

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

25th August 2024

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**Mass Times:** Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

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:

### Knit & Natter

Thursday  
5th September  
10am - 12 noon

### Rosary

Tuesdays  
2 pm

### Family Practice for Communion

Wednesday  
7th September  
7pm  
in the church

### Healing Mass

Thursday  
5th September  
7pm

## Readings

### 21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Josh 24: 1-2, 15-18  
Ps 33: 2-3, 16-23  
Eph 5: 21-32  
Jn 6: 60-69

### 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8  
Ps 14:2-5  
James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27  
Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Reflection on the 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement: "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World"

Lucina Loro Parham



The 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World," issued by the Catholic Bishops of Australia, offers a profound and timely reflection on the critical issues of truth, peace, and violence in our contemporary world. This statement calls upon us to confront the harsh realities of violence in its many forms—physical, emotional, societal—and to become bearers of truth and peace, grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of the statement is the recognition that violence, in all its manifestations, is a denial of the dignity of the human person. The Bishops remind us that as Christians, we are called to uphold the sanctity of life and to reject all forms of violence, whether direct or structural. This commitment to nonviolence is not merely a passive stance but an active pursuit of justice and reconciliation, modelled on Christ's own life and ministry.

One of the key insights of the statement is the exploration of how truth is intimately connected with peace. In a world often marred by misinformation, propaganda, and the deliberate manipulation of facts, the Bishops emphasize the importance of truth-telling as a foundational element of peacebuilding. They call on us to be vigilant in discerning truth from falsehood, understanding that only through a commitment to truth can genuine peace be achieved. This echoes the biblical understanding that peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of justice, which is rooted in truth.

We are God's people who speak that truth upon which peace depends. With Peter, we say to the Lord Jesus: "To whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we know that you are the Holy One of God". We are those who reply to Joshua: "We will serve the Lord, for he is our God", knowing that to serve the Lord isn't just a matter of religious formalities but requires a self-sacrificing commitment to the justice of God, a world of right relationship in which peace becomes possible, a world which makes sense.

At a time when violence is everywhere we look, such a word, a word of truth, doesn't seem to make sense. It looks like weakness in a world where it seems only the strong can thrive. But today's Gospel says that what looks like strength is weakness and what looks like weakness is strength.

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War may seem like a show of strength, but it isn't. The rejection of truth upon which war depends may seem to make sense but it doesn't. The prime truth, a recognition of which is essential for peace, is the God-given dignity of the human being, which is violated whenever we have war. From this truth flows the realisation that there is no 'us' or 'them'. Everyone on earth, whatever our race or creed or status, is a sister, a brother. We are all children of God. Keeping this truth before us is the key to overcoming violence and conflict.

The statement also addresses the pervasive issue of structural violence—those systems and institutions that perpetuate inequality, injustice, and harm to the vulnerable. The Bishops urge us to recognize and challenge these structures, advocating for policies and practices that promote the common good and protect the rights of all people, particularly the marginalized. This call to action is a reminder that peace is not simply a personal or spiritual ideal but a social and political responsibility.

Furthermore, the Bishops highlight the role of the Church as a community of peace. They encourage all members of the Church to be active peacemakers, fostering dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation in a world often divided by conflict and hostility. The statement is a call to witness to the Gospel message of peace in our families, communities, and broader society, embodying Christ's love in our relationships and actions.

Ultimately, the 2024-2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World," challenges us to be courageous in our pursuit of truth and peace in a world that desperately needs both. It reminds us that the work of peacebuilding begins with each of us, grounded in a deep commitment to the truth of the Gospel and the dignity of every person. As we reflect on this statement, let us be inspired to live out our faith in ways that contribute to a more just, truthful, and peaceful world.

For more information on Social Justice Sunday please visit the website:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

**Social Justice statement Video:** <https://youtu.be/Z14dX6TKpEE>

### Blokes Luncheon



The August luncheon was very well attended by sixteen of us including Fr Paul McCormack and we welcomed a visitor, Augustine Loosthusamy, from Malaysia. Unfortunately Fr Manu and Fr Paul Cashen had prior commitments and could not attend. We enjoyed each other's company over a tasty lunch. The \$115 dollars collected was donated to BIRTHLINE. Thank you all again for your generosity.

**The DIARY DATE for the next Blokes Gathering is on Friday, 15 November 2024.**

### Coming Celebrations

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin will confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on candidates of our parish on the following dates:

- Tuesday 10th September at 7pm
- Thursday 12th September at 7pm
- Tuesday 17th September at 7pm

In the church.

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### First Holy Communion (Eucharist)

Will be celebrated for children from our parish on the following dates:

- Saturday 21st September at 6pm
- Sunday 22nd September at 11am
- Sunday 22nd September at 5.30pm

Please pray for these children and their families as they take this important step on their journey of faith.

