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St Thomas the Apostle Holy Mass and Celebration

On the 1st July 2022 at 7pm, Father Dean Marin, Deacon Remo Patroni along with six concelebrating priests, celebrated the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle Holy Mass for the Adelaide Archdiocese and the Indian Catholic Community of Adelaide.

Since Christians in India form a very small minority, their faith and their rights being recognized in India and worldwide is extremely important. In 2021, the Feast of St Thomas (3rd July) was named as 'Indian Christian Day'. The feast of St Thomas the Apostle is a significant event as it commemorates the arrival of the Christian faith in India, more than 2000 years ago.

Of equal importance to Indian Christians, the Pope recently canonised the first layman Saint for India. On the 5th June the Indian Community both in India and abroad were united in joy at the canonisation St Deva Sahayam; an 18th century Indian layman who converted to Catholicism from Hinduism, and who was killed in 1752 for refusing to refute his faith despite being brutally tortured. St Deva Sahayam comes from the southernmost tip of India, Kotta Diocese, also homeland to a few of our missionary priests serving in Adelaide.

This St Thomas Holy Mass saw all language groups of the Indian community work in unity to celebrate a beautiful Holy Mass where all communities participated and worshiped as one. Prayers, readings and hymns were heard in more than five different languages including the Eastern Rite Churches of Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankara (Malayalam), as well as Latin Rite Churches (Konkani, Marathi, Tamil, Bengali, Hindi, Punjabi language groups).

[Click here for the full story & more photos](#)

Lithuanian Celebration

The Lithuanian Community celebrated Mindaugas' day - Lithuanian Statehood Day - on the 6th of July. Mindaugas united all the lands of Lithuania in the 1230s and agreed to receive baptism as a Roman Catholic, while trying to stop brutal colonization campaigns by the Teutonic Order under the pretext of forcibly Christianising. This annual celebration commemorates the day when the first King Mindaugas was crowned in 1253 with the support of Pope Innocent the IV. However, Mindaugas's baptism had little impact on the majority of the population, people were not required to convert. The Christianisation of Lithuania only started in 1387 and finished in 1413. Lithuania was the last country in Europe to adopt Christianity.

Each year Lithuanians dress in national costumes and have a celebration on the day with traditional songs and dances, and a meal.



Feast of St Alphonsa

The Syro Malabar St Alphonsa Parish Community celebrated The Feast of St Alphonsa on the 31th of July, 2022. This annual celebration, the namesake of their Parish Community, is an important event, celebrating the Holy life of Saint Alphonsa, a Kerala Nun, who was the first woman saint for the Indian Church.





Scalabrian Father's Canonisation



Pope Francis has cleared the way for the canonisation of Blessed Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, founder of the Scalabrinian missionaries, dispensing the requirement of a miracle attributed to his intercession, the Vatican announced. Father Tomaz Ruiz CS, Parish Priest of Seaton and Chaplain to the Spanish Speaking and Albanian Communities attributes this to be 'the MIRACLE!'

Proclaimed as the “father of migrants” by St. John Paul II in 1998, Blessed Scalabrini founded the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, commonly known as the Scalabrinian Fathers, and the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles in the late 19th century to minister to countless Europeans who migrated to North and South America. Since its founding, the Scalabrinians have continued their pastoral ministry “in 32 countries and on five continents,” the congregation’s website said. This includes South Africa, where they are actively helping migrants.

Pope Francis has announced
the Canonisation of...

Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini

on 9th October 2022

**THE BLESSED SCALABRIAN FATHER IS PROCLAIMED AS THE...
FATHER OF MIGRANTS (PATRON SAINT OF MIGRANTS)
AND FOUNDED THE MISSIONARIES OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO**

A CELEBRATION AT SEATON PARISH IS PENDING

EVENTS

Recent Events

31/07/2022 – Feast of St Alphonsa – Syro-Malabar Rite Community

6/7/2022 – Mindaugas – Lithuanian Community

21/8/2022 – Feast of St Stephen – Hungarian Community

Upcoming Events

10/9/2022 – Konkani Quartley Mass – Konkani Community

10/9/2022 – Ecumenical Prayer Day – African Community

11/09/2021 - Feast of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta - Albanian Community

11/09/2022 - Our Lady of Vailankanni - Tamil Catholic community

18/09/2021- Feast Day of Martyrs of Korea - Korean Community

25/9/2022 – MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

9/10/2021- Feast of St. Daniel Comboni - African Community

23/10/2021- Feast of Our Lady Queen of Victories - Maltese Communities

20/11/2021- Feast of St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, Martyrs- Vietnamese Community

Italian Festas are celebrated throughout the year in different parishes.



