



ALL SOULS' PARISH NEWS

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A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS LONGSTANDING AND NEW

SUNDAY 2nd August

10th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: 17:1-7, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

SUNDAY 9th August

11th Sunday after Pentecost

1st Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalm: 105:1-6, 16-22

2nd Reading: Romans 10:4-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36

COMMISSIONING OF REV'D DR AKILAN AROKIASAMY

All Souls' church was filled with Rev'd Dr Akilan Arokiasamy's family and friends together with Parishioners to witness and celebrate his Commissioning as Priest of All Souls' Parish, St Peters. The ceremony included presentations of a Bible and Prayer Book together with instruments for his ministry in the Parish.

Prayers for Akilan and his family, the Parish and Parishioners were complemented by the joyful singing of hymns of praise and thanksgiving accompanied by the organ and brass ensemble. Speeches from church and community leaders offered words of welcome and support for Akilan's ministry.



Rev'd Akilan and Archbishop Brad Billings



All Souls' Church filled with friends, family and community



We welcome our new Parish family

Following the formal ceremony, Coles Hall was once again the venue for celebration and fellowship. Tea and coffee warmed many on a chilly winter's night while others enjoyed a glass of something stronger to celebrate. As usual, the sharing of food and drink encouraged everyone to stay and chat with old and new friends.

As was noted during the welcoming speeches, the average age of the congregation has now been reduced considerably with the arrival of Akilan, Maria and their delightful children 3-year-old daughter Aadhini and not-quite-two-year-old son Aalayan. This was made more obvious as the evening drew on and Aadhini showed no sign of waning energy while the more senior guests began to fade and retired for the night.

We look forward to a new era for All Souls' Parish and congregation.

(Many thanks to Pauline Mosel, a good friend of All Souls, for the beautiful photographs of Thursday night's occasion.)

A MESSAGE FROM AKILAN

Dear All Souls' Parish Family,

With hearts full of gratitude, Maria, Aadhini, Aalayan, and I sincerely thank each one of you for the overwhelming love, warmth, and hospitality you extended to us at my Commissioning Service. Your presence, prayers, and joyful participation made the celebration a profound experience of God's grace.

Throughout the liturgy, we felt the gentle yet powerful moving of the Holy Spirit, drawing us together in worship and filling our hearts with peace, hope, and joy. It truly seemed as though the angels, the saints, and the holy souls joined us in praising God, reminding us that the Church is a communion embracing both heaven and earth.

We were also deeply touched by the beautiful collegiality and unity witnessed among our Archbishop, the clergy, and the reverend laity. Their prayerful presence, mutual support, and shared commitment to Christ's mission were a powerful testimony to the unity of the Body of Christ and an inspiration to us all.

Looking back, we see the loving hand of God's providence guiding every step of our journey. In His perfect time, He reveals His plans with wisdom and love, inviting us to trust Him more deeply each day.

Thank you for every prayer, every word of encouragement, every act of kindness, and every expression of welcome. Your love has strengthened our family and affirmed our calling to serve among you.

Maria, Aadhini, Aalayan, and I look forward to walking with you in faith, growing together in Christ, serving one another with joy, and proclaiming the Gospel with hope.

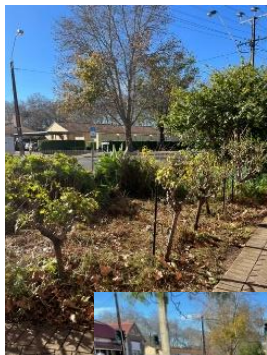
May Almighty God bless you abundantly. May Our Lady, the holy angels, all the saints, and the holy souls continue to intercede for our beloved parish family.

With gratitude and prayers,

Rev. Dr. Anthuvan Akilan Xavier Arokiasamy

on behalf of Maria, Aadhini, and Aalayan

GARDEN AND CHURCH WORKING BEE



A well-attended garden and church working bee produced multiple trailers-full of weeds and trimmings that were taken to the dump. The roses are now pruned and ready for their first spring blossoming and the Sunday School tiles have re-appeared from beneath the overgrowth along the pathway in the back garden.



Polishing, dusting and tidying inside the church ensured a welcoming atmosphere for the expected visitors.

Stopping for a cuppa and a chat with friends is always part of the enjoyment of working together to achieve a satisfying result.



Regular care and maintenance of the church gardens presents an opportunity for anyone who enjoys gardening to provide a valuable service while sharing time with like-minded enthusiasts. Perhaps some local residents might be interested as well. Spread the word and let's get a **Garden Group** going.

FAREWELL TO REV'D IAN JANSSE



Pauline spoke on behalf of the Parish when she thanked Ian for his contribution to the All Souls' community, following his final service on 19th July. He has challenged our conventional understanding of the readings and offered opportunities for us to examine our Christian journey with fresh eyes.



At morning tea following the 9.30am service, Ian was presented with a gift from the Parish and our best wishes for the future.

