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MASS TIMES

St Augustine's Church
23 Commercial Rd Salisbury
Weekday: Tues – Thurs: 8:00am
Fri – Sat: 9:30am
(9am during Christmas & New Years holidays)
Weekend: Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 6:00pm
(with adoration after Saturday mass)
Every Sunday 12 noon (Polish)
1st Sunday of Month 3:00pm (Filipino)
2nd Sunday of Month 10:30am (Italian)
Tuesday Polish Mass with Exposition
Adoration: 5:30pm
Mass: 6:00pm
(For all enquiries please contact: Polish Chaplain - 8445 8466)

Holy Family Mass Centre:
Shepherdson Rd Parafield Gardens
Sunday: 10:30am

St Finbar's Church:
Greencroft Road, Salisbury North
Sunday: 9:00am

29th November 2026
First Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

A reading from book of the prophet Isaiah.
You, O Lord, are our father; "Our Redeemer from of old" is your name. Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you? Turn back for the sake of your servants, for the sake of the tribes that are your heritage. O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)

***R.* Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Stir up your might, and come to save us. ***R.***
Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand has planted. ***R.***
Let your hand be upon the one at your right, the one whom you have made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. ***R.***

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.
My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Mark 13.31-37

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.
Jesus said to his disciples: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. "It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with a particular task, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. "And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Remember In Prayer

RECENTLY DECEASED

Teofila Malagar
Ester Javierto Vergara

ANNIVERSARIES

Miguel Angel Alvarez-Meza
Don Mullen
Christopher Neal
Vergil Oria
Max Schulze
Trudy Stanwix Sr.
Rachael Turner
Vittorio Verrilli

THE SICK

Josephine Angove
John Barns
Virginia Buenviaje
Patrice Buetefuer
Khole Antonello *(Baby)*
Humberto Babasa
Obdulia Berniz
Arthur Borce
Jan Von der Borch
Raelene Brown
Roxana Cardona
Nenita Causing
Chelsea Cunningham
Paul Cunningham
Sam David
Dimetri de la Rea
Erlinda de la Rea
Loretta Dixi (nee Giglio)
Sayde Elias
Oscar Fuentes
Nena Gomez-Gallur
Carlos Gotardo
Rhea De Guzman
Mary Harris
Annette Harvey
Gloria Hijara
Shaun I.
Lee Jones
Marilyn Kersley
Paoweena Joy Klakhaeng
Oscar Lacuesta
John Lewington
Stephanie Lopez
Ofelia Magpayo
Vincenza Marciano
Patrich Pio Medios
Marijose Mejia
Michael Mirafuentes
Hazel Gabriela Mu *(Baby)*
Andrew Neal
Salvador Nuñez
Mitchell O'Brien
Eileen & Paul O'Gorman
Hilda P.
Theresa P.
Olivia P.
Keith Peacock
Michelle Purvis-Bond
Victor Manuel Ramirez
Peregrina Regano-Evangelista
Joseph Riley
Ramon Romero
Bill Ryan
Pamela Ryder
Paul Sahb
Apple Sangalang
Peter Smith
Kirsten Sudario
Rosy Varghese
Ryan Vigo
Romeo Villanueva
Kim Wilson
Ray Woolley
John McGrath
Estrellita Urbano

SALISBURY PARISH YOUTH



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS' MASSES VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the various ministries at our Christmas & New Years' Masses. To get involved, please add your name and contact details to the volunteers' sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
CHRISTMAS 2026 – NEW YEAR'S DAY 2027

