



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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Phone 8282 5395 (9am-5pm) and ask
for 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

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

**This issue of the Christmas Echo will
also cover the following dates:**

Sunday, 28th December 2025

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Thursday, 1st January 2026

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God and
New Year's Day

Sunday, 4th January 2026

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

25TH DECEMBER 2025

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – YEAR A



Dear beloved parishioners,

Christmas is finally here! It is a time to relax, reflect, and savour the moment of the season. It is a time to enjoy with family and friends. It is a time to share gifts of love. It is the one day of the year when "peace on earth, good will to all people" can seem to be a reality.

So, why do we celebrate Christmas? It is more than the birth of Jesus. It is a celebration of God with us: Emmanuel! It is the realization that God's love and faithfulness dwells among us. It is a sign that we are to carry that love and faithfulness to others. Like John the Baptist, we too, are to witness to God's living, breathing Word. So, it is important that this Christmas puts a perspective on the birth of Christ that can make us better understand why Jesus is the true light and why his coming into the world today, is such an important event and always will be so.

May the Light that is Christ, shine upon you, and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas!

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HOPE FILLED NEW YEAR 2026.

Fr. Charles Lukati, Fr Sam Arockiasamy,
Fr Roderick O'Brien, Fr Francis Trinh Van Phat
and the Salisbury Parish Team

PLEASE PRAY FOR

RECENTLY DECEASED

Franco Candido
Vincenzina Maiolo
Nestor Oloya Pajara
Carmela Scarfo
Rosa Scorda
Ryszard Stachura
Barbara Ramirez Tolentino
For all the victims of the Bondi
Beach Terrorist Attack

ANNIVERSARIES

James Harry Allison
Beverley Allison
Ellie Caruana
Grace Christie
Dora Desira
Mary Leyden
Antonio Malagar
Tom Marron
Salvador Palencia Pajara
Fedila Oloya Pajara
Helen Portelli
Jim Rew
Alexandra Saliba
Vittorio Verrilli

THE SICK

Rebecca Alarcon
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
Teofila Malagar
Francescopaolo Mastrullo
Tonia 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

For all those injured in the
Bondi Beach Terrorist Attack

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

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

IMPORTANT NOTE:

After Christmas, all weekday and
Saturday morning Masses in
St Augustine's Church will be at
9:00AM
until school resumes.

RECONCILIATIONS St Augustine's Church

Saturday after 9:00am Mass and
before the 6:00pm Vigil Mass
5:15pm-5:45pm

BAPTISMS

St Augustine's Church

Within Mass:

Saturday at 9:00am

Outside Mass:

3rd Sunday at 10:30am

Holy Family Mass Centre

1st & 4th Sunday

Within the 10:30am Mass

POLISH MASSES

The Polish Mass with Exposition on
every Tuesday evening, has been
suspended from

Tuesday 30th December 2025

and will resume on

Tuesday, 24th February 2026

For all enquiries please contact

The Polish Chaplain on 8445 8466

The Southern Cross

Christmas Mass-goers are welcome to
take home a free copy of the December
edition of *The Southern Cross*.

Reminder: There will be no January
edition of *The Southern Cross*. The next
edition will be ready for distribution in
February.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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.

THE ECHO – PARISH BULLETIN

Dear Parishioners,

The Christmas Echo - Thursday 25th
December 2025 is a combined Echo 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, 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**

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.



**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

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.

Wednesday 24th December

8AM

Regular Morning Mass
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)

Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA)

Couples for Christ Australia (CFCA) provides Christian couples and families a continuing program for personal growth and formation in Christ, which includes teachings, recollections, retreats, workshops and many other activities. Those interested are welcome to join our entry program, the Christian Life Program (CLP), leading into a renewed understanding of God's call to us as Christian couples and individuals. Stay tuned for further announcements as to program details and schedules.

Contacts:

Nicholas Dangcalan
0401 939 608
Joel Tuazon
0459 134 960

24th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Congratulations on your 24th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood, Fr Sam. Wishing you many blessings for a life of dedicated service and continued joy, strength, and grace in your vocation. Thank you for everything you do in the Parish.

