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St Jude

Patron Saint of
Hopeless Causes

Feast Day — 28 October

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Service and Christianity

Welcome readers to the October/November issue of Knight Life. Winter hibernation seems done with and spring and a more creative time beckons.

I have spent the last month visiting family in London so I feel a little removed from things at the moment. However, I have done my best to keep in touch electronically whilst enjoying the unusually warm weather in the southeast of England. The raincoat and umbrella only saw the light of day once, which is quite unusual. So, a report on the Order in South Australia.

I was sorry to miss the Brighton|Marion|Hallett Cove|Glenelg Branch's Annual Dinner, again. The State Council meeting also seemed to manage without me as did the Para Region Branch September meeting. On that note, this year's State Council meetings have been enlivened by inviting Branches to send representatives to these meetings in order to both inform and contribute. Efforts to reach out to country Branches is, I hope, still a work in progress.

Members will note that this year's State Conference/AGM is being held on 14 November at John Martin House. It is worth noting that this will be the 102nd Annual State Conference and 33rd AGM since our founding in 1922. The Conference guest speaker is expected to be the CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society, Clinton Jury, who will speak on the work of Vinnies with whom we as an Order have a great affinity. I would encourage members to attend this event which presents a good opportunity to make your voice heard. Before that, it is still not too late to nominate for a position on next year's State Council!

This year there are two changes to the KSC(SA) Constitution being proposed. These are stated in full with the notice of the AGM elsewhere in this issue of KnightLife. The first proposes a change in the Objects of the Order which mirrors the recent change to the Objects at National level. This change was formally approved, as required by the KSCA Constitution, by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. There were further suggestions by the ACBC at National level which will need to be addressed by State Orders and will involve updating and formalising our relationship with the Church. More of that later in the year. The second proposed change to the State Constitution addresses the issues of Membership Fee Concessions and is merely an updating of wording to reflect today's normal practices and therefore avoid any confusion.

On a closing note, I am a bit concerned about the paucity of Branch Reports being submitted to KnightLife. Brothers, this is your publication and without your contributions it **is diminished**.

Until next time, and with God's blessings, stay safe and enjoy the warmer weather.. ■



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as a Word document or as part of an email. Please send photos as individual files, not embedded in the word file or PDF.



KSC (SA) Inc.
Our Mission

Witnessing to Jesus Christ
by advocating Christian
values and beliefs
throughout Australia,
and leading the laity
in a spirit of Service
inspired by the Gospel.

Notice is hereby given that the State Conference and AGM of the Knights of the Southern Cross (SA) Inc. will be held at John Martin House, 'The Pines' 336 Marion Rd, Plympton on Saturday, Nov 14, 2026.

Commencing with Registration at 9.30am

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Cost of the conference registration will be \$10.00

All Members are welcome, and it is hoped all Branches will be fully represented.

- **Nominations for State Council** will close on 31/10/2026
- **Nominations for Life Membership** and **Bill Keene Awards** will need to be submitted by 16/10/2026

Reports from Branches need to be submitted to Bro Andy Tamassy at State Office by the end of October so that Conference papers can be finalised.

Bro Andy Tamassy — State Secretary

Proposed Changes to Constitution of KSC(SA)

1 Change of Objects in line with KSC(A)

Current: The Objects of the Order are:

- To promote the Advancement of Australia.
- To foster the Christian Way of Life throughout the Nation.
- To promote the Welfare of its members and their families.
- To encourage Spiritual, Social and Intellectual Activities amongst its members.
- To conduct and support Educational, Charitable, Religious and Social Welfare Work.

Proposed: The Objects of the Order are:

- To conduct and support educational, charitable, religious and social welfare work.
- To foster the Christian way of life throughout the nation.
- To operate as a fraternal organisation with a Catholic ethos.
- To encourage spiritual, social and intellectual activities in our communities.
- To operate for the public benefit throughout Australia.

2 Section 30.4.2: Senior Membership Subscriptions — Update to Current Practice

Current

30.4.2 A Senior Member may, if in receipt of a full Aged or Department of Veteran Affairs Pension, on application in writing to State Council, have his annual subscription reduced by half without curtailment of the privileges and rights of ordinary membership.