4th Sunday of Advent	**Sunday 20th December**
St Augustine's Church	6pm Saturday Vigil, 19th
	9am
	12noon (Polish)
	6pm
St Finbar's	9am
Holy Family Mass Centre	10:30am
Christmas Eve	**Thursday, 24th December**
St Augustine's Church	6pm Family Mass
	8pm Vigil Mass
	12am Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	**Friday, 25th December**
St Augustine's Church	9am
	10:30am (Italian)
	12noon (Polish)
St Finbar's	9am
Feast of St Stephen	**Saturday, 26th December**
St Augustine's Church	9am
	12noon (Polish)
Feast of the Holy Family	**Sunday, 27th December**
St Augustine's Church	6pm Saturday Vigil, 26th
	9am
	12noon (Polish)
	6pm
St Finbar's Church	9am
Holy Family Mass Centre	10:30am
Mary, Mother of God	**Friday, 1st January**
Solemnity	**New Year's Day**
St Augustine's Church	12am Midnight Mass (NYE)
	9am
	12noon (Polish)

PLEASE NOTE: During Christmas & New Years' school holidays, all weekday and Saturday Masses at St Augustine's Church will be at 9:00am until school resumes at the end of January 2027.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9:00am – 12:00nn
Tues-Thurs: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Fri: 9:00am – 12:30pm

RECONCILIATIONS

St Augustine's Church
Saturdays
After the 9:30am Mass and
Before the 6:00pm Vigil Mass
5:15pm-5:45pm

BAPTISMS

St Augustine's Church
Within Mass: Saturday, 9:30am
Outside Mass: 3rd Sunday, 10:30am
Holy Family Mass Centre
1st & 4th Sunday **within** the 10:30am Mass

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 & Nicholas Dangcalan
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. The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is committed to a Code of Conduct to be observed by all clergy, religious, employees, volunteers and participants in the various ministries in parishes. The aim of this Code of Conduct is to maintain the expected ethical levels of respect and care for all people. If you have any suggestions, and non-urgent issues or concerns, you can discuss these with our Parish Priest, Safeguarding Contact Persons or another trusted parish member. You may also send a confidential email to: **businessmanager@salcath.org.au**
If the matter is urgent (e.g. danger is immediate) you may contact:

- Child Abuse Report Line: 13 14 78
- SAPOL (non-emergency): 13 14 44
- SAPOL (emergency): 000
- Adult Safeguarding Unit: 1800 372 310

GOSPEL REFLECTION – *'Timely Living and the End of History'*

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Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation? Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work. 'You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep-down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment. We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

RITE OF WELCOME

This weekend, we joyfully welcome our RCIA candidates into our parish family as they celebrate their Rite of Welcome in St Augustine's Church 6pm Vigil Mass & Sunday 9am Mass, and Holy Family Mass Centre Sunday 10:30am Mass. Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

SALISBURY PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026-27 PRESENTATION – 6th December

The candidates preparing to receive the sacraments will be presented to our parish community on the 6th of December, Sunday in St Augustine's Church 9am Mass, and Holy Family Mass Centre's 10:30am Mass. We warmly invite our parish family to keep them in your prayers as they grow in their relationship with Christ and prepare to receive the sacraments.

REMINDER: WOMEN'S GROUP MORNING TEA

THIS Wednesday 2nd of December 10.30am at Jives Café, Hollywood Plaza.

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Mass of the Anointing of the Sick will be held on **Saturday, 5th December at 9:30am** in St Augustine's Church. **ALL WELCOME.**

Housefires celebrate the joy of Christmas

Saturday, 5th of December from 4:30pm to 9:00pm at St Peter Claver, Church Hall, 1A Stuart Rd, Dulwich SA 5065. Starts with Holy Mass. *By Jesus Youth Adelaide.*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS REFLECTION BOOKLETS 2026

Advent & Christmas Reflection booklets are now available at the back of the church. The booklets are generously provided by the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide entitled "2026 Advent Reflection" and the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong entitled "Presence – Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection 2026".

