



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

25th - 26th October, 2025 ♦ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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

Parish Pastoral Team

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Fr Cao Anh Phi cp

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Mrs Emma Fowler (Principal)

Today's Theme:

THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

The Lord is our judge. The one thing we know for certain about his judgement is that it favours the humble, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Entrance Antiphon: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.



HOME ROSARY

The home Rosary followed by Mass, will be held at the home of Maria Spagnuolo, 33 Opey Ave, Hyde Park on Friday 31st October at 2pm. All are welcome.

MASS & DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday 1st November 2025, 12pm at St Raphael's Church, Parkside.

Confessions from 11:15am-11:45am. Holy Rosary recited at 11:30am. Mass at 12:00pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass until 3:15pm and concludes with Benediction.

This month's liturgy will be the Solemnity of All Saints.

Enquiries: Elizabeth 0431 664 382.

Roster for Next Week:

1st - 2nd November, 2025

St Paul's

St Raphael's

Readers

6:00pm Maree U.

8:00am Ian L.

10:30am Ros R.

5:00pm Jen H.

EOMHC

6:00pm Sue C.

8:00am Bernie S.

10:30am Sue W.

5:00pm Trish W.

Readers

5:30pm Sue S.

9:30am Elizabeth D.

EOMHC

5:30pm Eleanor L.

9:30am Vera-Ann S.

Altar Society

Mary- Anne A

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MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 25th - 31st 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:

All Souls' Day, Year C

1st Reading: Is 25:6-9

2nd Reading: Rom 5:5-11

Gospel: Lk 7:11-17

GIVE EASY

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



1st Collection
Support of Clergy

2nd Collection
Support of Parish

LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Sick: Henry, George Piazza, Donal O'Donnell, Gloria Phillips, Anton Sylvester, Amalie Leditschke, Amy & Jude, Chris Harwood, Trish Betros,

Recently Deceased: Mons Robert Rice, Tina Dellacamera, Irene Pannunzio, Hilda Cocheril, Elizabeth (Liz) Allan

Anniversaries: Bruno Favretto, Luigi Milone, Fr Justin Ives CP, Carmel & John Nicholson, Mary Caufield, Thelma Conlon, Giuseppe Tuccia, Raynah Valladares, Terry & Michael Smith, Peter Angove

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.

The Cry of the Heart

Next Friday evening, lots of ghosts, witches, goblins will be roaming the streets of their neighbourhood targeting houses with cobwebs framed over fences and bushes, calling out "Trick or Treat!". Protective parents will trail behind, some getting into the spirit and dressing up as Dracula or Frankenstein. (My sisters didn't have to dress up!).

In its ancient pagan Irish origins, this time marked the change from autumn light to entering the long dark winter of cold and mists. The last harvest brought in. It was a liminal time, a threshold time, when the light thinned and people sensed the nearness of those who had gone before. The spirits they saw, however, weren't anything to be feared. No. The spirits were to be welcomed at the door for they were loved ones, drawing near again. So, fires were lit, food was shared. Honour given to both the harvest and the dead, to remind themselves that life will be stronger than coming darkness, that love stronger than winter, our hungers will be fed, our loved ones with us once more.

"Trick or treat" the children will call out and add the lollies and chocolates to their little sacks. It is really fun, of course, but beneath that laughter is a kind of cry, the cry of every human heart; the need for something, something sweet, something sustaining, something to live by.

Without what nourishes body and soul, then life itself is just an empty trick, and love a fragile performance. We all hunger for something real - for kindness that lasts, for mercy that mends, for meaning that doesn't vanish when the lights go out.

Before the pumpkins and costumes, the Christian feast of All Hallows and All Souls, baptised these days when endings and beginnings brushed against one another. When Christianity reached the Irish world, those instincts were baptised into All Saints (Hallows) and All Souls

It is really a very human feast. All our lives, we walk that thin line between light and dark, - the threshold between what is seen and unseen, between the laughter of children and the silence of the grave. In that 'in-between', which can be a time, a place, a life - something sacred stirs. It is the mystery of faith itself: that Christ has entered every darkness and yet calls us into light.