Proposed

30.4.2 A Senior Member may, if in receipt of a part or full Aged or Department of Veteran Affairs Pension, on application in writing to State Council, have his annual subscription reduced to *Senior Membership Subscription* without curtailment of the privileges and rights of ordinary membership. ■

Brighton | Marion | Hallett Cove | Glenelg:

1st Wednesday — 7.00pm
Parish Activity Centre,
Strathmore Tce, Brighton

Clearview | Kilburn:

1st Tuesday — 7.00pm,
Parish Hall, Clearview

Dernancourt:

2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm
Parish Centre, 1 Avoca St, Dernancourt

Edwardstown | Plympton:

2nd Wednesday — 7.00pm
'The Pines' Club Rooms —
336 Marion Rd, North Plympton

Emmaus:

3rd Thursday — 7.00pm
Lisieux Space (Foyer),
St Therese's Church,
Colonel Light Gardens

Hectorville | Tranmere:

1st Wednesday — 7.00pm
Paradise Room,
35 Stoneybrook Drive, Paradise

Mt Barker | Strathalbyn:

3rd Tuesday — 7.00pm,
Our Lady of Mercy Church Foyer

Para Region: 1st Monday — 7.00pm

Family Centre, Salisbury Parish,
Carey St, Salisbury

Penola:

2nd Wednesday — 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Port Augusta:

3rd Thursday — 7.00pm,
Meeting Room, All Saints Church

Port Pirie | Crystal Brook:

2nd Tuesday — 7.00pm
Pt Pirie Diocesan Centre,
odd months
Crystal Brook Parish Centre,
even months

Prospect | North Adelaide:

3rd Wednesday — 7:00 pm,
Church Hall, Our Lady of the Rosary,
14 Barker Road, Prospect.

Southern Fleurieu:

3rd Wednesday — 3.00pm
St John the Apostle,
Gardiner St, Goolwa

St Mary MacKillop | Copper Coast:

3rd Thursday — 4.00pm
Star of the Sea, Function Area, Wallaroo

Tailem Bend | Murray Bridge:

3rd Sunday — 2.00pm, Church Hall,
Tailem Bend

Woodville | West Torrens:

1st Tuesday — 2.00pm
St Margaret Mary's Presbytery, Torrens Rd,
Croydon



KSC (SA) State Council Vacancies and Elections

We Need YOU for State Council ...

2026

Brothers, as the year progresses, we have come to that time where we are planning the immediate future of our South Australian organisation.

The AGM is in November and, as usual, we are calling on Members to consider being a part of the new State Council which will carry us forward.

For our organisation to run effectively we need new Members to volunteer their services to State Council. This can be a very worthwhile and rewarding commitment which helps to extend the Council's energy and expertise which your lived experience would bring to the Order. The commitment can be as flexible as suits your needs.

There is one meeting per month plus optional subcommittees.

Meetings can be attended in person or by ZOOM, thus distance should be no object. The timing of meeting is always adjustable to suit State Councillors' needs.

As a member of State Council you can be the agent of change that the Order needs to thrive in these rapidly changing and challenging times. Please consider taking up this challenge!

Please submit your nominations by 31 October 2026 to Bro Andy Tamassy, State Secretary.

At the end of this year, Bro Paul Hawkes will be standing aside as State Chairman having completed his maximum four-year term under the Constitution. Consequently, we are inviting nominations for a new State Chairman to commence in 2027. This position is normally held for two years with the ability to stand for a second, and final, term after that.

Please submit nominations for State Chairman to Bro Andy Tamassy, State Secretary by 30 August 2026. ■

‘Never see a need without doing something about it.’

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
— Patron Saint of the KSC

Feast Day — 8 August



Nomination Forms

Nomination for State Councillor

Name:

Address:

Branch:

☐ I am a financial member of the order and I accept the Nomination.

Signed:

Nominated by:

Signed:

No Member shall be eligible for election to State Council unless they have been a Member for at least 12 months.

Closing Date for State Council Nominations is 31 October 2026

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PO Box 681 PLYMPTON SA 5038
or email it to kscsa@kscsa.org.au**

☐ I wish to make a bequest to the KSCSA and my solicitor has written/amended my will accordingly.

☐ I would like to discuss what is involved in making a bequest.

