



# MULTICULTURAL E-NEWS

CATHOLIC MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES  
ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE



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## Marian Procession & Peace Rally 2021

At 1.30pm, Sunday May 16, 2021, more than 800 people gathered at the Jubilee Hall of the Adelaide Showgrounds, at Wayville for the 72th Annual Marian Procession of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This indoor venue was perfect for this Diocesan Event which brings people from parishes, communities and schools together as one people of the Catholic faith to honour Mary, Mother of the Church, in the month of May when the weather is often unpredictable.

The atmosphere was spacious, prayerful and welcoming, as the people assembled to process around the hall while praying the Sorrowful Mystery of the Rosary with the Readings and many hymns to Mary sung beautifully by the choir. The Rosary, recited in five different languages (English, Bari, Hungarian, Tetum, and Spanish), recognised the diversity of our Catholic Church. At the procession the participants marched behind their banners, each with their own Icon/Picture of Mary, with people dressed in traditional costumes celebrating the diversity of our multicultural church.



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## St Thomas Feast Celebration 2021

On the 2nd July, 2021 at 7pm, Father Philip Marshall and 12 concelebrating priests and four deacons, celebrated The Feast of St Thomas the Apostle, a very important Multicultural Mass for the Adelaide Archdiocese and the Indian Community of Adelaide.

This feast is significant as it commemorates the arrival of the Christian faith in India. Accordingly, many

different language groups, from across India, came together purely to give thanks and praise to God for bringing the eternal truth of Jesus Christ to His people, through Saint Thomas the Apostle, who journeyed to India in the early days of the church.

The Mass was live-streamed from St Francis Xavier Cathedral, with the Church at full capacity, keeping in line with new government restrictions released two days earlier.

The celebration started with a beautiful ceremony of “Maha Aarathi”. Three girls, dressed in Indian traditional costume, performed a prayful, cultural liturgical dance in front of the altar. Promoting the relevance of faith and culture complimenting each other in our multicultural celebrations.



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## The Filipino Santacruzán & Launching of 500th Anniversary of Philippines Christianisation

On Saturday the 29th May the Filipino Catholic Community came together to celebrate both 500 YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PHILIPPINES combined with their annual celebration of SANTA CRUZAN.

Approximately 2000 people participated in this combined celebration, with traditional food stalls, music, dancing, good cheer and the beauty pageant!

The Scalabrinian Priests: Fathers Franco & Roger and Father Harold (Filipino Priest from the Diocese of Port Piere) celebrated the Holy Mass at 2pm in a temporary built marquee at the parking space of Mater Christi Church.

The Mass was celebrated in different languages and dialects that serve as a medium of communication of the liturgy since the arrival of the Catholic missionaries from Spain and Portugal. The Mass attendees wore different national and native costumes from the different eras and times. Mass songs were also sung in different dialects of the Archipelago.

2021 is a significant year in the faith lives of Filipino Catholics throughout the world.





# 40th Anniversary of the Chinese Catholic Community



On 7th March 2021, His Grace, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan celebrated Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Tranmere, on the occasion of the 40th year of the foundation of the Chinese Catholic Community of South Australia.

The Mass was celebrated bilingually in English and Chinese. The children took part in the Readings and singing. These activities fostered an enthusiastic participation in the Mass. Father Matthew Qin concelebrated the Mass with the Archbishop. Father Qin came from China in 2010 to train as a novice at St. Paul Monastery and has returned to help in the formation program of other passionist novices who have come from China, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and elsewhere. Father Roderick O'Brien joined the congregation after saying Mass at his own regular parish. Sister Nien Tran, Manager of the Archdiocesan Multicultural Office, was also present.

After Mass the congregation had a celebratory "shared lunch" under Covid19 regulations. There was a good variety of food which had been provided by participants and the atmosphere was very joyful.

The Chinese Catholic Community came about in a "miraculous" way. In August 1980 a young man from Whyalla was ordained as a Catholic priest in Adelaide. Fr. Roderick O'Brien had previously worked as a solicitor in Hong Kong. He made many Chinese friends and he began to study Chinese Language and Culture. With the permission from the Church, the first Mass in Chinese was celebrated by Fr Roderick O'Brien on Christmas Eve in 1981, at the Otherway Centre, Pirie Street, Adelaide. Subsequently Masses were held during some Chinese festivals eg. Mid-Autumn Festival. A small committee was formed which consisted of Mrs. Philomena Koo, Phyllis Lim and the late Bernadette Li to coordinate activities.

Father Roderick worked tirelessly to be with the community, including driving three hours from Naracoorte. When required, he would arrange for other priests to help us. All the Archbishops have been very supportive of our community, including advice from Sr. Nien Tran, Manager of the Archdiocesan Multicultural Office. At various times, we had religious Sisters who acted as pastoral associates including Sr. Joan Yu from Hong Kong.

Currently Chinese Mass is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12.30pm, at St. Joseph's Church, Tranmere Parish. A shared lunch was held after Mass until Covid 19 pandemic prevented that from happening. The Community is now blessed with many young families.

# Handwritten Bible by the Syro-Malabar Rite Catholic Community



On the 19th of March, 2021 (The feast day of St Joseph), the parishioners of St Euphrasia Parish embarked on an epic activity to hand write the bible as a memento to the year of St Joseph! 52 families undertook to this very time consuming task to write the entire Bible within 30 days. These pages were collated and presented to Mar Bosco Puther and Fr Philip Marshall.

