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March is the Month to Celebrate EVERYONE BELONGS



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Harmony Day 2022

Harmony Day celebrates the gift of our diversity, our sense of belonging. On Thursday 24th March 2022, the Multicultural Team with the help of the Events Department and Office for Worship hosted the 2022 Harmony Day Celebration for the Adelaide Archdiocese, with approximately 50 people attending.

This year, Harmony Day took a slightly different tone as we recognised the disharmony in the world today and the dire situation in Ukraine.

The morning was led by Sarah Moffatt, as we contemplated what is happening in Ukraine and surrounding countries and the effect war has on our world. John Lochowiak, Manager for Aboriginal Services for Centacare, presented a very moving welcome to country setting the tone of HARMONY.

We stood in solidarity; both, diocesan staff, Centacare staff and especially joined by Ukrainian Chaplains, Fr Zenjo Racki and Fr. Taras Gorpynyak.

Staff members, Maria Papa and Imbi Mannick joined Father Zenjo; all sharing how the impact of war has affected the lives of their families, friends and loved ones and we stood in solidarity as we prayed the Prayer for Peace by Pope Francis.



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The Celebration of St Josephine Bakhita



The Feast of St Josephine Bakhita of South Sudan was held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 2.30pm. Approximately 150 people gathered to celebrate this important Feast Day Mass organized by the African community, and coordinated by Clement Kuek, together with the Events Office of the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

The Archbishop of Adelaide celebrated the Mass with several Priests and Deacons to honour St Josephine Bakhita, recognizing her life, faith, and mission filled with love and mercy for the people she served. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan baptised 6 young people at this special celebration continuing to grow this community and the church.

St Josephine Bakhita is a very special saint to our African Catholic Community. As the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking; St Bakhita is a model of faith and courage in adversity and her legacy lives on in the world today.

The Canossan Sisters were a 'saving grace' to the life of St Bakhita,. St Bakhita was grateful to join the Canossan Sisters, who provided her safe haven after years of cruelty as a servant and slave. St Bakhita holds a special place in the hearts of our Canossan sisters here in Adelaide. Sr Elda Sbarra; Sr My Vu; and Sr Jessika who proudly carried the Saint Bakhita banner.

The African Choir were amazing with beautiful liturgical dance from the African Youth during the Entrance, Gospel and Gifts Processions.

The Feast of St Bakhita is always celebrated as a very special event not only for the African Catholic Community but for the whole Archdiocese of Adelaide every year.



Fr Michael Musyoka Kyumu, 25 Year Anniversary

Father Michael Musyoka Kyumu, Parish Priest of Brighton and Hallett Cove and Migrant Chaplain to the African Catholic Community celebrated his 25th Anniversary of Ordination on the 18th March, 2022. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan DD, Bishop Greg O'Kelly, and Bishop Michael Odiwa was a special guest all the way from Homa Bay, Kenya!!

The Migrant Chaplains and Pastoral Workers, Multicultural Communities and the Catholic Multicultural Office sincerely congratulate Father Michael on this important Milestone.



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First Regular Konkani Mass in Adelaide



The 13th of March 2022, Sunday saw an inspiring gathering of the Konkani community of Adelaide at the Sacred Heart Church, Hindmarsh, for its first regular Konkani Mass in Adelaide.

The Mass began with a short video on the gift of the faith and its arrival to Indian shores, which was the background theme. The joy of being able to praise and worship the Lord God in the vernacular was apparent on the faces of the mass attendees. The removal of social distancing norms for the first time after two years also allowed for a greater sense of relaxed devotional camaraderie.

Fr Lancy D'Silva CSC and Fr Santosh Pereira MSFS celebrated the Mass with Fr Lancy as the main celebrant. Fr Lancy joyously welcomed all and said in his homily that attempting to preach in the different Konkani dialects can become challenging. He said the Lenten season was a good time to reflect on the kindness, mercy, love and the forgiveness of God our Father and ourselves take steps towards change for the better. He said we should endeavor towards our final citizenship of Heaven.

The choir stirred a devout and emotional response from the congregation as the nuances of the devotional lyrics and music resounded within the fine acoustics of the Sacred Heart church. Veteran pianist Alice Ferrao also accompanied the choir.

This beautiful celebration ended up with a lovely supper prepared by volunteers from within the community.

Hungarian Catholic Community Anniversary

The Hungarian Catholic Community celebrated its 70th Anniversary this year on February the 20th. We celebrated the Eucharist as a Mass of thanksgiving for all the graces and blessings, which God has bestowed upon this small community of faith over the last seven decades. We remembered the hard work and enthusiastic effort shown over many years by so many in our community. Many in our community have since passed away and we commended them to the Lord. Before the final blessing, Fr. Laszlo gave a special blessing to a couple on the 53rd Anniversary of their wedding.



After the Eucharistic celebration, we enjoyed a communal lunch, which was provided for in part by Fr. Laszlo, who caught enough fish and calamari to feed the community. Other community members provided the chips, salad, and cakes to accompany the tea and coffee.