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

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A photograph of a woman with long grey hair hugging an elderly woman with short white hair. The elderly woman is wearing a pink polka-dot shirt and is smiling broadly. They are in a room with large windows and other people in the background. An orange heart graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Dates to Remember ²⁰²⁶

OCTOBER

- 1 State Council Meeting
- 5 Labour Day **Public Holiday**
- 17 Nominations **Bill Keene Award** closes
- 24 Phantom Cup Dinner — Wallaroo Town Hall
Tickets 0429 011 049 or campor@internode.on.net
- 31 Nominations for State Councillor positions close.

NOVEMBER

- 5 State Council Meeting
- 14 KSC Annual Conference and AGM
9:30 am John Martin House, SCC Plympton
- 24 KL submissions due (Dec|Jan 2024 issue)

DECEMBER

- 6 Para Region Christmas Lunch – Salisbury North Football Club

Branch Reports

Para Region — Brother Paul Hawkes

Our August meeting was attended by seven brothers, but no brides. The main point of discussion revolved around setting our budget for the current financial year and determining which charitable organisations we would be able to support.

This task was helped by our latest foray into the **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle** world which netted us a tidy surplus despite the very inclement weather on that day in July. **Birthline** was added to the usual list of charities which includes **SVDP** (three Conferences, Women's Shelter, and Fred's Van) as well as the three **local Catholic Parishes**, three **local Catholic Colleges** and various other diocesan-wide charities and projects.

Errol Duke, who has for the last 19 years or so scribed our meetings for KnightLife has stepped back from this role on account of ill health. We all wish him the very best and thank him for his diligence in this role, which included a faithful reporting on the ups and downs of the Mighty Eagles! Your new scribe, picking up the pen again after the aforementioned nineteen years, and following a different code in a different country will refrain from mentioning Celtic Football Club. Well I've mentioned it just this once.

Our September meeting was again attended by seven members, not entirely the same ones as August. Dominating the meeting was planning for yet another stint at the **Bunnings Parafield** sausage sizzle. This is a lot of hard work but it is both enjoyable and very worthwhile for our charitable beneficiaries. This will be held on Saturday, 10 October, drop in and see us!

Finally, we have set a date for our annual Christmas lunch which will be held on Sunday, 6 December at the Salisbury North Football Club, 12:00pm. *All welcome.* ■

Knights' Prayer

O God, please bless
all fellow Members
of the Knights of the
Southern Cross and their families.

Bless all our activities
and inspire us at all times
to work for Your greater glory
and the salvation of all.

May the souls of the faithful departed
rest in peace. **Amen**

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22 November — Feast of
Christ the King

Welcome again to our report — short and hopefully informative.

Our August meeting had four members present with five apologies. September was postponed until October 1. This meeting will also be our AGM. Business in August focused on two main items; **Our Phantom Melbourne Cup Dinner being held on Saturday 31 October at Wallaroo Town Hall.** (Our Kadina Golf Club venue is undergoing major upgrades, and we hope to be back there in 2027.) Planning is progressing well and even though we will be short on members available for the day, we believe we can make it work. Unfortunately cost per ticket has needed to be increased. Tickets this year will be \$35.00 per person. If interested in attending, contact me —

Mobile – 0429 011 049 or campor@internode.on.net to hold tickets for you. (Payment can be made by bank transfer or on the night at the door.) Again, we are selling only 100 tickets.

The second item was the **Birthline Funding Appeal** which we saw as very relevant and decided to add it to our annual list of beneficiaries.

A suggestion was put forward that we begin monthly BBQs after 10:30 am Mass at Kadina for parishioners. To be discussed further.

Promotion continues with members constantly keeping alert for new parishioners attending Masses and approaching them. We were a little saddened when our possible new member decided not to commit to becoming a member for several relevant reasons. We accepted his decision.

Our bi-monthly barbecue at *Star of the Sea*, Wallaroo on August 7 saw Bro Fab, Laura and I attending to the clientele. The interaction continues to be positive for both the people we interact with and ourselves. Our next barbecue is on October 6 and I offered to supply lamb chops as a variation to sausages and patties. Several of the participants try to add their contributions at times for variation.