To step into the dark is not to lose hope, but to trust that light is hidden there.

To step into the light is not to escape sorrow, but to carry it transformed.

In this paradox - night touching day, laughter meeting lament - we find what it means to be human, and to be held in God.

Christ is heaven's life, breaking through the thin places of earth - a touch of paradise here below, in the kindness of a neighbour, the warmth of prayer, the patience that heals an old hurt. Every time we open the door to another - literally or figuratively - and offer what sweetness we can, then heaven bends closer.

So when the doorbell rings and small voices call out "Trick or Treat!", we might hear the echo of our own voices - yearning to see our loved ones again, longing for something to soften, or sweeten the harsh and dark moments, glimpsing again their faces, and tasting their love.

For in the end, it is Christ who knocks on the door and Christ who opens it, Christ who answers every cry, not with magic, but with mercy; not with tricks, but with love that never dies.



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1. Light a Candle This Week

As evening falls, light one small candle and whisper a prayer for someone who once lit your way. A grandparent, friend, or even a stranger whose kindness stayed with you. Let the flame remind you: love is never lost; it only changes form.

2. Feed Someone's Hunger

Children cry "Trick or treat!" - asking for sweetness. Listen this week for the hidden cry around you: someone longing for kindness, attention, or time. Offer a "treat" of compassion - a phone call, a small act of generosity, a listening ear.

3. Walk in the Dusk

Take a slow evening walk without your phone. Let the twilight remind you that the world is both fragile and holy - light and shadow belonging together. Notice what quiet stirrings rise in you.

4. Pray for the Departed by Name

Keep a list of the souls who shaped your life. Speak their names aloud in prayer - as the Church has done for centuries. Imagine their love still walking with you, gently lighting the path ahead.

Music Reflection

The Parting Glass – Cara Dillon performed by M'ANAM www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXjXkWHzH_w
A haunting Irish farewell that mingles sorrow and gratitude - the sound of love remembered, and of heaven touching earth.



Puccini – The Humming Chorus (Madama Butterfly) www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdzwdcNBGFI
As Butterfly waits through the night for a ship that may never come, the music hums like prayer. No words - only breath, patience, and the ache of love that refuses to stop hoping.



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.

FUNDRAISING CAKE STALL AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

After the 5pm Family Friendly Mass last weekend a cake stall was held where there were some yummy treats. The stall sold out within 10 minutes of Mass finishing!

All funds raised will go towards this year's Christmas celebrations at St Paul's, including our new nativity scene. And a HUGE thank you those who sent along some yummy things to purchase and the Velanganny/Andrew family for being great sales people.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

A special Mass remembering our deceased family and friends, particularly over the past 12 months, will be celebrated in both our churches. You are invited to bring a small memento, perhaps a flower, a photo or small item to remember the person. This can be placed on a special table before the Mass, if you choose to do so.

- **St Raphael's Church 9.30am**
- **St Paul of the Cross Church 10.30am, then moving out for the blessing of the cemetery.**

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Date Savers for your Diaries:

- **Thursday the 20th of November** - Volunteers Thank You evening.
- **Tuesday the 25th of November** - Mass for the Unborn 7pm.
- **Friday the 12th December** - Office closed all day
- **Sunday 14th December** - Christmas Carols at St Raphael's Church 7pm
- **Sunday the 21st of December** - Carols on the lawn after the 5pm Mass

More details to come in following bulletins.

LOST AND FOUND CLEANOUT

Our lost and found collection in the back room of St Paul's Church has grown quite a bit! Please take a moment to check for any missing items next time you're at Mass. **Any unclaimed belongings will be discarded next week**

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry is pleased to announce applications are now open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship for 2026/2027. The Fellowship, which is offered over a two-year period, is a key initiative reflecting the Australian Bishops' ongoing commitment to formation of women for missionary leadership.

The Fellowship is seeking applications from Catholic women aged between 25 and 35 years who:

- Have successfully completed undergraduate study (in any field of study);
- Have an understanding of and a commitment to promote the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and Gospel values;
- Can demonstrate how they live their baptismal mission in the world and contribute to Catholic life; and
- Can demonstrate a desire to enhance their leadership potential in the forums they are engaged in, upholding and promoting Catholic principles.

In 2026/2027, the Bishops Commission is encouraging interest from:

- women living in rural and remote Australia;
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women;
- migrant and refugee women (with Australian citizenship)
- women working in a secular setting.

Further details and how to apply can be found on the NCE website.

News from our Community

St Paul's Nativity Scene

A huge thank you to everyone who has generously contributed to our brand-new Nativity scene for St Paul's! Your kindness and support have made this special project possible. Something truly beautiful and meaningful is on the way, and we can't wait to share it with our parish community this Christmas season!



Fr Tony Simbel, along with Fr Jacob Kuman, attended the canonisation of St Peter To Rot in Rome on the 19th of October.

Below: Fr Tony got very close to Pope Leo - how special!



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.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS

Wednesday, 12 November 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.

CARITAS AND COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL ECOLOGY THANKSGIVING MASS

All Caritas ambassadors, supporters and Catholic Earthcare groups are invited for a Thanksgiving Mass on November 7 at 5.45pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

The Mass is to celebrate the blessings of the year, responding to God's call for faith and justice for all creation. Following the Mass, a light supper will be provided in the parish hall.

RSVPs required: <https://shorturl.at/re9CZ>

REFLECTION 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C - "EXPLORING THE WORD"

The Summit Online - The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

Gospel - Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- It is crucial to consider who the characters are in the parables of Jesus.
- Pharisees were deeply religious laymen who observed the law closely and who met together regularly for prayer and table fellowship.
- Tax collectors were despised because their jobs allowed them to cheat and defraud people, because they cooperated with the Roman oppressors and because their contact with the Gentiles made them ritually unclean. No wonder the tax collector in this text 'stood some distance away'. The Pharisees would have believed that he had no right to be in the temple at all.

Exploring the Word

The purpose of this parable is to disturb the complacency of people who believe that following the rules of the law precisely is all they must do to guarantee salvation, regardless of their attitudes towards others or how they speak and act. The timeless parable in this text is as true today as it was in Jesus' time. The Pharisee asks nothing of God; he is under the mistaken impression that he can fulfil all that is required of him through his own actions. He believes that adhering to the letter of the law is all that is required. Conversely, the tax collector is aware of his brokenness and opens himself to God, asking him for mercy. He rightly recognises his own sinfulness and sees that God is the only one who can fill the void within him. Again, as is common in the Gospel of Luke, it is the poor and the outcast who will be exalted. The Pharisee, who should know better, will ultimately be humbled and experience God's dramatic reversal.

- How does this parable comfort or challenge you?
- With which character do you most identify?

Making connections

Opportunities for group discussion and personal prayer

- Are there times when you judge others or consider yourself 'better' than certain people?
- How difficult do you find recognising your own shortcomings?
- Do you find looking beyond the shortcomings of others challenging?
- Have you ever been in a situation in which you felt small or embarrassed by someone who exalted himself or herself at your expense? Have you ever 'put someone down' through your actions or words? Share your reflections.
- Notice occasions this week when you might find it easy to judge someone. Do something positive to favour someone to whom you may feel superior in some way.
- The tax collector's humble prayer makes a suitable prayer for this week: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Symbols and images

This gospel asks us to consider what constitutes right worship. Is God impressed by words and outward show alone when the human heart is harbouring thoughts of hatred or vengeance? The parable in this text indicates that God is more impressed by our humility and recognition of our own need for healing.