A new set of play swings were erected the previous day for the children. The whole day had a family atmosphere. We look forward to the continuation of our community, trusting in God's providence and grateful for His presence among us.

Lenten Pilgrimage to Polish Hill River

On Sunday 6 of March over 100 people from the Polish community made a couple of hours – long journey to Polish Hill River to pray together for the peace in Ukraine. The celebration started with the Stations of the Cross followed by the Holy Mass in the little St. Stanislaus Kostka Church which was built by the first Poles who migrated to this area about 150 years ago.

During the Stations of the Cross Fr. Michal was leading the community in a very reflective way of connecting the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ with the suffering of the people of Ukraine.

It was an honor for the Polish community to have Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS of the Diocese of Port Pirie (the first bishop in Australian history with the Polish background) come to Polish Hill River to celebrate the Holy Mass together with the Polish chaplain Fr. Michal Skiba SCHR and Fr. Stanislaw Lipski.

It was a wonderful day with an amazing weather in a beautiful surrounding of the Wynyard's of Sevenhills. The celebration ended with a delicious dinner prepared by the volunteers.



Fr Olek Stirrat First Mass

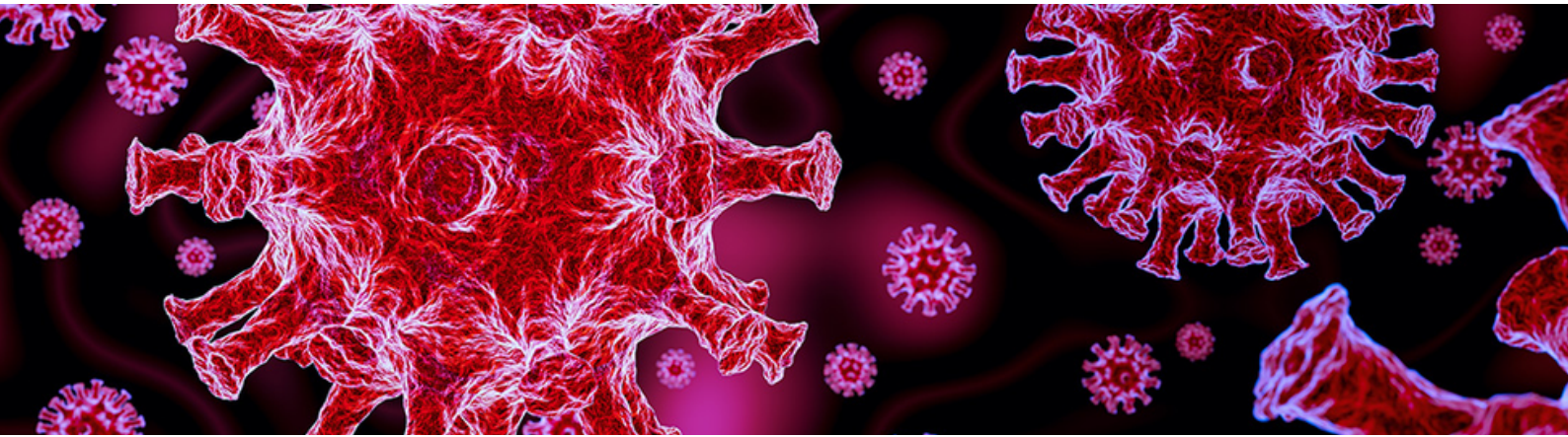
It was unbelievable joy and the honor for the Polish community to participate in the first Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for the Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Fr. Olek Stirrat who is of Polish origin. The Mass took place on Sunday 13 March 2022 at the Resurrection Church – Unly, where Fr. Olek was the Principal celebrant with concelebrants: Fr. Michal Skiba SCHR chaplain of the Polish community and Fr. Tadeusz Rostworowski SJ who came from Melbourne especially for this celebration

It was a day to remember for the Polish community because most people would know Fr. Olek since he was a little boy. He was born in Poland but he grew up in Adelaide.

The newly- ordained priest Fr. Olek Stirrat will continue to work in the parishes of Mount Gambier and Millicent but whenever he will be coming to Adelaide he will keep in touch with people of his origin. May God bless him abundantly.

Recent Events

- 1/02/2022 – The Lunar New Year – Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese Community
- 8/2/2022 – The Feast of St Bakhita – the African Community
- 13/2/2022 – The Feast of St Maroun – Lebanese Maronite Community
- 13/2/2022 – The Feast of St Paul the Shipwreck – the Maltese Community
- 4/3/2022 – The Feast of St Casimir – Lithuanian Community
- 17/4/2022 – Blessing of the Food - Ukrainian Community
- 24/4/2022 – The Feast of the Divine Mercy – Polish Community



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Celebrating the Ukrainian Icon, *Vyshhorodska Mother of God*

Marian Procession



This year our focus and prayers is on the Ukrainian People who are suffering from the war –

The Ukrainian Priests and Ukrainian Community have been invited to join the procession with the image of their Blessed Mother Vyshhorodska

All Parishes and Communities invited.

Sunday, 22 May 2022

Adelaide Showgrounds, Main Arena

Assemble: 1.30pm | Procession: 2.00pm



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