Parish Events

Fr Steve's commitments continue to serve those in our parish and community. So, helping when occasions arise for me is one way of helping him accomplish what needs doing. He is always thankful for whatever is done for the parish and his benefit. Upcoming Sunday, October 4, St Francis of Assisi Feast Day, is being celebrated with Mass, a short pilgrimage walk from our *St Francis of Assisi Church*, through the township, finishing at the *Royal Hotel* for lunch.

Last report, I mentioned our two young gentlemen coordinating a **Pilgrimage Day**. They gave me permission to name them and include a photo or two of the event. Talon and Everett are committed to everything they involve themselves in. (They have brought the average age of parishioners down a little.)



Top: Everett and Talan with Fr Steve Ardill.

Above: The Group of supporters gathering after prayers, prior to the pilgrimage.

Our meetings on the third Thursday of each month at *Star of the Sea Function Area*, Wallaroo, beginning at 4.00pm appear to be working well.

A thought for the coming weeks – *No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.* (from an old Florentina calendar, published by Createl.)

Finally, as a challenge over coming weeks,

*Every day, go out of your way
to do something kind for someone.*

Barbara Johnson — *I Don't Suffer from Insanity*

And remember the following to keep yourselves positive —

*Small things done with great love
will change the world.'*

Mother Teresa — *From an old Florentina calendar,
published by Createl*

Until next time ... ■



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Once again, this year has been very busy with all sorts of events both in the Brighton Parish and our Branch activities. Our monthly meetings were well attended, with an average attendance of around fifteen members. When we had guest speakers, about twenty members and their wives attended, along with parishioners.

Formation Program

This consisted of Gospel readings and reflections, led by Bro Peter Kay, who prepared them with much zeal and interest from the 3rd Sunday's readings. All present then discussed them at length, with many interesting comments and reflections. The testing of our discipleship and fidelity to the Church and to God. Bro Gary raised the importance of saying the prayers like the Lord's Prayer with meaning.

Projects and Activities

Stations of the Cross:

Once again, this was held at the Monastery Sacred Gardens on Thursday, 10 April at 10:00 am. Fr Leon Czechowicz (State Chaplain), assisted by Bro Gary Amott, Graham Workman and Peter Kay, led the procession of eighteen Members and their wives through the reflective passion liturgy.

Guest Speakers

Bro Gary Amott introduced guest speaker *Mrs Sandra Donleavy* from **Birthingline**. Twenty-four Bros and guests were enlightened by Sandra's presentation on Birthingline and its activities. Counselling for women, abortion procedures, and how volunteers provide phone care and future needs for women. Bro Peter Kay passed on a vote of thanks and presented a gift.

At the Annual Dinner, Bro Gary introduced our guest speaker *Deacon Tim Grauel* from the Brighton parish who gave a very interesting and heartfelt life journey story, with slides and most interesting commentary, that was very well received by all.

Wine tasting Fundraiser:

Our thanks go to Bro Gary Amott for organising the wine tasting through *Elspeth Love*, sales consultant from Wine Direct, and for fundraising during July. He and Bro Lou Flint presented the wines for the night, starting with whites and finishing off with some excellent reds and a port.



Treasurer's Report — Fundraising:

Bro Ian Fleetwood. Current bank balance \$12,024. Income from: BBQs; Branch Dinner: Bottles; Expenses: BBQs supplies; Stationery/Printing.

Donations: Birthline \$250; Catherine House \$1000; Mary Potter \$300; Hutt Street \$500, Vinnies (5 @ \$350) \$1,750 (for Christmas Hampers).

The 45 Club Raffle:

This is a key source of income, and this has enabled the following donations to be made to: Head Office Sustainability Fund, Catherine House, Mary Potter and Hutt St. Also, to the local St Vincent de Paul Conferences at Brighton, Hallett Cove, Glenelg, Seacombe Gardens and St Mary's, towards their Christmas Hampers.

45 Club — Winners in Game No:89:

Peter Barrett	Bob Byrth	Pat Murphy
Peter Barrett	Carlene Hodby	Jeanette Roach
Declan Donleavy	Michael Anderson	Bob Byrth;

Wk 10: 1st.....Andy Tamassy
2nd.....Mike Boyle

Game 90: Week 1.....Peter Barrett,
Week 2.....Pat Hodgson

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Above: Guest speaker — Sandra Dunleavy from Birthingline

Below: Winetasting — Bros Peter Kay, Gary Amott and Lou Flint presented a good range of wines from Wine Direct.



