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# 1st - 2nd November, 2025 ♦ All Souls Day, Year C

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

#### Today's Theme: THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE **FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

This day acknowledges the bond that connects both the living and the departed through the Body of Christ. It's a time to strengthen ties with loved ones who have passed.

Entrance Antiphon: Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus. Just as in Adam all men die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last

Communion Antiphon: Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord, with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.

#### MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 1st - 7th November, 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 <i>until</i> 1.30PM
Friday	10AM <i>until</i> 1.30PM
Saturday	12:00PM until 3:30PM
Sunday	10:30AM <i>until</i> 4:00PM

#### Next Sunday's readings: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

1st Reading: Ezek 47:1-2,8-9, 12 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel: Jn 2:13-22



#### SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

The November Remembrance Day books are placed on the two Parish church altars during Masses in November, for deceased families and friends.

Please add names in the booklet found at the entrance to the church. November Mass offering envelopes will also be available at the entrance to the church.

### Roster for Next Week: 8th - 9th November, 2025

St Paul's St Raphael's Readers Readers 6:00pm Angela H. 5:30pm Volunteer req. 8:00am Paul S. 9:30am Carmel G. 10:30am Elizabeth D. **EOMHC 5:00pm** Sue C. 5:30pm Des Q. **EOMHC** 9:30am Rosa F. **6:00pm** Tom W. **Altar Society** 8:00am Michelle C. Elizabeth **10:30am** Rayna T. Count Team - 1

#### **GIVE EASY**

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

5:00pm

1st Collection Support of Cleray



2nd Collection Support of Parish

#### 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 acknowledge the

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

#### LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Sick: George Piazza, Henry, Gloria Phillips. Amalie Leditschke, Anton Sylvester, Amy & Jude, Chris Harwood, Trish Betros

Recently Deceased: Donal O'Donnell, Sr Barbara Specht OP

Anniversaries: James Ivan Linn, Scott & Donald McColl, Cecily Nathan, Bill Clohesy, Vincenzo Dente, Franco Zardo, Zachary Wilson,

Charles Mahony, Newton Lopez



FR TOM WRITES...

## Camino of the Heart The Courage to Feel "Those who seek the truth are seeking God, whether they know it or not." St Edith Stein

#### **A World Growing Cold**

'Love one another as I have loved you' is for us the 'new commandment,' as we sing on Holy Thursday's washing of the feet. However, for the 'powers that be' in the world today, the 'end' justifies the 'means,' however callous, disregarding, or indifferent what we do is, what we allow is, and what we may become. That 'we' may be me personally, or 'us,' whoever 'us' may be.

We see in Ukraine and elsewhere the drones that do the damage. Drones are the latest, seemingly impersonal ways of achieving what we want, whatever the cost or the havoc. But 'we' operate those drones. 'We' are those drones. (Sorry for all the quotation marks, but you get my meaning)

We live in a world that often lacks empathy - not always with words, but often in subtle or not-so-subtle ways. (As one bride said to me during our wedding planning, "This is all about me," successfully writing family, friends, and even the groom out of consideration.) To be moved by another's pain is often dismissed as weakness. Showing tenderness risks being labelled "too soft." We are encouraged to harden up, stay detached, keep scrolling, keep strolling, keep walking past the homeless mother living in a car with her children, another Aboriginal teenager in custody, the awkward colleague in the office - even whole communities and minorities being destroyed each night before our very eyes.

#### The Fear of 'Feeling'

It isn't that we have become cruel - though cruelty has its platforms - but that we have grown afraid of vulnerability. Fear of being hurt, judged, or overwhelmed makes us cautious. Exhaustion dulls our sensitivity. And so, to protect our hearts, we begin to close them.

#### **Edith Stein-The Doorway to God**

Yet empathy - the simple willingness to let another's experience enter our own - was, for **Edith Stein**, the doorway to God. Born in 1891 into a Jewish family in Breslau, Edith became one of Europe's first female philosophers. Being female, she was unable to do a doctorate or teach. She was a student of Edmund Husserl, the founder of phenomenology. Phenomenology insists that truth begins not in theory but in what is before us - the face of another, the pain of a neighbour, the joy of a friend.

Though initially an atheist, this is where Edith's conversion and faith began. It wasn't in abstractions, but in the fragile reality of human encounter. That insight shaped Edith's life and her faith. She understood that holiness does not mean escape from reality but deep entry into it. "We must become fully human," she wrote, "if we are to be open to the divine."

When she entered the Carmelite monastery and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, she did not abandon the world - she embraced it more deeply. Her empathy became prayer. In her suffering, and ultimately in her death at Auschwitz, she stood with the world she loved, believing that love could redeem even its darkest places.

