

JUDE'S NEWS

17th December 2025

Attending to God

Please find attached to this email a new series provided by Michael Hillier – Attending to God. There will be hard copies available at the back of the church.

Holiday Office Hours

The office will be open normal hours until Wednesday 24th December. Then closed until Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Rev'd John Candy

Both services on Sunday 28 December will be led by Rev'd John Candy.

Help Keep Our Spaces Safe

As a reminder to everyone, please ensure all fire exits and fire extinguishers are kept clear at all times. Keeping these areas unobstructed is essential for safety and helps ensure a quick response in the event of an emergency.

Bishop Brad Billing's Installation date for your diary 10am 7th March 2026

Friends, please be advised that the Right Reverend Dr Bradly Billings will be installed as the 11th Bishop of Adelaide, our Archbishop, on Saturday, 7th March 2026 at 10 am at St Peter's Cathedral. Robing instructions, etc, to follow in the New Year. Thank you for your ongoing prayers for Bishop Brad and Karen Billings, as they conclude their ministries in Melbourne and prepare to join us.



Thank you Westfield Marion

I am delighted to share an update on the wonderful support St Jude's continues to receive from Westfield Marion. In 2023, thanks to your votes, St Jude's was named the 'Westfield Local Hero' and received a grant of \$20,000. This support is continuing, with a recent donation of \$1,800 from Westfield Marion. These funds help us expand our Christmas community programs and care initiatives. Thank you to all parishioners who voted in 2023—your efforts had a lasting impact. Our gratitude to Westfield Marion for their ongoing generosity and belief in our mission.

God bless, Paul

In the photo: Peter Cavallaro, Paul Miller and Lauren Thomas.

Volunteer of the Week - Roger Lante



This week we're thrilled to recognise Roger as our Volunteer of the Week for his IT expertise and problem-solving skills. Roger has recently helped upgrade our Wi-Fi service, making a huge difference to how smoothly things run across St Jude's. While most of his work happens quietly behind the scenes, the impact is felt by everyone. We are incredibly grateful for Roger's time, knowledge, and willingness to step in whenever technology needs a helping hand. Thank you, Roger, for keeping us connected!

Carols @ Westfield

Love to sing? We're calling on all voices to join Carols at Westfield Marion on Sunday 21 December, 12:30–2.00pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of Christmas through song, and everyone is welcome. A rehearsal will be held on Saturday 20 December at 10.00am — come along and be part of this festive celebration!





Image of the week

Congratulations Helena for her excellence award from Reynella East College.

Community Meal

It's wonderful to have the youth of St Jude's back serving at the Community Meal on Fridays. Their energy, kindness, and willingness to help bring so much life to the meal, and it's a joy to see them serving our community with such enthusiasm and heart.





December Community Meal Sponsor – Jane Fleming

Thank you to Jane Fleming – Liberal Candidate for Gibson, who has kindly donated \$1000 to sponsor the St Jude's community meal for the month of December. Jane also attends the community meal occasionally to serve and/or visit with diners.



Community Meal Christmas Day

If you're spending Christmas Day on your own this year or feeling the pinch financially, we warmly invite you to join us for a delicious Christmas Lunch at St Jude's Brighton. Bookings are essential, so please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer or see Lisa in the office. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated if you're able.



Prayer of the week

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you: come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end and your children may live in peace, honouring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer List:

Christopher, Draginja (Holly), Emerson, Jane, Joy, Judy, Lange, Lesley, Lilly, Lola, Lyla, Marilia, Norma, Peter, Peter & Kath, Rachel, Sabrina, Sidney & Jackie, Sylvia, Victoria.

Prayer for peace in Australia

Loving and gracious God,

We mourn before you in the wake of acts of terror and hatred in our country.

We pray for the Jewish community in Australia:

for those who are grieving, for the injured, and for everyone who feels afraid. We pray for emergency workers, healthcare staff, survivors, and all who have been impacted by this senseless violence.

Comfort the broken-hearted, strengthen those who protect the vulnerable, and transform the hearts of ordinary Australians from fearful to overflowing with compassion.

Turn us all from any prejudice to love, and from any violent impulse to peace. Hasten that day when your justice and peace will flow like an ocean throughout the world. This week, help us carry your light into every dark corner of our community.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.