THANK YOU TO THE CHRIST THE KING SACRAMENTAL TEAM

A heartfelt thank you to the Christ the King Sacramental team - Ruth, Alex, Gina and Madeline - for your dedication, commitment and generosity in running the Christ the King Sacramental Group 2026 in our parish. Your contribution is truly appreciated, and we pray that the seeds you've planted will continue to bear fruit in the lives of our young people. May God bless you abundantly for your service. ~ *Salisbury Catholic Parish Team*

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PLAY CALLING ALL LITTLE STARS

We are inviting families interested in having their children (ages 6 to 8 years old) participate in this year's Christmas Nativity Play **on Christmas Eve, 6:00pm Family Mass, Thursday, 24th December**. To express your interest, **please contact the Parish Office on 8258 2314**. Once we have received sufficient expressions of interest, we will be in touch with families to arrange and communicate the practice schedule.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL RITE (RECONCILIATION)

As we prepare for Christmas, let us prepare our hearts and minds through the Sacrament of Reconciliation at **St Augustine's Church 7pm, 22 December. ALL WELCOME**

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The NEW Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection this weekend at the back of the church. Please ensure that you collect yours and assist in saving on postage costs. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 23 December 2026 and will resume Monday 4 January 2027.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS – JANUARY 2027

Parish Office Hours: 9:00am-12:30pm (Mon-Fri)
Regular Office Hours resumes: Monday 18 January 2027

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

An afternoon of carols and fellowship

Advent is here! Together, let us prepare for our Lord's birth through fellowship and song. An afternoon of carols has been arranged for **next Saturday:**

5th December, 3:00pm to 5:00pm in St Augustine's Church.

Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea (snacks), a small donation, a big voice and a desire to celebrate our Lord's coming.

ADVENT PROGRAM 2026

"PRAYER A WAY OF LIFE"
PRESENTED BY CHERYLE DOUGLAS

Tuesdays 2nd December 2026 until 16th December 2026 St Augustine's Parish, 23 Commercial Road, Salisbury at 9am in the Family Centre with morning tea. All welcome. For enquiries, please contact Cheryle Douglas on 0423480440. Kindly by donation.

COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

Bible Reflection Group
Every Wednesday at 7-8pm in the Family Centre.

Children's Rosary Group – To Parents with children ages 5-12
Every 2nd Saturday of the month at 9am in St Monica's Room in St Augustine's Church.

Divine Mercy at St Augustine's Church
Every 2nd Sunday of every month at 3:00pm.

Jesus Youth Adelaide – Ages 13-17
Every 3rd Sunday of every month at 10:30am-1pm in the Parish Family Centre.
Contacts: Manju 0421 889 817
Herbert 0466 063 111.

Knights of the Southern Cross
The Knights of the Southern Cross are active in the Parish.
Contact: Paul Hawkes 0439 832 834.

Lay Canossian Association
First Tuesday of each month at 9am in the Family Centre.

Reflecting the Gospel
Every Wednesday at 9am in the Family Centre. Contact: Win Simons 8258 2314.

Rosary at St. Finbar's
Every Saturday at 9am at St Finbar's.
Contact: Win Simons 8258 2314.

Women's Group Morning Tea
Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30am in Jives Café, Hollywood Plaza.

Youth for Christ Australia
Prayer Meetings in the Family Centre.
Contact: Paulo Cortez 0405 484 716



Children's Liturgy of the Word (5-12 years old)

St Augustine's Church:
Sunday 9am & 6pm

St Finbar's Church & Holy Family Mass Centre:
See mass times on the front page

PARISH SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH SCHOOL
Years Reception – 6
Phone: 8182 7900
Fax 8182 7999
Principal: Daniel Cowan

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Early Learning – Year 6
ELC: 3-4 year old Long Day Care and Preschool
Phone: 8250 6616
Fax 8250 3043
Principal: Christopher Platten

THOMAS MORE COLLEGE
Years 7 – 12
Phone: 8182 2600
Fax: 8182 2699
Principal: Corey Tavella

NOTIZIE ITALIANE

Domenica 29 Novembre 2026

1ª Domenica di Avvento - *Anno B- Marco 13, 33-37 (estratto*

Commento di Papa Francesco - 29 novembre 2020

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli: «Fate attenzione, vegliate, perché non sapete quando è il momento. È come un uomo, che è partito dopo aver lasciato la propria casa e dato il potere ai suoi servi, a ciascuno il suo compito, e ha ordinato al portiere di vegliare. Vegliate dunque: voi non sapete quando il padrone di casa ritornerà, se alla sera o a mezzanotte o al canto del gallo o al mattino; fate in modo che, giungendo all'improvviso, non vi trovi addormentati.Quello che dico a voi, lo dico a tutti: vegliate!».
Parola del Signore.