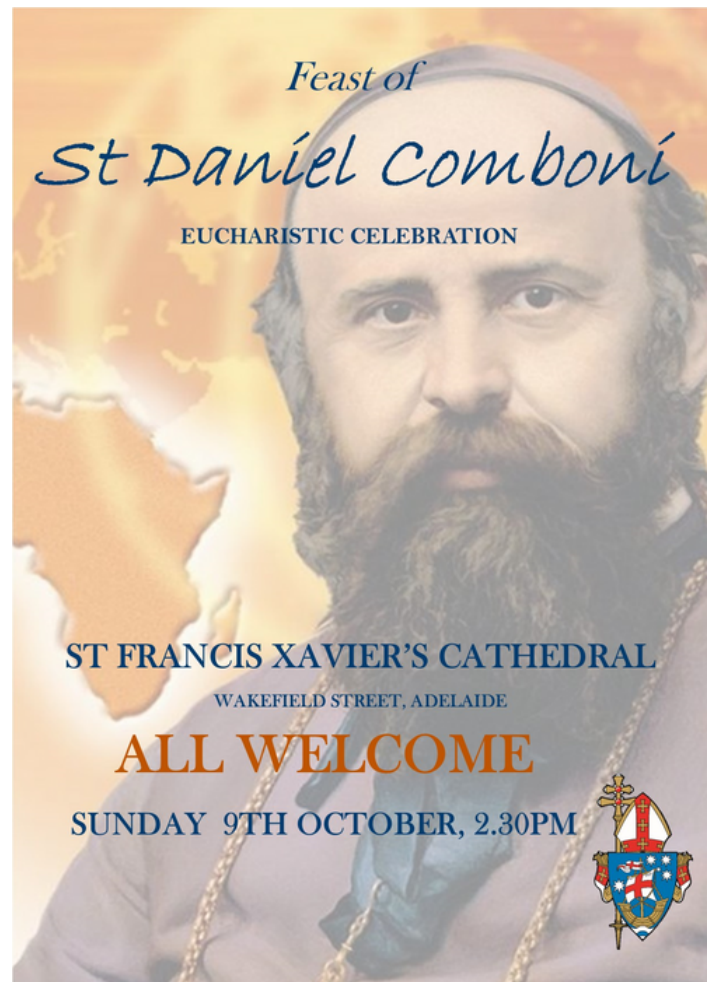
The poster features a central illustration of several hands of different skin tones reaching towards each other in a gesture of unity. The hands are set against a warm, orange-brown background. A small logo of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is in the top right corner. The text is arranged as follows:

Ecumenical
PRAYER SERVICE

10TH SEPTEMBER 2:30PM

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE INVITES YOU ALL TO AN AFTERNOON OF PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION, UNITY, PEACE AND HARMONY AMONG THE AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND AFRICA

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL WAKEFIELD ST, ADELAIDE



The poster features a portrait of St. Daniel Comboni, a bearded man with a halo, set against a background of a map of Africa. The text is arranged as follows:


Feast of
St Daniel Comboni

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL
WAKEFIELD STREET, ADELAIDE

ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER, 2.30PM



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE INVITES YOU TO THE

Migrant & Refugee Sunday Mass

Building the future with migrants and refugees
108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees



Sunday 25th September at 2.30pm
St Francis Xavier's Cathedral
Wakefield St, Adelaide

Reach Out Beyond Your Walls

Connect with a local Catholic Migrant Chaplaincy or Community and celebrate Mass and or a meal together. See the Diocesan Directory under resources for Catholic Migrant and Cultural Communities on the Multicultural Office website:

www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/catholic-multicultural-office

Celebrate Language

Incorporate the native languages of the members of your parish community in the celebration of Mass. This can be done at the Prayers of the Faithful, or invite people to pray the Lord's Prayer in their first language. It can be messy, but so was the first Pentecost!

Collect the Stories of Your Community

Ask individuals and families both recent arrivals and longtime residents, to share their stories.

- Stories could be collected in written form, as a poster, powerpoint slides or as a video.
- Choose a time and place when these stories could be shared (e.g. a reflection after communion at Mass; at a gathering after Mass; hang posters in the Church foyer or other appropriate spaces.)

Break Bread Together

Host an international banquet and invite members of your community to bring a dish that represents their home country or culture.

For more, contact the Archdiocesan Multicultural Office

2022 Adelaide Diocesan Assembly – Coming Soon 21st/ 22nd of October



Celebrate Together Grants

The CELEBRATE TOGETHER grants assist multicultural organisations to host festivals and events to share their cultures, customs and traditions with all South Australians.

Our government recognises that festivals and events celebrate our state's cultural diversity and showcase who we are as South Australians.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available for festivals and events to be held between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023. The Multicultural Grants Program 2022-23 currently has three streams of funding open to support our multicultural communities.

[Click here for more information on celebrate together grants](#)

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