This Handwritten Bible weighs 15 kilograms and reside at St Eurphasia's Church, Elizabeth South and a beautiful gift of the People to our loving God.

## Diocesan Assembly September 2021

### What is a Diocesan Assembly?

A diocesan assembly is a gathering of representatives from the various communities within the Archdiocese of Adelaide to discuss the life of the local church and make recommendations for the work and mission of the archdiocese.

### What will the 2021 Assembly be about?

The 2021 Diocesan Assembly has two primary aims:

1) To begin to develop a new vision for our diocese.

The Diocesan Assembly will give us the opportunity to discuss the variety of experiences, challenges and opportunities of the life of our local church. Out of these discussions we will begin to form a new vision for the work and mission of the diocese for years to come. This is why your input is so important!

The Diocesan Assembly will also launch a new Diocesan Pastoral Council.

2) To prepare for the Plenary Council in October.

We have seven delegates from the archdiocese who will participate in the Plenary Council. The Diocesan Assembly will help them prepare to represent the people of our diocese. Much of what we will talk about at the Diocesan Assembly will be built upon the what has been prepared for the Plenary Council.



[Scan or click here for more information on the Diocesan Assembly](#)

## SA Government Celebrate Together Grants



Applications for the Celebrate Together Small Grants (Round 2) for 2021-22 are open

The CELEBRATE TOGETHER grants assist multicultural organisations to host festivals and events in a CovidSafe manner, which showcase their rich diverse culture and customs with the wider South Australian community.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for festivals and events to be held between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2022.



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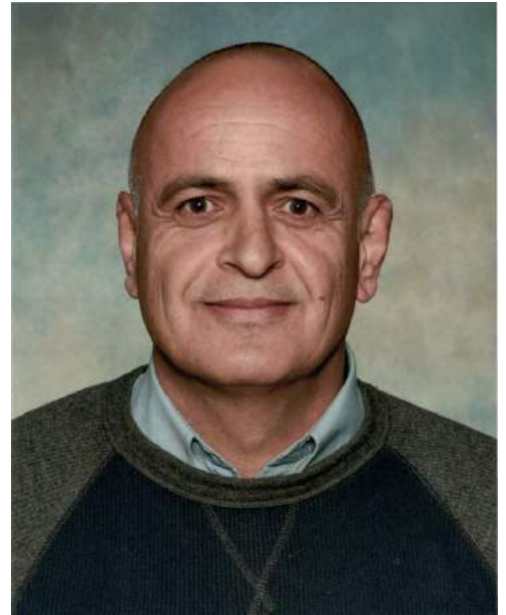


# New Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office

During the Plenary Meeting of the Bishops Conference held in November 2020, the Bishops were advised of the appointment of Fr Khalid Marogi as the next Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office. Fr Marogi commenced his appointment on 3 May 2021.

Born and raised in Iraq, Fr Marogi was ordained to the priesthood in 1992. This was followed by two years compulsory national military service, two years in parish ministry and three years as Vice-Rector of Baghdad College, the Chaldean Minor Seminary.

Fr Marogi has spent years working with diverse communities, including time in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands working with Aboriginal ministry, and will no doubt make many important contributions to the work at ACMRO.



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## Governors Multicultural Awards 2021 Nominations Open



South Australians who are passionate about our state's cultural diversity are encouraged to submit a nomination for this year's Governor's Multicultural Awards.

Nominating an individual, team or organisation that is making a positive contribution to multiculturalism and intercultural understanding in our community provides an opportunity for their stories to be celebrated and acknowledged at the highest level.



[Scan or click here to learn more or nominate someone in your community](#)

# MULTICULTURAL MASS

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S  
CATHEDRAL, ADELAIDE  
2:30PM SUNDAY  
26 SEPTEMBER 2021

THE ARCHDIOCESE  
WARMLY INVITE

**EVERYONE**

TO THIS  
CELEBRATION



107TH  
WORLD DAY OF  
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

*Towards an ever wider "We"*

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Streamed live on YouTube.com, search: Multicultural Mass 2021



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## Recent Celebrations

- 2/05/2021 - Feast of Our Lady of the Boat People - Vietnamese Community
- 8/5/2021 – Mother’s Night / Parent’s Day – Korean Community
- 13/6/2021 – The Feast of St Anthony – the Albanian Community
- 13/6/2021 – The Feast of St Anthony – the Syro-Malabar Rite Community
- 13/6/2021 – Philippines Independence Day – Filipino Community
- 26/6/2021 – The Feast of the Mother of Perpetual Help – Filipino Community
- 27/6/2021 – Anniversary of El Shaddai Charismatic Group of Adelaide - Filipino Community
- 27/6/2021 – 30th Anniversary of Statehood Day of Slovenia – Slovenian Community
- 27/6/2021 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 9 Day Novena – Syro-Malabar Rite Community
- 5/09/2021 - Feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta - Albanian Community

## Upcoming Celebrations

- 19/09/2021 - Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz - Filipino Community
- 20/09/2021- Feast Day of Martyrs of Korea - Korean Community
- 10/10/2021- Feast of St. Daniel Comboni - African Community
- 26/10/2021- Feast of Our Lady Queen of Victories - Maltese Communities
- 24/11/2021- Feast of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs- Vietnamese Community
- *Italian Festas are celebrated throughout the year in different parishes.*



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