### Police Checks Updating

Please contact Jane Sage 0435 062 071 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating, as Ivy Hill will be away.

### Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

#### Recently Deceased:

Desmond Peters, Jozef Klimkiewicz, Francis Kevin Morrissey, Maxine Wheatley, Brian Sheehy, Carmel Fitzgerald, Matthew Vasileff, Les Brksy, Marian Weldon, Maureen Lally, Mary Quinn, Mark Mc Carthy, Pierre Chehade, Charlie Seal, Alida Mendes, Patricia Kearns, Margaret Gleeson, Norah Carey, Margaret Graney,

#### Anniversaries

Bernado Forgione, Matthew Vasilef, Domenica Imbesi

#### Sick Parishioners

Aduzinda Matthews, Nicholas Cutajar, Annette Smith, Brian Fitzgerald, Margaret O'Connor, Peter Tierney, Age Selita, Sonia Bennie, Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan.

### Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh celebrates its Centenary Year

You are warmly invited to come and celebrate Mass with our community on Sunday September 8 at 9am, followed by morning tea. Bring a photo to share!

## Stewardship Reflection 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*  
JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

## Discerning God's Will in my Life Retreat. When Making Big and Everyday Decisions.



Saturday 14th September 9:15am - 3:30pm in the Church. The speaker is Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS.

The Retreat will include Mass 9:15am, Talks given by Fr Manu, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reflection,

Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry and Benediction.

Please bring your own lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 12th September.

Cost by Donation.

All Welcome.

## Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries - Sunday September 15th

If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone Wedding anniversary this year, we invite you to let the parish office know of their details so they can be acknowledged at the Anniversaries Mass on Sunday 15th September 2024 to be held in our Parish/Community.

Please phone the office on 8356 8888

## Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation



We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voices heard, respected and valued. A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and procedures please contact the Parish Office

or

the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

# Try Alpha

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Starting August 14th 2024, 7-9pm  
Henley Beach Parish Hall,  
420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome. Free dinner provided!

Find out more and register here:  
[Henley/Alpha.com](https://Henley/Alpha.com)  
or scan the QR code



## Healing Mass



Healing Mass Thursday 5th September Rosary 7pm  
Mass 7:30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation,

prayer ministry with Candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize, individual blessings with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, and Benediction.

Tea/Coffee and light supper available.

All Welcome Enquiries phone Pauline 0403002240

## St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Henley Beach Vinnies are most grateful for parishioners generosity in donating \$7300 for the Lord's work of helping the poor in the western suburbs. Before 30th June 12 people gave \$3300 and after the appeal launch by Fr Manu on 27th/28th July a further 33 gave \$3500, plus \$500 in loose cash from many others-a wonderful result!

So with the \$1100 from the People's Choice lottery and \$300 from Drake's Community Chest, we are on track to reach \$20,000 in money donations (the average for recent financial years).

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!**




# ALPHAYTH @ HENLEY

*We believe in telling young people that they can change their world and giving them the tools to do so.*

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
**SUNDAY NIGHTS following 5:30pm MASS**  
**FOOD & ALPHAYTH 6:30-8:30pm**

FIND OUT MORE  
[Henleybeachparish.com.au/alpha](http://Henleybeachparish.com.au/alpha)

Catholic Church: 420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach



## Migrant and Refugee Sunday

(Multicultural Mass) at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral  
 Everyone is invited to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral 2.30pm Sunday September 29. All are welcome!  
 Come dressed in cultural attire and enjoy an ice cream and coffee after Mass, as we celebrate the many cultures that make up our amazing church in Adelaide.

## Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Do you feel called to support and welcome candidates who wish to undertake the spiritual journey of becoming Catholic. Fr Manu is looking for a small team to support the RCIA candidates in our Parish. Catechumens will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil in 2025. This is an extremely rewarding and important Ministry of our Church. If you would like more information, please contact Barb Conlon or the Parish Office.

RCIA is for all those seeking to be into full communion members of the Catholic Church. This journey is for people who have not been baptised, and for those who have been baptised but not received the Sacrament of Confirmation or Holy Eucharist.

Anyone who would like information for themselves or someone they know who is interested in becoming Catholic and would like to join the RCIA journey is welcome to speak with Fr Manu or Barb Conlon.



## Congratulations

We sincerely congratulate Fr. Manu, after he successfully defended his thesis and now holds a Doctorate in Technology, Education & Management. Well done Fr. Manu on all your hard work to achieve your Doctorate.

## Devotion to Our Lady



The First 5 Saturdays:

Dates: 1 June, 6 July, 3 August, 7 September.

Time: 8:00am Holy Rosary

8:15am Meditation on the Mysteries

8:30am Confession

9:15am Holy Mass and Holy Communion

## 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.

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Or go to [adelaide.goodgiving.com.au](http://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.