**The Universal Prayer**

**Sunday 22nd June 2025**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, we gather today with

 a deep sense of praise and thanksgiving for

 the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrifice and Sacrament

 of Christ’s unique presence with us.

1. That Pope Leo will draw the Church into unity through the Eucharist

which is the source and summit of our Christian life.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the Jubilee of Public Authorities – political leaders, policy makers and diplomats – will inspire governments to embrace principles of justice, peace and sustainable development.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who have grown cold in their faith, those struggling to understand and those who long to believe, may discover the dynamic presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood,

receive him with thanksgiving and worship him with devotion.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the millions of people who are deprived of their daily bread and water in Gaza, the Occupied West Bank, Ukraine, Myanmar, Sudan and other places of drought and war, will be helped by the nations of the world.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That the additional crisis in the Middle East between Israel and Iran, Palestine and Yemen, will be resolved through international diplomacy, respectful dialogue and mutual cooperation.

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That….

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That those who have shared the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation,

may receive it’s promised reward of eternal life,

remembering today **(Archdiocese of Adelaide** – Dale West, former director of Catholic Centacare for 32 years) . . .

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Father, you have given us your Son Jesus

 as the living bread from heaven and the cup of salvation,

 receive now our praise and thanksgiving.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday Daytime Mass 23rd June 2025**

**St Paulinus of Nola**

**Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Jesus calls us to be people with integrity,

 and not find fault with others

 while ignoring our own faults.

1. May the Jubilee of Seminarians, beginning in Rome today, help them to have compassionate hearts so that their charity and faith gives hope to others.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we look with honesty into our own hearts

and conduct of life,

and where we need to reform, do so in the grace of Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those who are quick to judge others,

learn to refrain from such destructive behaviour.

Lord, hear us.

1. May those who have left the home of their birth because of war and violence, natural disasters and drought, persecution and poverty, receive

a warm welcome in their new land.

Lord, hear us.

1. May today’s International Widows Day will draw us close to those who

who have lost their husbands, and especially the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and other places of war.

Lord, hear us.

1. May St Paulinus of Nola, who in the 5th century, turned from a life of luxury with his wife, spent his wealth on the care of the poor, ordained priest against his will, a poet and preacher, and finally bishop pray for those whose lives have also experienced a radical conversion.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father, kindly answer our prayers,

 help us with your mighty hand

 and comfort us in all our sorrows.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Monday Evening Mass 23rd June 2025**

**Vigil of the Nativity of St John the Baptist**

**Proper Readings**

**Use Universal Prayer**

**of 24th June, Nativity of St John the Baptist.**

**The Universal Prayer**

**Tuesday 24th June 2025**

**The Nativity of St John the Baptist**

(Proper Readings for the Solemnity)

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, as we celebrate the birth of St John the Baptist, we praise Jesus Christ through whom John

 was sanctified.

1. We pray that the Birth of John the Baptist, which brought such joy to his

parents and his village people will echo throughout the Church today,

deepening the experience of Hope in this Jubilee Year.

Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for all who are baptised into Christ,

that they may live as prophets like John,

giving witness to Jesus in all they say and do.

Lord, hear us.

3 We pray for Seminarians celebrating the Jubilee of Hope today

that they may have a profound experience of faith, community, and spiritual renewal.

Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for the people of Plympton Parish who honour St John the

Baptist as patron, along with the students and staff of their parish school,

that they may follow the example of St John, and look to Jesus as the Lamb of God.

Lord, hear us.

5, We pray for the King and people of Jordon, placed under the patronage of St John, that they may play a significant role in bringing peace

 throughout the Middle East, especially in the Holy Land, and continue their care of over half a million refugees from Syria, Palestine and Iraq.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, you knit each one of us together in our mother’s

womb. We thank you for the wonder of our being, and pray that we

may always respect and reverence the life you have given us, made

even more wondrous through the grace of baptism.

Through Christ our Lord

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Wednesday 25th June 2025**

**12th Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Jesus calls on us to produce good fruits:

 those things of the spirit and heart

 which last to eternity.

1. May the Jubilee of Bishops, beginning in Rome today, foster a deeper sense of communion and shared mission to witness and serve in the name of Jesus.

Lord, hear us.

 2 May the fruits of the Holy Spirit

be abundant in the lives of Christians

so that through them they give witness to Christ.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the gift of prudence help Christians to discern

between true and false prophets, so that they are not swayed by every religious novelty, but seek rather the truth of God’s word.

