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Feast of St Daniel Comboni

The Archdiocese of Adelaide celebrated the Feast of St Daniel Comboni at St Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday 17 October, 2021, at 2.30pm.

The main celebrant, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD, celebrated this special feast to honour Saint Daniel Comboni by wearing the chasuble gifted to him by the African community last year when he celebrated the first St Daniel Comboni Mass as Archbishop of Adelaide.

The concelebrants at the Mass were Fr Anthony Adimai, Fr Michael Musyoka Kyumu, Fr Dominic Okwadha, Fr Mwaura Gicheha, Fr. Denis Ssemuju, and Deacon Alfred Donat assisted the Archbishop.

The African community in the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is made up of people from many countries of Africa with different languages and traditions. The feast of St Bakhita and St Daniel Comboni are so important in drawing the community together, and linking our faith with culture. The women traditionally wore colourful dresses made especially for the occasion and the St Kizito Choir sang amazing hymns with the flavour of Africa very much alive in the music.



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Sr Nien Tran RSM Retirement

At November's Migrant Chaplain meeting, Sr Nien announced that after a period of reflection, prayers, and consultation with her Mercy Community leader, she has decided to retire from her position as Manager of the Catholic Multicultural Office effective December 15. In 2009 she was invited by the late Archbishop Philip Wilson to come to work for the Archdiocese because of her experience and expertise in the field of multiculturalism. She started to work part time as a multicultural adviser to the Leadership Team, especially former chancellor Heather Carey. In 2010 she was asked to work full time overseeing the work of Multicultural Office and supporting the International/missionary Program of the Archdiocese. She considered herself very fortunate to have had the privilege to work with migrant chaplains, pastoral workers, and community leaders in support of their wonderful work for their respective communities. She highly valued their trust and co-operation over the years.

On behalf of the Multicultural team, and the migrant chaplains and pastoral workers, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Sr Nien for her service, and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Feast of St Euphrasia- Syro-Malabar Community

On Saturday the 30th October, 2021, the St Euphrasia Parish of the Syro-Malabar Rite Community celebrated the feast of St Euphrasia at their Church at Elizabeth South.

More than 400 people (made up of predominantly young families) gathered for Mass at the new church, which opened in October 2019, built and established by the people.

This beautifully lit church prominently recognises their revered Saints with almost life size statues adorning the sanctuary; St Sebastian, Blessed Mother Mary with Christ Child Jesus, St Euphrasia and St Anthony of Padua.

Main celebrant, Fr Roy Elavumkal, Parish Priest of Tranmere; along with Fr Stephen Kulathumkarott, Chaplain of the Syro-Malankara Rite Community and Fr Ajith Cheriakkara Antony, Parish Priest and Chaplain for the Syro-Malabar Rite Northern Community presided at this special Holy Mass, spoken in Malayalam. The Holy Mass commenced with a beautiful liturgy lighting candles to acknowledge the Feast of St Euphrasia, their church's namesake.



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Holy Qrbono and Holy First Communion

On Sunday November 7 2021, the Syro Malankara Rite Community celebrated the first Holy Communion of one of their beloved; Master Alan Manoj.

The Community came together in fellowship and joy for this great event that was originally intended to be celebrated amongst family and friends in India. However, like many special events these past two years, COVID changed the plans – and this highly anticipated occasion was finally celebrated at St Brigid’s Church in Kilburn, in absolute joy for the family.



The main celebrant, Fr Stephen Kulathumkarott, Pioneer Chaplain and Coordinator for Syro- Malankara Catholic Community in Australia and New Zealand, presided at this special Holy Mass, in Malayalam.

The Holy Mass was celebrated in the Syro- Malankara rite, rich in symbolism. The whole congregation participated fully in the liturgy of the Mass chanting and singing together; the men and women responded to one another like an echo of complementarity that God intended for His people, as they prayed.



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Polish Christmas



With great enthusiasm and deep faith, the members of the Polish community at the Resurrection Church at Unley worshiped God's Child during the Midnight Mass and on the Feast of the Holy Family. The Holy Mass was presided over by the chaplain of the Polish community - Fr. Michał Skiba SChr and Fr. Stanisław Lipski SChr delivered the homily.