#### The Pattern of Compassion

Long before psychology named this as 'empathy' or 'vulnerability', Edith wrote of Einfühlung - "feeling into" another person is a sacred participation in the life of God. To suffer with another was not weakness but the most courageous act of all - the act of love itself. To 'feel into' another is to glimpse the world as God sees it - aching, beautiful, unfinished, and filled with possibility.

The spiritual genius **Henri Nouwen**, a famous speaker and author, plagued by depression, spent his last years in a L'Arche community home, sharing life with the disabled and challenged. "Compassion," he wrote, "asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish."

**Simone Weil**, a contemporary of Edith - and like her, Jewish, philosopher, atheist, convert, mystic - died working in a factory in England in 1943, refusing to eat more than her Jewish brothers and sisters in the concentration camps. She said, "Giving someone your full attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity."

**(St) Mary Potter**, founder of the Litle Company of Mary, providing nursing and medical care for the poorest, chose as the motto for her sisters, *"No one must die alone"*.

Real empathy is not about pity or the rush to fix someone. That's scarcely what people ask for. And most often we can't do it anyway/ empathy is the slow, patient courage to stay present - to be with. Listening may make us feel helpless. It may make us want to change the subject. Yet, something holy happens when we let another's story challenge our certainties. Empathy is pain shared that becomes prayer - a wound begins to heal, of itself when I know I am not alone, that someone cares.

This is God's own pattern: in the Incarnation itself - the Divine entering human vulnerability to redeem it from within. From the heart of God to Bethlehem, to Calvary, and to Glory. This is the pattern of a life worth living.

Over the next bulletins, I would like to follow this path, with how Edith Stein's insight became, in our modern world, a TED Talk with 90 million views.

#### TAA

Practice Einfühlung this week - "feeling into."

If you are with someone having trouble coping, before reacting, pause. Ask: "What might this person be carrying? What fear or hope lies beneath their words?". Let your heart stretch enough to include them. That is where God waits.

#### **Music Reflection**

Metamorphosis II

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UlJqujxfZus- Anne Akiko Meyers if you prefer violin

www.youtube.com/watch?v=lyxhMt5KTak – Philip Glass if you prefer Celtic Harp and Swiss Alps

Make You Feel My Love.

<u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsQbE9AvKK4</u> – Ronan Keating <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdWto-AUM3Q</u> if you prefer Bob Dylan

Scan the below QR code or head to <a href="https://linktr.ee/GlenOsmondParksideParish">https://linktr.ee/GlenOsmondParksideParish</a> to find all of the links for this weeks media reflections from Fr Tom Writes.



#### **GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2026**

If you would like to purchase a copy of the above book for yourself or as a gift, please contact the Parish office on 8338 1277. Cost is \$21.00.

The order will be placed on the Tuesday 11 November 2025.

#### THE PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

Will be meeting on Friday 7th November 2025 at 7pm in the Dollard room. The meetings are open to all wishing to find out more about the Companions.

Please bring a small plate of food to share after our meeting.

### MEMORIAL MASS AND ROSARY FOR THE FALLEN AT ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH

On Tuesday 11 November at 7:00 PM, Holy Mass will be offered for the repose of the souls of the men and women who sacrificed their lives in the Great War, as listed on the Honour Roll in the front porch at St Raphael's Church.

Mass will be preceded by the Rosary at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

#### **ADVENT PROGRAM**

If anyone would like to order "The Promise: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2025" book from the Diocese of Wollongong for \$7, to personally prepare during the Advent season then please contact the Parish Office or email sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au by the 14th of November.

If anyone is interested in leading a small Advent reflection group then please advise the Office so it can be advertised to the parish.



#### **CHRISTMAS CARD CREW**

As we continue with our community projects, we are once again preparing to deliver Christmas cards to all the residents living in residential facilities across our parish. And we need some volunteers with heaps of Christmas cheer and willing hands to help write, sticker, count and pack the hundreds of cards we will need to fulfil this project. We are looking at supplying nearly 1000 cards to bring some Christmas cheer to those in our parish. So how can YOU help???

**One:** volunteer on Wednesday the 12th of November from 10.00am until 12.30pm in the Sebastian Centre to write, sticker, count and/or pack cards (Morning tea will be supplied along with smiles and lots of laughter)

or

**Two:** donate a pack of unused Christmas cards. These can be dropped off to the Office before the 12th of November, left in the boxes in the churches or brought along on the day.

Please contact Sue Schulz in the Parish Office if you would like to help.

#### MASS FOR THE UNBORN

On the 25th of November at St Paul of the Cross Church, Urrbrae there will be a Mass celebrated at 7pm to remember the children that have been lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or have been lost in infancy.

Everyone is welcome and a cup of tea or coffee will be provided afterwards in the Sebastian Centre.

