Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Archbishop Wilson and myself, I write to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse unfolds.

Our first thoughts go to those who are the victims and survivors of child sexual abuse. The terrible memories of abuse at the hands of priests and religious they trusted impact their lives forever, and through these weeks those memories will once again be re-lived.

There are no words sufficient to express our sorrow for the suffering those children experienced within our Church. We also recognise and feel deep sorrow for the ongoing suffering of parents, families, friends and partners of those who were abused.

To the extent that I can, I offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church to all those who suffered directly or indirectly as a result of abuse within the Church. As Pope Francis said recently, ‘it is a sin that shames us.’

I promise we will leave no stone unturned in our effort to make our Church in Adelaide safe for children, and to ensure that they will never be at risk of abuse in the future.

I know that this is also a difficult time for all of you in the Church who share the sorrow, outrage and shame of hurt to children. The evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be distressing and confronting. The Royal Commission’s statistics and analysis of the extent of abuse will be made public as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred.

Many of our Bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission to explain how the Church has sought to change the culture that allowed abuse to occur and to continue, and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children and vulnerable persons.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, ‘find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated.’ In the Archdiocese of Adelaide we have pursued these safeguarding goals with energy and vigour for the last 15 years, building on the procedures that were authorised by the Bishops and Religious Leaders in 1996. We are fully committed to the Holy Father’s call for Zero Tolerance on Child Sexual Abuse when he said: “Let us find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated.”

Throughout the coming weeks, I ask you to join with me in prayer as we turn to Jesus, who in his own life expressed such protective tenderness towards children. Let us pray that all children everywhere may experience that same protective respect and tenderness from us. This has been a terrible darkness, let us choose to be light for all, especially children and all who are vulnerable.

With fraternal greetings in Christ who is our light,

Rev Fr Phillip Marshall

Vicar General

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Psalm Response:
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

TODAY’S GOSPEL: Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FEASTS FOR THE WEEK:

Tuesday, 14th Feb: St Cyril & St Methodius
READINGS for 18th/19th February
7th Sunday - Year A
Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13
1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

DEANERY FORUM
The first Deanery Forum for 2017 will be held TODAY, Sunday, Feb 12, at 2.00pm at Naracoorte. There’s a break for afternoon tea and the meeting usually finishes by about 4.15pm. With the Visit of Fr Philip Marshal VG & Teresa Lynch to speak on the Renewal and listen to our hopes and concerns for the Deanery, all parishioners are invited to the meeting. If you want transport, please contact the parish office. -- Fr Dean

SUNSET COMMUNITY KITCHEN is located in the Frew Park complex on Penola Rd diagonally opposite McDonalds. Takeaway meals are available on Monday evenings 6.00-6.30pm. A sit down meal is served on Wednesdays at 6.00pm. These meals are available to anyone who comes along and all are welcome. There is usually some fruit, veggies, buns & bread available to take away on the night. This is dependent on what local businesses have given to us to distribute on the day. Information is also available about other facilities, such as free showers, that are available in the city. All welcome.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN MOUNT GAMBIER

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR TEENAGERS
Do you have a teenager who has not completed the Sacraments of Initiation and would like to do so? Fr Michael and Michelle Coote from Tenison Woods College will prepare the young people so that they can receive First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion when the Archbishop comes later this year. Please contact Fr Michael Romeo on 8725 6566 or fr.michael.romeo@bigpond.com by Friday, 24 February 2017.

TENISON WOODS COLLEGE NEWS:
The Tenison Woods College Beginning of School Year whole school Mass will be held at 9.00am at Marist Park on Thursday, 16th Feb. Everyone welcome to attend. Please bring your own chair or rug to sit on.

Youth Retreat: Tenison Woods College is holding a youth retreat at Tarooki campsite, Robe in March. The weekend will include opportunities for prayer, reflection, journaling, music and outdoor activities and secondary aged students from the parish are welcome to attend. The retreat will begin on Friday 24 March at 2.00pm and return in time for Youth Mass at 5.00pm on Sunday 26 March. The cost is approximately $180 - $200 – (final costs can be given once numbers are confirmed). There is also an opportunity for parents to attend to join their son / daughter for a day or for the whole weekend. Please contact Michelle Coote at TWG for further details.

MOUNT GAMBIER PARISH ROSARY GROUP
The Rosary Making Group meet on Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. Please contact Adele Eramo on 87231654 for more information.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION
This weekend there is nothing special planned and then next weekend, 18th & 19th February we will have Liturgy of the Word at both Masses. On Thursday, 23rd February, we will have Family Session C at 4.30 pm OR 7.00 pm in the TWC Staffroom. On 25th & 26th February we will have a Liturgy of the Word at both Masses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:
Our Vinnies shop in Mt Gambier is seeking volunteers to help out in our back shed. A current driver’s licence is needed, and tasks to be undertaken include the delivery and pick up of furniture, preparing donated goods for sale, and supporting those that come to Vinnies for assistance. The hours of volunteering can be flexible. Contact Bob at the shop on 87249322 or call into the shop to discuss volunteering with Vinnies.