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Fundraising Bunnings BBQ

We have had two occasions to run a BBQ at Marion Bunnings with Bro Ian Fleetwood being the captain who organised all of the food and beverages for the occasions. A great time was had by all involved and thanks to the support of the members, over \$2500 was raised to go towards the charities that we support. Bro Ian thanked his team for making our last Bunnings BBQ a great success. He reported that we were also really lucky with the weather.

Most of the time, we were flat out, with cash sales of \$880.75 and card sales of \$1,473.50. TOTAL SALES: \$2,354.25. Expenses were \$536.04, giving the branch a profit of \$1,818.21. I will give a full report to all members at the next meeting. The team of brothers led by Ian Fleetwood were Andy Tamassy, Ted Meeuwssen, Gerry O'Shea, Peter Murphy, Declan Donleavy, Pat Hodgson, Bob Baker and Peter Kay.

AGM Elections:

Our AGM meeting will be on the 7 October with an election of a new Executive. As I have finished my term of office as Branch Chairman, we need other members to nominate for this important executive role that runs projects and activities to meet the aims and objectives of the Order.

Members Welfare:

On This Knight:

Lou Flint.....	30 yrs
Gary Amott.....	53 yrs
Pat Hodgson.....	32 yrs
Peter Temby.....	28 yrs
Graham Workman.....	11 yrs
Andy Tamassy.....	42 yrs and
Leighton Crabb.....	41 yrs

Bro Tony Schar and Bro Pat Hodgson raised three members they had visited, and other members had made other visits. There was much discussion about how we can catch up with fellow members. Bro Andy raised a discussion on men and loneliness and how we could help out, in addition to the Men's fellowship. The RU-OK day was in September. Much discussion followed on the good part of the Tuesday and Friday Men's Shed Fellowship.

Membership:

We are planning our coming membership drive for October and November across the four parishes and six churches, with church bulletin notices and brochures after Mass. Bro peter and Andy discussed options like, having morning tea after mass, or having a BBQ or inviting the men of the parish to come and meet the members and talk about what their needs are. This would be in addition to having the usual bulletin notices and talk after mass with brochures etc.



Annual Dinner

Above: Dinner guests

Centre: Bro Ian issuing Gift Certificates to Vinnies Presidents

Below: Guest speaker — Deacon Tim Greual presenting his life story



Annual Dinner:

Another successful Annual Dinner was held at the Highway Inn Hotel on Wednesday, Sept 9, and the 62 people present enjoyed the great camaraderie of the evening, a fine meal, the guest speaker and the hospitality of the Highway Inn staff. Bro Peter Kay organised the Dinner, with help from his wife Anne, who was acknowledged on the night. A big "Thank You" to both of you for an excellent night. Invited guests were Mons Ian Dempsey, Parish Priest at St Joseph's Brighton, and Fr. John Stewart James from Glenelg, and Deacon Tim Grauel. Bro Ian Fleetwood presented gift certificates to the following organisations: Birthline; Catherine House; Mary Potter; Hutt Street, Vinnies (for Christmas Hampers). Our guest speaker this year was Deacon Tim Grauel, who presented his life journey.

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Conclusion

Finally, as Branch Chairman, I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the support I have received over the past three years from Bros Peter Kay as Deputy Chairman, Ian Fleetwood for taking on the Secretary's and Treasurer's role and Bro Tony Schar for his constant support and behind-the-scenes work. The Councillors: Bro Jeff Papps for his Minute-taking, Graham Workman (past Secretary), Gary Amott and Bob Byrth. Also, the Branch Members who made the Branch function in the past year, for achieving our many goals, as it's with their support and effort that the branch exists and survives. ■

‘ Love is not a sentiment or feeling. Love is actively willing the good of the other. ’

Bishop Robert Barron

It is with pleasure that I submit this Chairman's Report on the activities of this Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross, for 2025–2026

It was a year when we cut back on fundraising due to the doubling up with Vinnies at Christmas time and lack of support from the Goolwa community towards our Melbourne Cup Lunch which was transferred to Victor Harbor. Our fundraising activities were confined to our 45 Club , Monthly BBQs and the Mothers Day and Fathers Day raffles, all of which were very successful.

