



The Parish of St Paul of the Cross - Glen Osmond/Parkside

11th - 12th October, 2025 ♦ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

We are an inclusive Catholic Community connecting people to God and to one another.

Today's Theme: THANKSGIVING

Today we come to give thanks To God and to offer sacrifice to him for having made known to us his salvation and cleansed us from our sins.

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Tom McDonough cp

Assistant to the Parish Priest:

Fr Tony Simbel cp

Fr Cao Anh Phi cp

Fr Pastor Mumburi cp

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Mr Peter McLoughlin

Finance Chair:

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Passionist Community

Members:

Fr Tom McDonough cp,

Fr Tony Egar cp,

Fr Tony Simbel cp,

Fr Cao Anh Phi cp,

Fr Pastor Mumburi cp,

Fr Paul Kien cp,

Bro. Mark Wells cp.

Passionist Sisters:

Sr. Shiji (Community Leader)

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Mrs Emma Fowler (Principal)

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parishes, communities and offices stand and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We commit ourselves to actively work alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice.

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, laid bare our guilt, who could endure it? But you are forgiving, God of Israel.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 11th - 17th October 2025

	St Raphael's	St Paul's
Saturday	5:30PM	6:00PM
Sunday	9:30AM	8:00AM 10:30AM 5:00PM
Monday		9:30AM
Tuesday		9:30AM
Wednesday		9:30AM
Thursday	9:30AM	
Friday	9:30AM	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Raphael's Church

Thursday	10AM until 1.30PM
Friday	10AM until 1.30PM
Saturday	12:00PM until 3:30PM
Sunday	10:30AM until 4:00PM

Next Sunday's readings: Feast of St Paul of the Cross

1st Reading: Is 61:1-3

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1, 17-25

Gospel: Mt 9:35-10:1

LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Sick: David Lane, Cherilynn Pereira, Isabella, Gloria Phillips, Anton Sylvester, Amalie Leditschke, Amy & Jude, Chris Harwood, Trish Betros

Recently Deceased: Denis Wells, Michael Kain, Gerard Kennedy, Joseph Hoàng Trọng Thiết (Fr Truc's father)

Anniversaries: Judy Omond, Sr Joan Mary Topor, Vladamiro Minirelli, Bro John Moylan CFC, Maria Pham Thi Kim Nga, Paul Zajac, Sarah Evans, Nicolo & Leonilda Gullotta, Agnes & Elias Lopez

Other: Otilie Sheens



HOME ROSARY

The Home Rosary for the month of October will be held at the home of Felicia and Giovanni Ferrone, 29 Edmund Avenue, Unley, on Friday 17th October 2025 at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome.

FILMING DURING MASS

PLEASE BE REMINDED - THERE IS NO PHOTOGRAPHY/ FILMING DURING MASS.

IN PARTICULAR OF MINORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT IS PROHIBITED UNDER THE CHURCH AND CIVIL PROTOCOLS.

Roster for Next Week:

18th - 19th October, 2025

<u>St Paul's</u>	<u>St Raphael's</u>
Readers	Readers
6:00pm Gidget C.	5:30pm Mary Q.
8:00am Keith B.	9:30am Carmel G.
10:30am Greg K.	EOMHC
5:00pm Sue S.	5:30pm Des Q.
EOMHC	9:30am Rosa F.
6:00pm Volunteer req.	Altar Society
8:00am Amritha A.	Melanie
10:30am Cathy K.	Count Team - 7
5:00pm Liliana B.	

GIVE EASY

Please scan the QR code for a link to our collections:

1st Collection
Support of Clergy

2nd Collection
Support of Parish



FR TOM WRITES...

I don't want to be a doomsayer, but these words with which Charles Dickens began his *Tale of Two Cities*, resonate with me: *"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness ... it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair."*

We live in a time of deep connection and deep loneliness. We can talk on Facetime with loved ones on the other side of the world almost instantly. Yet, we can be blind and deaf to hearts broken around us. We carry silent fears - the fear of not being enough, of being forgotten, of never quite belonging. Beneath the bright surfaces of our lives often runs a quiet undercurrent of sadness and longing for real closeness. It touches young and old, the confident and the uncertain, the busy and the alone. It touches all of us. I also find the following poem, by Stevie Smith so wonderfully evocative. She was herself no stranger to loneliness and depression. There is pain behind the lines. They are a window into the hidden heartbreak of our times.

Not Waving but Drowning

*Nobody heard him, the dead man,
But still he lay moaning:
I was much further out than you thought
And not waving but drowning.*

*Poor chap, he always loved larking
And now he's dead
It must have been too cold for him his heart gave way,
They said.*

*Oh, no no no
(Still the dead one lay moaning)
I was much too far out all my life
And not waving but drowning.*

There are seasons when the world looks bright on the surface - the waves sparkle, the laughter sounds real - but inside, something is struggling to keep its head above water. The saddest line here is not about death; it's the cry that no one heard, the voice still moaning after it's too late. *"I was much too far out all my life."* It was not just cold in the water, *'It was too cold always'*. And the cries for help when finally they come, when the 'larking about' was over, when vulnerability and pain could no longer be hidden - *'Poor chap, he always loved larking / And now he's dead'*.

We can all find ourselves in that place - smiling, waving, pretending to cope. Sometimes we do it so well that even our friends believe it. And even we believe it. But it's the hidden wounds that hurt the most. Sometimes even God feels far away on the shore. But the truth of faith is this: Christ sees through our hearts, even when we can't find words to pray.

God sees the loneliness we hide, the fears we bury, the tiredness we don't name. Christ also sees our quiet goodness, he sees the signs, our warning signals, our tiny efforts to let others see, respond. Not with Jesus, he misses nothing. *'Not even a sparrow can fall to the earth'*, Jesus says.. His gaze tender, searching, steady.

Pope Francis says, *"Jesus looks into our hearts. He knows our struggles. He sees beyond our appearances and calls us by name"*

We follow a Lord who never mistook drowning for waving. Who quietened the waves, calmed the storm, walked on the waters to reach his disciples. There's no blame laid for getting out of your depth. He looks past masks and performance; He sees truth amidst the pain, the beauty behind the shame. Jesus walked into the storm, not away from it. And when Peter began to sink, He didn't lecture him - He reached out His hand.

There are so many around us, and so much within us that seems "too far out." The poem isn't asking us to rescue the world. It's asking us to notice. To notice within ourselves and start caring; to notice in others and to be present. To offer warmth where life has gone cold. Pope Leo said, *"No one is saved alone; we are saved together."*

The call to us: Don't watch from the shore, wade in hand stretched out. Have the courage to admit, to say, "I'm not waving; I'm struggling." Because then we will see Christ's own hand already reaching through the water. And if no one notices, keep on waving!!!

TAA

When you ask someone this week "How are you?", mean it and wait for their reply.

Music Reflection

Fix You - Coldplay

www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4V3Mo61fJM



Allegri's Miserere

www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3v9unphf0



Art Reflection

Simon of Cyrene



FUNDRAISING CAKE STALL AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

We have some generous volunteers that will be running a cake stall after the 5pm Mass on the 19th of October at St Paul's. All funds raised will go towards this years Christmas celebrations at St Paul's, including our new nativity scene. If you would like to donate some baked goods for the stall, please bring them to the church on the Sunday. **Any enquires, please contact the parish office on 8338 8700 or email sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au**

WEEKLY PRAYER GATHERING - CHANGE OF DATE/TIME

Starting from the 16th of October, Reignite2Shine will be hosting weekly prayer gatherings in the Sebastian Centre on the below days.

- Tuesdays 2:00pm - 4:30pm
- Thursdays 2:00pm - 4:30pm

If you would like more information or would like to book in, head to: <https://events.humanitix.com/catholic-intergenerational-contemplative-prayer-gatherings>

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD FORMATION SESSIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

All are invited to prepare for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod by engaging with the online Synod Formation Series featuring experts and guest presenters from across the globe. Each online session includes a video presentation, reflection worksheet, and links to additional resources and study materials on a variety of topics.

To access the Synod Formation Series and information on upcoming sessions, visit www.togetherontheway.au/formation-sessions or contact Peter Bierer (pbierer@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

ALL SOULS' MASS - CENTENNIAL PARK

Centennial Park extends a warm invitation to All Souls' Mass on Sunday, November 2 at 3pm in their Jubilee Complex Foyer. Come together to commemorate and remember those who have passed, but who live on in our hearts. All Souls' Mass will be led by Father Anthoni Adimai SdM from St Francis of Assisi Church. Hymns will be performed by soprano singer Teresa La Rocca. You are welcome to bring a photo of your loved one to place at the altar for blessing.

More information on the Mass and how to register can be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/all-souls-mass-tickets-1686416780989?aff=oddtcreator>

FAITH STORIES: ENRICHING EDUCATORS AND CATECHISTS THROUGH GODLY PLAY

**Monday November 10 2025, 12-4pm,
Catholic Education Office Conference Centre, 116 George St., Thebarton SA**
For more information and to RSVP:

<https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-6355790>

This workshop invites educators and catechists to nurture their own faith through immersive sessions of Godly Play. Participants will engage with stories centred on sacred stories, parables and liturgical actions, fostering deeper connection to our Catholic tradition. Please note this is not an accreditation session for storytellers or doorpersons, but rather a chance to reflect, respond and grow spiritually. Comfortable clothing is recommended, and cushions may be brought for floor seating.

THE MONASTERY CONFERENCE AND FUNCTION CENTRE

Have you ever wondered what the Monastery Retreat & Conference Centre is and what it offers?