«Vegliate!». Il Signore la ripete quattro volte in cinque versetti. È importante rimanere vigili, perché uno sbaglio della vita è perdersi in mille cose e non accorgersi di Dio. Sant'Agostino diceva: «Timeo Iesum transeuntem», "ho paura che Gesù passi e io non me ne accorga". Attratti dai nostri interessi tutti i giorni noi questo lo sentiamo e distratti da tante vanità, rischiamo di smarrire l'essenziale. Perciò oggi il Signore ripete «a tutti: vegliate!». Vegliate, state attenti. Ma, se dobbiamo vegliare, vuol dire che siamo nella notte. Sì, ora non viviamo nel giorno, ma nell'attesa del giorno. Siamo in attesa del giorno, tra oscurità e fatiche. Il giorno arriverà quando saremo con il Signore. Arriverà, non perdiamoci d'animo: la notte passerà, sorgerà il Signore, ci giudicherà Lui che è morto in croce per noi. Vegliare è attendere questo, è non lasciarsi sopraffare dallo scoraggiamento, e questo si chiama vivere nella speranza.

Source: Pope Francis - 29 November 2020 (extract)

***La prossima messa in italiano: Domenica 13 Dicembre 2026 alle 10.30 am**
e Venerdì 25 Dicembre 2026 – Natale del Signore alle 10.30 am
***Incontro Laiche Canossiane: Martedì 1 Dicembre 2026 alle 9.00 am**

PARISH PASTORAL FUNDING

	22nd November 2026	Yr-to-Date Avg	Target
ENVELOPES	$ 6,718.00	$ 5,920.08	
OPEN PLATE	2,562.95	2,323.47	
TOTAL	$ 9,280.95	$ 8,243.55	$7,700
1st Collection	$ 4,244.00		

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

WEEKDAY & SUNDAY READINGS

First Week of Advent – Year B
Monday 30th November – Sunday 6th December 2026

Mon: **St Andrew** ***Feast***
Rom 10:9-18; **Ps** 18:2-5; **Mt** 4:18-22
Tues: **Is** 11:1-10; **Ps** 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; **Lk** 10:21-24
Wed: **Is** 25:6-10; **Ps** 22; **Mt** 15:29-37
Thurs: **St Francis Xavier** ***Memorial***
Is 26:1-6; **Ps** 117:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; **Mt** 7:21, 24-27
Fri: **Is** 29:17-24; **Ps** 26:1, 4, 13-14; **Mt** 9:27-31
Sat: **Is** 30:19-21, 23-26; **Ps** 146:1-6; **Mt** 9:35 – 10:1, 6-8
Sun: **Second Sunday of Advent – Year B**
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; **Ps** 84:9-14; **2 Pet** 3:8-14; **Mk** 1:1-8

COUNTING ROSTER

29th November – Josie & John Shimmin
Ellen Arklay & Christopher Carroll

6th December – Anne & Kevin Blake
Carol Sahb & Sheila Najar

13th December – Neil Walters & Helen Ryan
Christine Walters, Dennis Ryan & Peter McEvoy

20th December – Peter Neylon & John McGrath
John McGrath Snr., Isabelle McGrath & Beth Buckley

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

St Augustine's Church
3rd December – Helen's Group

St Finbar's Church
5th December – Mrs Simon's Group

MASS PREPARATION TEAM

Holy Family Mass Centre
29th November – Children's Mass or Youth
6th December – Marvin Malagar