To those who held official positions such as Br John Dunthorne, Minutes Secretary and Bro Des Wallace for filling in when John was unable to attend, our great thanks to you both. To Bro Peter Sullivan our Treasurer who always had up to date financial figures at each meeting. Thank you. To Bro Tony Sicilano, our chef at the monthly BBQs and to his helpers Bros Mike, Robert, Charlie and John, Thank you.

Our Mothers Day and Fathers Day raffles were both a great success. At Goolwa, Bro John did a wonderful job selling our tickets. Whilst at Victor Harbor, Bro Des also did a great job in sales with some help from parishioners Ellen and Steve. Our sincere thanks go to Pat Clingan and the Victor Harbor Social group for their generous donation of \$1,000 to our Branch.

Finally, I would like to thank all Members for their attendance at meetings. It is with sorrow that we lost Br Joe Ryan from the Order due to his transfer back to Adelaide. And others who have retired due to ill health.

Sometimes our meetings strayed a little as we heard of different member's life experiences but I believe all this added to the enjoyment we shared at the meetings

Finally our thanks to Bro Tony for organising the wine after the meetings. ■



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October

3	Clem J McSKIMMING.....	1994
	Raymond R MATTHEW.....	2003
	Rodney C CANNING.....	2013
4	Paul D O'BRIEN.....	1995
	Antony P LEES.....	2017
	Ralph T WELLS.....	1971
5	Joe PUTMAN.....	2011
	William T LIDDLE.....	2019
	John Joseph DUNN.....	1964
6	Deacon John O'KEEFE.....	2004
	Harold GR (Bob) CONNOLLY.....	2024
	Lawrence FITZGERALD.....	1985
7	Leo H MORONEY.....	2007
	John MORONEY.....	1938
8	George E FAULKNER.....	1999
	Neville ROACH.....	2017
9	John D O'CALLAGHAN.....	2011
	Thomas ROCHE.....	1934
10	Arnold J DRURY.....	1995
	Desmond K BOWLER.....	1999
	Francis (Frank) L THOMAS.....	2016
11	James J HEHIR.....	1995
	Robert J BAKER.....	2000
	C Brien LILLECRAPP.....	2003
	Paul NOONAN.....	2013
	William D DUNLEVIE.....	1960
12	John M FARMILLO.....	1999
	Denis W MURPHY.....	2007
13	John F ROCHE.....	1996
	Fr Patrick Peter KELLY.....	1989
	John J RYAN.....	1987
15	Kevin CUNNINGHAM.....	1998
	T (Terry) MALONE.....	1970
16	Francis J WALLACE.....	2004
	Philip S LAMOND.....	1992
18	John F WATSON.....	2012
19	Peter F BURNS.....	1997
	F J (Frank) SIEBERT.....	1952
20	Reginald P RAWADY.....	2015
	Peter S TRZCINSKI.....	2010
21	John C NOVAK.....	2003
	Peter J HENDERSON.....	2019
	Anton (Tony) SEXTON.....	2021
	Arnold MUNDAY.....	1982
22	Harry ANDRIESSEN.....	1993
	John T BREWER.....	2004
	Michael J CAREY.....	2021
	Brian T McENTEE.....	2009
	Brian TAYLOR.....	2010
23	Brendan F DOHERTY.....	2018
	Peter O'NEILL.....	2022
24	Laurence G ROSENFELDT.....	2003
26	J Wykeham G BAYLEY.....	
28	Andrew B DEMPSEY.....	2008
31	Laurence S HYLAND.....	2023

November

1	Anthony Joseph (Tony) RYAN.....	2011
	John V HOWARD.....	1986
2	J (Jim) CONROY.....	2008
	Aleksander CMIELEWSKI.....	2014
3	Phillip A SULLIVAN.....	1996
	Clair TRAVERS.....	1999
	Leslie (Les) J BROWN.....	2013
	Marian J CHMIELEWSKI.....	2016
4	Ian J WALLACE.....	2017
	John M QUIRKE.....	2013
5	James (Barry) COLLINS.....	2023
7	Peter A BRIEN.....	1992
9	Bryan JESS.....	1997
10	Frank E SMITH.....	1986
11	John J ROUSE.....	
	G Russell HANCOCK.....	2006
	David WARK OAM.....	2019
13	Joel H WEST.....	2010
	Wilhelm (Bill) H BECKER.....	2014
15	Kerin T O'BRIEN.....	2013
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22	John K FAHEY.....	2004
23	Brian T RAWADY.....	2000
	Hugh McCALL.....	2000
	Terence O'CONNELL.....	2005
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THE OBJECTS OF THE ORDER

