justice
and care for our common home
that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.

May we work in unity for the freedom
of the oppressed and the renewal of creation.
may our compassionate minds
and generous hearts help bring about a
world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of
fasting, almsgiving and prayer
bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Stations on the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent commencing from Friday 7th March at 7pm until Friday 11th April 2025.

The Stations of the Cross is a very beautiful way for us to prepare our hearts by reflecting on Jesus's journey to Calvary for the coming of Easter. We hope you could all take some time to join us every Friday or even on any one of the Fridays in Lent. Look forward to seeing you there!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Repairs and Maintenance

The Roofing Work Project is still ongoing—at least for another week .

We thank you for your patience so far and ask that you continue to be mindful of this work for another week.

Please be prepared for some inconvenience – there will be no access to the Car Park area from our Seaview Road entrance between Monday to Friday during this period!”

Candlelit Mass



Please note that Candlelit Mass Is held every Monday at 8pm, except on Public Holidays when there is no Mass

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Add some sparkle to your marriage



Your marriage relationship is a most precious jewel but after a few years it can need a polish to regain its sparkle.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend has the power to revitalise your relationship and reconnect you with your spouse and with God. Learn new communication skills and simple ways to keep your relationship a priority.

Our next live-in Weekend is scheduled for 2-4 May 2025 at the Lyndoch Motel or book onto the live-out weekend 31-Oct-2 Nov 2025 – venue tbc.

Call Jo & Jon on 049 3747 478 or email sabookings@wwme.org.au.

Alternatively, visit WWME.org.au and apply online today.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) @ 9.30am Mass



Our CLOW team offers the youngest members of our Parish an opportunity to connect with the Gospel during each Sunday morning mass, in the Church Hall.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW team is invited to contact Barb Conlon.

Giving App



Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals.

Or go to adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Funeral Notice



The funeral liturgy of Annette Smith will be held on Monday 10th March at 10am.

Please keep Annette and her family in your prayers.

Keys to the Parish Facilities



As part of insurance requirements we are updating our key register. All those who have keys to any of the Parish facilities (Church, Office, bunker etc) please return it to the office to be registered. Those who do not require keys due to a change in circumstances, please return them permanently.



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Invitation



My name is Daniela, and I am a professional dancer and choreographer. I am reaching out to you because, as a Catholic, it brings me great joy to invite my entire community to enjoy my show,

which will take place in Adelaide during the Fringe Festival from March 6 to 8.

This performance is a dance piece in which five dancers will present our art under the theme of migration. Through dance, we explore the challenges, gains, and emotions that an emigrant experiences when leaving their home. There are thousands of stories of those who, by love, by choice, or by force, had to leave their country behind and the only rock that supports us during this transition is the love of God.

<https://adelaidefringe.com.au/fringetix/form-flow-f2025>

<https://www.plonovadance.com/post/form-flow>

Police Checks Updating

Please contact Ivy Hill 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating.