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## 2023 MARIAN PROCESSION

One of the State's largest and longest running religious festivals, the colourful Marian Procession began at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden and proceeded along King William Street to Victoria Square for the prayer service.

Showers in the morning didn't deter people from joining in the first Marian Procession to be held in the heart of the city. Participants recited the Rosary as they marched behind banners and members of migrant communities wore traditional costumes.

More than \$7100 was donated to Caritas Australia during the event.

Fr Christopher Maher OFM Cap delivered the reflection on the theme of this year's procession, the Feast of the Visitation.

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# SYRO MALABAR ST MARY'S PARISH FEAST DAY 2023

St Mary's Syro-Malabar Parish, Adelaide celebrated the joint feasts of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St Sebastian on Saturday May 6 at St Therese's Catholic Church, Colonel Light Gardens. The 9 day Novena of St Sebastian and Holy Mass were celebrated from April 27 to May 5. The traditional flag hoisting ceremony called "Kodiyettu" was done on May 5.

On each of the Novena days, the community was graced with the presence of celebrants who are Syro-Malabar priests serving in different parishes of the Adelaide Archdiocese. On each day of the Novena, a different intention was brought to focus on the offering of the Holy Mass and in the rosaries that were offered up during this time.



Each day's service was led by family units, Sunday school students, Syro-Malabar youth, nurses ministry, international students and Catholic Congress.

About 113 families joined in the Feast Day celebrations also supported by the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

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## FAREWELL, FR STEPHEN KULATHUMKAROTT

On May 14, the local community and guests gathered at St Maximilian Kolbe Church, Ottoway, to farewell Fr Stephen, who has now returned to India where he will serve as Vicar General in the Mavelikara Diocese.

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At the last Migrant Chaplains and Pastoral Workers Meeting held at the Salisbury Parish on May 4, we farewelled our Migrant Chaplain, Father Stephen Kulathumkarott.

Father Stephen came out to Australia in 2013 at the invitation of Archbishop Philip E Wilson, as a pioneer chaplain to grow the Syro-Malankara Church.

He leaves our nation, knowing he has made an impact and has lived Christ's mission to build His church, leaving 13 communities (seven in Australia and six in New Zealand), comprising around 300 families and more than 1000 members.

Father Stephen has been a valued member of the Migrant Chaplains and Pastoral Workers network, and the Vicar General, Father Dean Marin, highlighted his good work and dedication to our archdiocese at the meeting. Father Stephen responded by addressing the MC PW network saying , "This group of friends and colleagues gave him the strength and support he needed. This network was the one that connected him to the wider catholic church in Adelaide that he was grateful for each member" and that he "never missed a community gathering here".

The migrant chaplains and pastoral workers enjoyed a song and some cake to farewell our friend & colleague as he heads back to India to take on the role of Vicar General in the Diocese of Mavelikara.



*Photos from Fr Stephen's farewell at the Migrant Chaplains Meeting*

# MELKITE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*"A generous man will himself be blessed for he shares his food with the poor". Proverbs 22:9*

*We were pleased to make and serve food to the homeless recently. A massive thank you to everyone who donated, cooked, served the food and all who prayed for the people in need.*

*May the Lord grant you blessings and strengthen you.*



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