- **To promote** the advancement of Australia.
- **To foster** the Christian Way of Life throughout the Nation.
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- **To encourage** Spiritual, Social and Intellectual Activities amongst its Members.
- **To conduct and support** Educational, Charitable, Religious and Social Welfare Work.

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Lectio Divina for October meetings

Gospel Reading Sunday, 27 September, 2026 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 21: 28 – 32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, *what is your opinion?*

A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, *my boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.* He answered, *I will not go*, but afterwards thought better of it and went.

The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, *certainly, Sir*, but did not go.

Which of the two did the father's will?

The first, they said.

Jesus said to them, *I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refuse to think better of it and believe in him.*

Reflection on Matthew 21: 28 – 32

Friends, today's Gospel is the parable of the two sons, a story about obedience to God. To live the good life is not finally a matter of autonomy but of obeying commandments.

The obedience that Jesus desires is a surrender to the one who wants what is best for the surrenderer. The entire to-be of the Son is a listening to the command of the Father, and the creature, consequently, is meant to be nothing but a listening to the command of the Son.

This is why Jesus says in the Gospel of John,
*You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
I do not call you servants any longer ...
I have called you friends.*

What was lost in the garden of Eden was friendship with God, symbolised by the easy fellowship enjoyed by Adam and Yahweh.

The whole of the biblical revelation — culminating in Jesus — could be construed as the story of God's attempt to restore friendship with the human race. In the Last Supper discourse, we hear the conditions for this restoration: coinherence with God, which is tantamount to an insertion into the coinherence that God is.

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Lectio Divina for November meetings

Gospel Reading Sunday, 25 October, 2026 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Matthew 22: 34 – 40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question,

Master which is the greatest commandment of the Law?

Jesus said,

*You must love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.*

*This is the greatest and the first commandment.
The second resembles it:*

*you must love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments
hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.*

Reflection on Matthew 22: 34 – 40

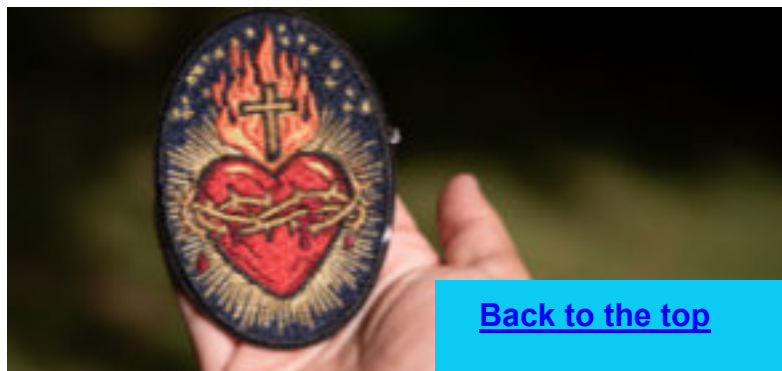
Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus says that the whole law depends on love of God and love of neighbour. I want to reflect on the love of neighbour.

For many, to love is equivalent to being a nice guy, or in Flannery O'Connor's formulation, **having a heart of gold**. Now, there is nothing in the world wrong with being a nice guy or having a heart of gold, but you can easily achieve both of those states and not have love. For love is not really about fitting in and being friendly; it is **willing the good of the other as other**.

It is wanting what is best for another person and then doing something about it. And this means that real love can be as tough as nails or as disagreeable as a slap in the face — indeed, in Dostoevsky's phrase, something **harsh and dreadful**.

Compelling an addict to get help or questioning a dysfunctional style of life both involve the willing of the good of the other — and neither will cause people to characterise you as a nice guy. This is why the God who is love is not a kindly Santa Claus who magically makes troubles disappear.

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