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST RESUMES

Midweek Eucharist will resume at 10am on Wednesday 5th August. This popular short service encourages participation and reflection in the comforting surroundings of the Memorial Chapel.

A NEW STORAGE FACILITY

The new shed has been installed at the side of the church. A date will be set sometime soon to review the items in Coles Hall, and the old shed, and move them into the new facility. As we all know, "many hands make light work" so please offer to help when a time is notified for this project.



Pray for: Jill, Julie, Carol, Judith and Caroline, Malcolm and Mary, Mark, Alison, Fiona, Cathy, Vernon, William, Sienna, Gabby, Deborah, Lionel, John, Ian, Claudia

OUR PARISH HERITAGE



 The white altar frontal and pulpit hanging were used on Thursday night for what was certainly a time of celebration. Parish records show that the embroidered cloths date from 1916. Here they are in case you didn't have an opportunity to look closely. They will be used again at Christmas.



 This amazing photograph of images of the All Souls' Morris windows projected onto Carrick Hill House was taken during the recent illuminated

display of William Morris-inspired images. The show concluded on Sunday 26th July so unfortunately we can no longer view the exhibition.

 Tours of our Morris windows are still in demand. A request was recently received from a couple who are visiting Adelaide from Oxfordshire in England where they live near William Morris's summer residence.



Photo thanks to "Play & Go Adelaide"

Next Tour: 9am Tuesday 18th August Come and join us.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday	4th August 9.30am	Archbishop's Certificate Module 3 begins
Wednesday	5th August 10am	Mid-week Eucharist
Sunday	30th August 2pm	Sunday Music at St Oswalds (see below)

**ARCHBISHOP'S
CERTIFICATE**
A course for everyone who wants to grow in discipleship



**Understanding Pastoral Care
starts 4 August
Enrolments are now open**

Understanding Pastoral Care:
a tender care that transforms lives
led by Rev'd Dr Gethzi Devasagayam,
Tuesdays, 9.30am - 11am, 4, 11, 18 & 25 August
at St Luke's Church, Whitmore Square

This module introduces pastoral care as essential for the holistic wellbeing of a person. It aims to prepare participants for providing a caring presence with competence and confidence; covers basic biblical principles of pastoral care; pays attention to skills pertinent to attentive listening and various possible pastoral responses.

Participants will learn about the practice of pastoral care in differing contexts and cultures through the analysis of biblical and other texts and resources. Discussions based

on case studies and role plays will aid this understanding. The module will prepare participants for the complexity of encountering difficult spiritual questions in the face of bitter experiences like trauma, death and bereavement.

For more information, contact Ms Caralyn Lammas, Coordinator of Education Programs, St Barnabas College educationprograms@sbcc.edu.au 83059309

NEW SHORT COURSE FROM ST BARNABAS COLLEGE

Enrolments are also open for a new short course from St Barnabas College on five Wednesday evenings during October and November at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Walkerville.

Understanding and Connecting with Rainbow People and Communities is a short course about LGBTIQ+ people and communities in church and society: how we can connect to be genuinely inclusive, share wholeness of life in Christ, and recognise God's gifts in each other.

This course is open to all lay people, clergy and chaplains in parishes and other ministries. It will enable participants to develop a deeper and broader understanding of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Asexual/Aromantic people and communities and the intersectionality with other diverse ways of being human. People completing the course will be equipped to offer Christian ministry with rainbow people and communities positively and effectively.

For more information refer to the following link:

[Reminder: Understanding and Connecting with Rainbow People and Communities](#) or contact:

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SUNDAY BEST @ ST OSWALDS

The above link will open a flier from St Oswald's Church, St Anns Place, Parkside. They will be presenting monthly chamber music concerts beginning **Sunday 30th August at 2pm**.

The first concert performed by Justin Julian on viola and Jamie Cock on Piano will include *Lachrymae* by Britten, *Viola Sonata Op 147* by Shostakovich, *In manus tuas* by Caroline Shaw and *Morpheus* by Rebecca Clarke.

Tickets are \$25 adult; \$20 Concession; \$15 Child/Full-Time Student with \$20 for post-concert wine and cheese.

Enquiries: office@stoswaldparkside.org.au

DONATIONS TO ALL SOULS' CONSERVATION APPEAL

Cheques can be made out to the National Trust of South Australia, PO Box 290, North Adelaide SA 5006 with the donation form. These forms can be found at the entrance to the church.

Accompanying paperwork **must include the name** of the appeal – "*All Souls St Peters Appeal*".

EFT payments can be made to:

National Trust of South Australia

BSB: 105 900

Acc: 140 707 240

Reference: All Souls St Peters Appeal

HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE PARISH WEBSITE?

Open the Parish Website <https://www.allsoulsstpeters.org.au>
for Parish information, service times, weekly readings, newsletters (past and present), future activities and more

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