WEEKLY ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR FOR RENEWAL IN FAITH
You are invited to attend Weekly Adoration each Friday after the 12.05pm Mass and then especially the Holy Hour at 5.00pm, in St Paul’s Church. Our special intention is “for the renewal in faith of all the members of our parish community.” -- Fr Dean

BAPTISM
The next Baptism Preparation Evening will be held on Wednesday, 15th February, at 7.00pm in the Gathering Space of St Paul’s Church. Families will only be required to attend one Session when preparing for the Sacrament of Baptism for their children.

Bookings for Preparation Evenings are essential – Bookings to the Parish Office – Or for further information please call Parish Office, 8725 6566.

MEETINGS:
St Vincent de Paul Conference Mt Gambier, meets Mondays at 4.00pm at the Vinnies Centre, Crouch Street South, Mt Gambier. We are keen to share our work in Faith with any interested persons, and we ask you to attend our meetings or contact Jeanette on 0408 854 608.

SOUTHERN CROSS NEWSPAPER
February edition on sale on Bulletin Stands. Cost - $2.00 each. Please use envelopes provided and place on the collection plate.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday, 3rd March. This year’s theme country “Philippines.” More details later.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN MILLICENT

FAMILY MASS & MORNING TEA
There will be a Family Mass TODAY, Sunday, 12th Feb, followed by morning tea in the hall after Mass. People whose surnames begin with A, B, C or D please bring a plate of food to share. Thank you.

BEACHPORT CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
The 50th Anniversary of St Brigid’s Church, Beachport will be celebrated at the 10:00am Mass on Sunday April 30. The celebrations will continue with lunch at the Beachport Hotel, across the road. All parishioners and former parishioners are invited to the celebrations. We are particularly calling for any photos of the Church or parishioners that you may have. They can be dropped off at the parish office or given to Yvonne Sargent at Beachport. Further details still to come. Please put this date in your diaries and spread the word. -- Fr Dean

DEANERY FORUM:
The first Deanery Meeting for 2017 will be held in Naracoorte on Sunday, 12th Feb, beginning at 2.00pm. The main topic will be Renewal in the Archdiocese and in particular our hopes and concerns for the future in our S.E. deanery. This will be led by Fr. Philip Marshall and Teresa Lynch of the Renewal Task Force. All parishioners are invited to attend.

CALENDAR
- Sheoak Lodge - LWHC or Monthly Mass – 28th February at 1.00pm
- Millicent Catholic Finance Council Meeting – 28th February at 7.00pm
- Millicent PPC Meeting
- Meditation Group Wednesdays at 4.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room
- Baptism Preparation at the office Second Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm bookings are required please ring Parish Office on 87333530

Last Sunday’s Collection (Millicent, Robe & Beachport Combined)
Planned Giving: $651.00
Loose Coin: $421.00
First Collection: $359.90

FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:
The Grotto in Timor
The building of the grotto is complete. It is made of marble and we look forward to some photos of it soon. It is to be blessed by the Bishop of Baucau at 4pm on Sunday Feb. 19th. There will be a memorial commemorating the event and Fr. John Herd will sign on behalf of the Millicent Parish.

Welcome Ministry
It is important that people are welcomed to Mass. If you have a current police check and would be happy to go on the Welcome Ministry Roster, please see Jenny Lonergan.

Praying for our Priests
We must all remember to pray for our priests. Please take one of the prayer cards which are available near the church doors.

Fundraisers
We plan to have two fundraisers this year. A dinner in May in order to provide some heating for the church. Also a Parish Concert at St. Anthony’s School in October, to support the Sacramental Program

Roster for Saturday, 18th February, 6.00pm Mass

Commentator: Paul Ryan.
Readers: Gwenda Browne, Robyn Evans.
Eucharistic Minister: Elena Contin, Ro Abraham, Liz Smyth.
Altar Preparation: Liturgy Group
Altar Servers: None
Counting Team: Sean Smyth, Anna Mullan, and Mary Dawson.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
A Eucharistic Community of Missionary Disciples.
Through a personal encounter with Jesus may we become a caring community, nourished by the Eucharist, scripture and prayer and guided by the Holy Spirit, to reach out with love, to all.

ST ANTHONY’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS
Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Family Mass this weekend.
We remind you that next month, the Family Mass will be on the 5th March to avoid the long weekend.
A Parent Meeting will be held this Tuesday, 14th February, at 7.00pm in the Resource Centre at the school.
As our patron saint, St Anthony has a special place in our hearts here at the school. This very popular saint was born at Lisbon in Portugal into a wealthy family. He was baptised and named “Ferdinand.” His parents wanted him to be a great nobleman but when Anthony grew up he wanted to become a priest.