This year the Christmas setting was very different and very special, because of the living nativity scene. One of the families from the Polish community played the role of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the shepherds.

On the Feast of the Holy Family, people thanked God for marriages and families that make up this church community. During the Eucharist, the spouses renewed their marriage vows. After the Holy Mass, there was a concert of Christmas carols entitled: “Let us sing a Christmas carol to Jesus today!”

Syro Malabar Community

On November 1 2021 the community celebrated All Saints Day with the Catechism Students dressing up as different Saints.

On Friday December 17, the Syro Malabar Rite Catholic Community held a Faith Fest Weekend. Students, Parents, Teachers, Youth and Volunteers came together to participate in a 3 day faith nurturing event. Approximately 80 Students participated in the program on day one that featured activities, talks, reconciliation, adoration and the inaugural English Holy Qurbana.



Little Town of Bethlehem 2021

Sri Lankan Catholic Association (SLCASA) hosted its annual Christmas celebration recently with around 275 people participation. Representatives from Adelaide Archdiocese and Government of South Australia attended for this celebration.

The evening was lined up with several items on the agenda out of which the carols and traditional dances took prominence. Grand Sri Lankan Christmas buffet and live music brightened the evening. The Executive Committee of SLCASA extends a heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this event.



Korean Community Day 2021

On November 21 2021, the Korean Catholic Community hosted their own full day event called "Korean Community Day". In a showground style, they engaged in various booths with games (including traditional Korean games) for children and families to enjoy. There was a main prize draw event. The fun day attracted more than 150 participants, hosted in the hall and car park of the St Ignatius Church.



Multicultural Grants Program

The Multicultural Grants Program 2022-23 currently has two streams of funding open for applications to support our multicultural communities:

- **EXPAND TOGETHER** – Grants to assist multicultural organisations to expand their capacity by upgrading community facilities or purchasing equipment to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Open now and close February 28 2022.
- **CELEBRATE TOGETHER**– Grants to assist multicultural organisations to host festivals and events in a COVID-Safe manner, which showcase their rich diverse culture and customs with the wider South Australian community. Open now and close March 31 2022.

Online application forms and guidelines are available from the Expand Together Grants and Celebrate Together information pages.

To find out more about the Multicultural Grants Program 2022-23, visit www.multicultural.sa.gov.au.

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COVID-19 Directions: From the Archbishop

It is important to limit movement in the Church and maintain good hygiene practices.

This must be achieved by:

- Wearing a mask at all times, including those distributing Communion.
- Regular sanitization of hands
- Continued omission of the Offertory Procession and Collections
- Strictly no Communion on the tongue
- Maintaining recommended social distancing e.g. within the Church and whilst going to Communion
- No communal gathering after Mass
- Maintaining QR Code compliance or collection of names and phone numbers of those attending

Other Gatherings

I would continue to encourage smaller gatherings in Parishes and Communities such as Children's Liturgy of the Word, Parish Pastoral Council and Sacramental Programs that do not exceed 4 hours in length. It is important in these circumstances to maintain good hygiene practices.



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Recent Celebrations

- 3/10/2021 – The Feast of Our Lady Queen of Victories (Maltese Catholic Communities)
- 17/10/2021 – The Feast of St Daniel Comboni of South Sudean (African Catholic Community)
- 17/11/2021 – The Feast of St Elizabeth of Hungary (Hungarian Catholic Community)
- 24/11/2021 – Feast of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs (Vietnamese Catholic Community)
- 25/11/2021 – The Feast of St Catherine of Alexandria (Maltese Catholic Community)
- 1/12/2021 – The Feast of the Blessed Anuarite Nengapeta (African Catholic Community)
- 15/12/2021 – Simbang Gabi 2021 (Filipino Catholic Community)
- 6/1/2022 – The Feast of the Holy Family (Slovenian Catholic Community)
- 16/1/2022 – The Feast of Santo Nino De Filipinas (Filipino Catholic Community)
- 16/1/2022 – The Feast of San Pellegrino (Italian Catholic Community)
- 23/1/2022 – The Feast of Santo Nino De Cebu (Filipino Catholic Community)
- 30/1/2022 – The Feast of St Sebastian (Syro Malabar Rite Catholic Community)



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