Lord, hear us.

1. May the peoples of the land given to Abraham and his descendants

live today in peace, respecting each other and their diversity of faith and culture, growing in trust and co-operation so that war and oppression comes to an end.

Lord, hear us.

1. May we remember all for whom we have promised to pray for, those who have a right to our prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord God, guide us in the path of your commands,

 help us to delight in them,

 so that we will find life through them.

 Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Thursday 26th June 2025**

**Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time**

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers,

 Jesus has urged us to make his word of truth

 the solid foundation of our lives.

1. We pray that the Jubilee of Priests, beginning today, will

rejuvenate their spiritual lives and strengthen their mission

to preach Christ and witness to him through faith, hope and charity.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for each other that we may love truth

and build our parish on the foundation of our shared faith

in Jesus Christ.

Lord, hear us.

3. We pray for those whose faith is tested by the storms

of indifference which surround them, so that they can reclaim their faith in Jesus, the foundation of the Church.

Lord, hear us.

4 We pray in this International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

for the hostages being held by Hamas, the prisoners being held by Israel,

and the prisoners of war in Russia and Ukraine, that they will be set free as a matter of justice and urgency.

Lord, hear us.

5 We pray on this International Day against Drug Use and Illicit Trafficking for the safety and integrity of police and other agencies who work in this field, and that rehabilitation for those addicted to drugs will be increased across the nations.

Lord, hear us

Celebrant: Lord our God, let your compassion meet those who

 live with distress so that hope and peace may be theirs. Through Christ our Lord.

**The Universal Prayer**

**Friday 27th June 2025**

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

(Proper Readings for the Solemnity)

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, 350 years ago Jesus requested through St

Margaret Mary for this feast in honour of his Heart to be established. By 1856 it had become a celebration for the whole Church.

1. We pray for the Church in every place, that each member, aware of the love of Jesus’ Heart, may radiate his love to others for the good of all humanity.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray for Pope Leo, the bishop(s), priests and deacons of this (arch)diocese, that through the love of Jesus Christ, their hearts may be conformed to his, as we pray for the sanctification of the clergy.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray on this Jubilee of Priests, that they will embrace the joy of priesthood and their faith and so generate hope in the lives of the people.

Lord, hear us.

1. We pray that we may not give up on anyone, but with hearts like Christ’s,

seek to forgive, reconcile and respect those who offend us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

1. We pray for those who are dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

the people at Semaphore and Hindmarsh, the staff and students of Sacred Heart College, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, and the Franciscan Sisters of the Heart of Jesus, that they may radiate the love of Christ to others.

Lord, hear us.

5 We pray that the love of the Heart of Jesus will win peace for all

those nations torn apart by war, terrorism and violence, especially in the Holy Land, where the Heart of Jesus first beat with life and love.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Lord our God, you have made the Heart of your Son

 the fountain of holiness, mercy and peace. May we always rejoice in his love, he who lives and reigns forever and ever.

#### **The Universal Prayer**

#### **Saturday 28th June 2025**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary**

**Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time.**

(Intercessions based on the Readings for the Optional Memorial)

Celebrant: Dear friends, today we honour the heart of Mary

 which was so close to the Heart of Jesus,

 a sign of how all disciples of the Lord should live.

1. That as Mary stored in her heart the mysteries of Jesus, her Son,

so we too may store in our hearts the treasures of his word.

Lord, hear us.

1. That every Christian may have that integrity of heart

by which all their actions are just and their loving is merciful.

Lord, hear us.

1. That cardiac surgeons and physicians and the nurses who assist them,

who bring their great skills to the service of the sick,

may be blessed in their work.

Lord, hear us.

1. That psychiatrists and psychologists, chaplains, counselors and social workers, who work with people whose hearts are emotionally damaged, may care for them with sensitivity and patience.

Lord, hear us.

1. That the staff and students of Immaculate Heart of Mary School

at Brompton may be encouraged by the example of Mary’s love.

Lord, hear us.

1. That Archbishop Andrew Killian, former Archbishop of Adelaide, who died on this day in 1939, may rejoice in eternal joy and glory.

Lord, hear us.

Celebrant: Father and King, with Mary we pray that our hearts will always rejoice in you for you has blessed our world with love through which we grow in hope.

 Through Christ our Lord.