### SINGING UNDER THE STARS: PARKSIDE CAROLS & MARKETS 2025

Parkside is lighting up the night with a dazzling mix of live music, Christmas cheer, and family fun. Enjoy a line-up of modern festive favourites performed by talented performers, browse twinkle-lit market stalls filled with handmade gifts and local treats, and feast on delicious bites from food trucks, with a bar on site and soft play for the little ones. There'll be a Giving & Wishing Tree to spread kindness and a special visit from Santa.

This free community carols and markets event is set to be an annual affair, so grab your picnic blanket and get ready to stretch out under the stars.

When: Friday November 21 6pm - 9pm Where: Parkside – 114 Glen Osmond Rd

Cost: Free entry

### **Events outside our Parish**

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

### Wednesday November 12 at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese. Mass will begin at 5.45pm and music will be led by the Gleeson College Choir.

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

## 'JOURNEY' A CELEBRATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S ITALIAN MIGRANTS

### Saturday, November 15 at 3.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

The event will be held during the Adelaide Italian Festival week and will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia. Refreshments will be available to purchase after Mass.

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

### PUBLIC ROSARY – PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR PEACE

First Saturday of every month. You are invited to join Our Lady and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All welcome. For more information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod – Legion of Mary – 0414 769 635

### 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)

#### 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.

#### NATIONAL GATHERING - THE WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AUSTRALIA

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/** 

### Reminders

#### IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

Please remain calm and follow the direction of the Priest. If an evacuation is necessary:

**St Paul's** – Please assemble on the Oval and await further direction.

**St Raphael's** – Please assemble in the carpark/lawn in front of Brereton Centre being mindful of any emergency vehicles needing access to the church.

#### REMINDER: SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

The Monastery Oval - The grounds and oval at The Monastery are private property, no dogs are allowed onto the grounds or oval at any time due to health and safety concerns.

Photography during Mass and in particular of minors and individuals without their consent is prohibited under the Church and Civil protocols.

A reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member.

Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carpark at all times.

Please observe the speed limits around our churches and within the car parks.

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL

Did you know that the United Nations Convention has established 42 rights for children and young people and we as adults have a responsibility to protect these rights? These rights are known as articles, this is article number 29;

Children have the right to an education that helps them to develop their talents and abilities and that helps them to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

Our children learn in many ways, at home, at school and in our church. Our Catholic schools as well as our Archdiocese are committed to ensuring children are not just taught literacy and numeracy, but also learn compassion for others, learn to care for our Earth and learn their own unique value as a child of God. The greatest lessons in life are those taught in the Gospel for in it we learn to love as we are loved, to forgive as we are forgiven and to live humbly in the service of others as Jesus humbly came to serve us. Whether our children are schooled in a Catholic school, public school or private school, whether their talents lie in maths, English, sport or music, let us above all seek and provide an education for our children that embodies the Gospel message of love and encourages our children to live out the compassion and care of Christ in the world.

To find out more about child protection initiatives contact the Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

#### **HOSPITAL STAYS**

If you are to be admitted to hospital, perhaps let someone in the Parish team know so that you will have an opportunity to be supported. If you choose, the Parish can also share this information with the respective Chaplain in advance so that one of the team can visit you during your stay. If a family member or friend is admitted to hospital, please contact the Parish Office if they would like to be visited. This is the only way for us to know.

#### **PASTORAL VISITS**

If you are unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office at parish@themonastery.net.au or call us on 8338 8700 and let us know. We will arrange for a priest to visit and provide Holy Communion. Likewise, if you notice a parishioner hasn't been attending Mass, please inform us and we can contact that person to ensure they are OK and provide any assistance we can.

#### **REMINDER NOTICE**

Working with Children Check Clearance for all Volunteers of St Paul of the Cross Parish Glen Osmond/Parkside.

It is a legal requirement that all volunteers 14 years and older have a valid Working with Children Check clearance (WWCC) from the Department of Human Services (DHS). Kindly note the following:

- All new applications need to contact the Parish Office to lodge their application.
- All existing volunteers that need to renew their clearance can contact the parish office to renew your application.
   Please note: DHS is directly emailing existing clearance holders **9 months prior** to expiry requesting a renewal of your clearance.
- All children between the ages of 14-17 years need to apply for a WWCC with signed parental consent on the forms.
- Any volunteer (new or existing) having a valid WWCC clearance associated with another organisation can share a copy of the clearance email from DHS. Please email the details to the parish office to have it associated with the Parish register.
- All altar servers, choir members, Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders, Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass, welcomers, sacristans, and general church volunteers needs a valid WWCC to serve in their roles without any exceptions.
- If your clearance has expired you need to first have your clearance renewed before you continue with your ministry.