The Monastery is a place of peace and purpose, offering a range of spaces for spiritual and wellbeing retreats, corporate training sessions, functions, and special events.

Our dedicated catering team operates from a state-of-the-art commercial kitchen, providing a wide selection of high-quality catering options tailored to your needs.

As a Passionist Community, all funds raised support both the daily living costs of our Passionist priests and the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Monastery – including insurance and utilities such as electricity, gas, and water. In addition, your support helps sustain our missionary and outreach work in Vietnam and Papua New Guinea.

If you would like further information or to make a booking please contact us on 8338 8700.

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SHOAH

Monday November 10 at 7pm in Cathedral of St Francis Xavier.

All are welcome to commemorate the events of the Shoah. You will be moved by the stories shared and the beautiful voices of the Jewish Communities Choir who will lead the service.

For more information, contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AUSTRALIA GATHERING

The World Community for Christian Meditation Australia will have an in-person national gathering on Friday evening November 28 7pm to Saturday November 29 3.30pm at St Saviour's Anglican Church, 596 Portrush Road Glen Osmond. The theme is 'Simplicity of Stillness: living into Mystery with Meister Eckhart'.

The speaker is Mark Burrows, an award-winning poet, translator and scholar in medieval mysticism. He has led retreats for WCCM in Bonnevaux, and various events for Spiritual Directors International.

Further information and registration forms at <https://wccmaustralia.org.au/>

BUILDING HOPE THROUGH HOUSING

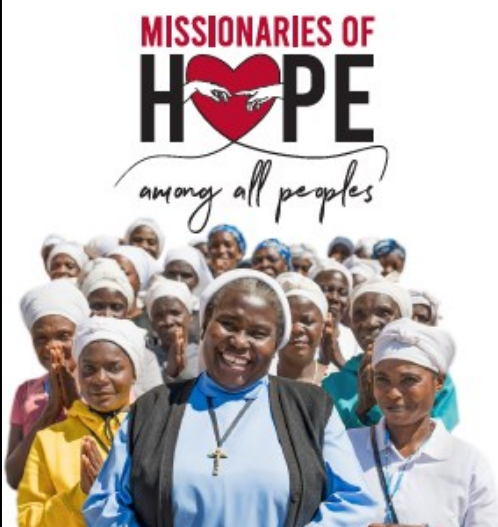
The Big Tent

How can churches help to solve the housing crisis? According to Rob Stokes, former NSW Liberal minister and now chair of Faith Housing Australia, tens of thousands of social and affordable homes could be built on church-owned land. He joins Graham West, former NSW Labor minister and now CEO of St Vincent de Paul Housing Australia, in The Big Tent with Geraldine Doogue to share how faith communities are repurposing their property to build essential housing. It's a model of Australia's multicultural, multi-faith communities in action, in partnership with government and industry, providing homes to some of the nation's most vulnerable members.

Find out more about Faith Housing Australia: <https://fha.org.au/> Follow The Big Tent on Facebook or via its podcasts, and keep sending your feedback! Listen on Apple Podcasts or Spotify

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Guided by the Gospel, our Catholic tradition and inspired by the Spirituality of the Passionists we are a welcoming, diverse community with a strong focus on equality for all. We seek God through our gathering to celebrate the Eucharist and to share in liturgies which nurture our stewardship, commitment to social justice and providing spiritual nourishment and hospitality.



CATHOLIC MISSION

October is World Mission Month and in a weeks time, there will be a Catholic Mission Church Appeal in our parish.

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, parishioners are invited you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.

For more details, head to catholicmission.org.au/mission or call 1800 257 296.



A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

In his message Pope Francis begins by recalling that this year's World Mission Day has at its core 'hope', explaining that for this very reason, he chose as its motto: *'Missionaries of hope among all peoples'*. This reminds individual Christians and the entire Church 'of our fundamental vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope'. For Pope Francis, prayer is the primary missionary activity and at the same time 'the first strength of hope'.

Pope Francis says: *'I urge all of you, children, young people, adults and the elderly, to participate actively in the common evangelising mission of the Church by your witness of life and prayer, by your sacrifices and by your generosity'*. Your support for Catholic Mission is a practical expression of charity that is a source of hope for those in need.

Pope Francis' message calls us to be missionaries of hope, strengthening global solidarity in response to growing humanitarian challenges.

As missionary people, we walk alongside communities, sharing in their joys, struggles, and aspirations. Pope Francis emphasises the vital role of missionaries in fostering trust and unity, reminding us that our mission is about inspiring meaningful change and empowering people.

O God, you send us out as messengers of joy, peace, and justice.

May your Spirit guide our every step.

***As missionaries of hope, may we lift each other up,
care for creation, and bring your love to the world.***

Amen



PALMS AUSTRALIA

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events
Date: Thursday 30 October 2025
Time: 7 pm – 8.30pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

Phone: 02 9560 5333 or email: palms@palms.org.au



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