Best Wishes from the Salisbury Parish Team and Parishioners

LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE

Join us as we walk for life to bring an
end to abortion

Human from Conception

Saturday 7th of February 2026

10am - 12noon

Pennington Gardens

Opposite St Peters Cathedral, North Adelaide

\$5 Donation Parking

Adelaide Oval parking

Enter from Pennington Tce

Free Tickets

trybooking.com/DGGPU

loveadelaide.org.au

Gates Open 9am

Don't forget to bring a drink bottle;
and remember to slip, slop and slap!

PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT

NO megaphones or personal signs,
Love Adelaide will provide official signs.
Please follow the direction of the marshals
& police and walk peacefully with love.

Free Tickets trybooking.com/DGGPU

Please follow the event guidelines.



loveadelaide.org.au



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED's)

Now in place in our Churches

The Parish Admin & Finance Committee is happy to announce that we have just installed AED's in St Augustine's Church, St Finbar's Church, and Holy Family Mass Centre as

mandated in various public places across South Australia with the Automated External Defibrillators (Public Access) Act 2022, significantly enhancing emergency preparedness and public health.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH - Year A

Monday, 29th - Sunday, 4th January 2026

Mon: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 95:1-3,5-6; Lk 2:22-35

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

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

New Years Eve Midnight Mass

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:1-2,4-5,6-7; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thurs: Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:1-2,4-5,6-7; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Fri: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

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

Sat: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

Sun: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

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

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

Please note that there will be NO Children's Liturgy from

27th / 28th December 2025.

It will recommence in the New Year on 7th / 8th February 2026.

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 - Natale 2025 e Epifania 2026

(Source: Pope Francis - Urbi et orbi - 25 December 2022)

«Veniva nel mondo la luce vera, dice il Vangelo, quella che illumina ogni uomo». Gesù nasce in mezzo a noi, è Dio-con-noi. Viene per accompagnare il nostro vivere quotidiano, per condividere tutto con noi, gioie e dolori, speranze e inquietudini. Viene come bambino inerme. Nasce al freddo, povero tra i poveri. Bisognoso di tutto, bussa alla porta del nostro cuore per trovare calore e riparo. Come i pastori di Betlemme, lasciamoci avvolgere dalla luce e andiamo a vedere il segno che Dio ci ha dato. Vinciamo il torpore del sonno spirituale e le false immagini della festa che fanno dimenticare chi è il festeggiato. Usciamo dal frastuono che anestetizza il cuore e ci induce a preparare addobbi e regali più che a contemplare l'Avvenimento: il Figlio di Dio nato per noi. Fratelli, sorelle, volgiamoci a Betlemme, dove risuona il primo vagito del Principe della pace. Sì, perché Lui stesso, Gesù, Lui è la nostra pace: quella pace che il mondo non può dare e che Dio Padre ha donato all'umanità mandando nel mondo il suo Figlio. San Leone Magno ha un'espressione che, nella concisione della lingua latina, riassume il messaggio di questo giorno: «Natalis Domini, Natalis est pacis», «il Natale del Signore è il Natale della pace»

Auguri sinceri
per un Santo Natale 2025
e un felicissimo Anno Nuovo

***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**

WEEKDAY & SUNDAY READINGS

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Year A

Wednesday, 24th - Sunday, 28th December 2025

Wed:	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Eve) 6pm Vigil - Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:3-4,15-16,26+28; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Lk 2:1-16 8pm Is 9:2-4,6-7; Ps 96:1-2,3-4,11-12,13; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-16 Midnight Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Thurs:	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Day) 9am Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
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 JOSPEH - YEAR A Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5; Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15,19-23

COUNTING ROSTER 2025

DATE	SUPERVISORS & COUNTERS
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 <i>Refer to Counting Roster and please phone Anne Blake if you are able to help out with the count.</i>
28th Dec	Neil Walters & Helen Ryan Christine Walters, Dennis Ryan & Peter McEvoy
4th Jan	Peter Neylon & John McGrath John McGrath Snr, Isabelle McGrath & Beth Buckley
11th Jan	Malcolm Allison & Bernadette Haggerty Paul Haggerty, Stan & Christina Zalupka

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

St Augustine's Church 31 st Dec – Helen's Group 8 th Jan – Anthony's Group 17 th Jan - Polish Group
St Finbar's Church 3 rd Jan – Neal's Group 10 th Jan – No Group 17 th Jan - Daitol's Group

MASS PREPARATION TEAM

Holy Family Mass Centre 4 th Jan – Marvin Malagar 11 th Jan – Rosie Rivera 18 th Jan – Jessica / Chinh