Why do you think that St Anthony is pictured here, standing on the book? I wonder....
Ali Noonan, Assistant Principal [Religious Identity & Mission]

MAKING CONNECTIONS:
This week, be honest and open in your dealings with all the people you encounter. Go further than the basic requirement of good manners.
### Parish Information

**Parish Priest:** Fr Dean Marin  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr Michael Romeo

### Mount Gambier Catholic Parish

**St Paul's Church, Penola Road, Mount Gambier**  
- **Saturday (Vigil Mass):** 6pm Mass  
- **Sunday:** 11am Mass  
  - 5pm Youth Mass (2nd and 4th Sundays)  

**Weekday Masses:** Please consult parish newsletter

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
- **Saturday:** 11.30am-12noon & 5.15pm-5.45pm  

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
- **Friday:** After 12.05pm Mass and concluding with Holy Hour and Benediction from 5pm-6pm

**St Augustine’s Church, Jeffries Street, Port MacDonnell**  
- **1st, Sunday:** 9am LWHC  
- **2nd, 3rd Sunday:** 9am Mass  
- **4th, 5th Sunday:** 9am LWHC

### Millicent Catholic Parish

**St Alphonsus’ Church, George Street, Millicent**  
- **1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday:** 9am Mass  
- **3rd Sunday:** 6pm Saturday (Vigil Mass)

**Weekday Masses:** Please consult parish newsletter

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
- **Tuesday:** 4.30pm-4.55pm  
- **3rd Saturday:** 5.15pm-5.45pm

**St Mary Star of the Sea Church, Hagen Street, Robe**  
- **1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Sunday:** 12noon Mass  
- **4th Sunday:** No Mass or LWHC

**St Brigid’s Church, Railway Terrace, Beachport**  
- **1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday:** 10am Mass  
- **2nd, 4th Sunday:** 10am LWHC

### Parish Office

**26 Penola Road**  
**PO Box 45, Mount Gambier, SA 5290**  
**Phone:** 08 8725 6566  
**Fax:** 08 8725 6409  
**Email:** mt.gambier.catholic1@bigpond.com  
**Web Address:** [www.mountgambiercatholic.org.au](http://www.mountgambiercatholic.org.au)

**Office Hours**  
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-3pm  
- Wednesday: 9am-12noon  
- Friday: 9am-5pm

**Secretary:** Pat Finnis  
**Pastoral Associate:** Carol Chislett  
**PPC Chair:** Aaron Izzard

**Parish Office**  
**George Street**  
**PO Box 49, Millicent SA 5280**  
**Phone:** 08 8733 3530  
**Fax:** 08 8733 1593  
**Email:** millparish@bigpond.com.au  
**Web Address:** [www.millicentparish.com](http://www.millicentparish.com)

**Office Hours**  
- Tuesday: 10am-4.30pm  
- Thursday: 10am-2pm

**Secretary:** Tania Millard  
**PPC Chair:** Liz Smyth

### Tenison Woods College

**Principal:** David Mezinec  
**Phone:** 8725 5455

### St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School

**Principal:** Amanda Parslow  
**Phone:** 8733 3479

### PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

(To have names included in the list of the sick, the person or their family must give consent. The list will commence anew on the first Sunday of the month)

**Sick:**  
- Bob McIVER; Janet WILLIAMS; Noel SPEER; Molly O’SULLIVAN; Jún ZAMORA; Michael BOON; Steven BOON; Maureen BOYLE; Fr Kevin HORSELL; Adrian SMITH; Timothy John HUGHES; Henry RIDDORCH; Frank SUTO; Zoe ULI; Mary MEHURST; Gwen ZED; Alan RAFTERY; Kim DEMPESEY-DOWLING; Cath MACKINTOSH; Denis KENNY; Sylvia JONES; Danny EDSON (Adelaide); Fred BRESOLIN; Trisha HEHIR; Joan TAYLOR (Reilly); Helen CLIFFORD.

**Recently Deceased:**  
- Lino SPADOTTO (Millicent); Antonietta DI LEO (Italy); Mick CONLIN; Noemi Maria FESTA; Peter JARNEVIC; Marie GERAGHTY; Fortunata BUETI; Jack GYSBERS (Millicent); Clare Elizabeth PREECE; Angelo GENTILE.

**Anniversaries:**  
- Bill JUDD; Eugenia BACA; Wladyslaw BACA; Gennaro DESIMINI; Concetta LETIZIA; Christopher AARDENBURG; Kathleen Martha LOGAN; Jim PREECE; Ron THOMPSON; John Allan STAFFORD; Liliana PUIATTI; Kathleen STEWART; Peter MULLAN; Geoffrey KELLY; Leo KELLY; Eileen BROOKS; Kath STEWART; Nora MONTESSANTO; Clem BROWNE; John KEANE; Brien MUNRO; Judith WITMITZ; Domenica ZEMA; Cathy WATTS; David COLANIRO.

**Memorials:**  
- Les DUNN; Michele & Caterina MUSTILLO.