



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

4th - 5th October, 2025 ♦ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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

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

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Mr Brian Lilley

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)

Sr. Jasmine, Sr. Nithya,

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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.

Today's Theme:

OUR FAITH

Faith gives us a new vision of the world. Without it we see only the darker side of life. We are still slaves. It is faith which liberates us and makes us see the Spirit of power and love at work in our lives.

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

Response to the Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK

4th - 10th 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: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kg 5:14-17

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 2:8-13

Gospel: Lk 17:11-19



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

DON'T FORGET! DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS THIS WEEKEND.
AT 2:00AM ON SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER, CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR.

HOME ROSARY

The Home Rosary for the month of October will be held at the home of Antonietta Perrotta, 20 Fairford Street, Unley, on Friday 10th October 2025 at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Roster for Next Week:

11th - 12th October, 2025

<u>St Paul's</u>	<u>St Raphael's</u>
Readers	Readers
6:00pm Maree U.	5:30pm Damien Mc I.
8:00am Paul O.	9:30am Irma S.
10:30am Zuzanna S.	EOMHC
5:00pm Sherline A.	5:30pm Elizabeth D.
EOMHC	9:30am Felicia F.
6:00pm Cathy F.	Altar Society
8:00am Michelle C.	Melanie
10:30am Sue W.	Count Team - 6
5:00pm Paul V.	

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: David Lane, Denis Wells, Cherilynn Pereira, Lucy, Gemma Evemy, Gloria Phillips, Isabella, Anton Sylvester, Amalie Leditschke, Amy & Jude, Chris Harwood, Trish Betros

Recently Deceased: Gerard Kennedy

Anniversaries: Debra Ann Kedzior, Giuseppe Fantin, Romeo Lopez, Maria Herba, Brendan Scheimer, David Adams, Martin Koo, Tone Peraj

Other: Otilie Sheens

"To Love in the Dark, To Sing in the Dust"

This week we celebrate the feast of two great saints, St Therese - the "little Flower" and St Francis. Therese entered the Carmel at Lisieux, after the death of her mother, she was 15. She followed her two Pauline, Marie and Celine. Therese died of TB, in agony, rotting from the inside out at the age of 24. Her last years of life, through the pain, she had lost all sense of God's presence and care, yet she never stopped believing she was loved. She took the name Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. The Holy Face was the suffering image of the dead Christ on the shroud of Turin. Though some of her devotional biographies can be cloyingly sweet, her love was absolutely heroic. It's not how old you are, but how deeply you love.



At the very end of her short life, St. Thérèse entered a 'night' so deep she could no longer see heaven. Her last Easter, a few months before her death she wrote, *"During those joyful days of Easter Heaven was so close to me ..when I sing of the happiness of Heaven, I feel no joy, for I sing simply what I want to believe."*

It wasn't just her physical agony - though tuberculosis left her weak, coughing blood, suffocated by fever. It was also the agony of spirit: a feeling that God was nowhere near. She felt her faith was just words. And yet she resolved, with almost reckless courage: *"I feel as if I belong in the company of atheists...I want to remain with them in the dark, sharing their bitter bread, until You are pleased to bring me into Your light."*

Even if she were abandoned, even if all joy was gone, she would love. *"If I were in hell (which is impossible, since I love You), I would continue to love You from the depths of that abyss."* And when her final hour came, she whispered the only truth she had left: *"My God, I love You."*

Centuries earlier, another dying saint followed a similar path. St. Francis of Assisi had also given everything away - first literally, when he stripped naked in the public square and returned his clothes to his father, standing unclothed as if to say: *"I have nothing but God"*.

Though for Francis the early years were hard, they were spectacularly successful. However, later, he was abandoned by his brothers. The community he had founded grew restless with his simplicity, impatient with his dream of radical poverty. He was set aside, no longer wanted as leader. The one who called them "brothers" was quietly abandoned.

Then, he gave away his very body, ravaged by sickness and pain, hands feet and side bleeding and scarred with the same wounds as Christ.

Just as Thérèse felt herself abandoned, left to sit at the table of sinners and share their bitter bread, so Francis told his companions that perfect joy would never come from great successes, marvellous miracles, or recognition. Rather, he said:

"If we arrive at the friary in the cold and rain, hungry and weary, and when we knock we are refused, insulted, and cast out as impostors - if we can bear this patiently and with love, remembering Christ's own Passion, then, that is perfect joy."

Blind, scarred, lying in the dirt outside the little friary, Francis lifted his face to the heavens. He did not curse, nor withdraw in bitterness. He sang. From his lips came the Canticle of the Creatures: *"Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures... Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Fire, Sister Water."* And at the end: *"Praised be You, my Lord, for our Sister Death... Blessed are those whom death will find its meaning in Your most holy will."*

So here we stand: a broken young woman coughing up blood in her bed, a ragged friar blind and abandoned in the dust. One insists, *"My God, I love You,"* when God feels impossibly far. The other, rejected and scarred, sings to the stars: *"Praised be You, my Lord."*

Two lives, two deaths - but one truth: that faith is not about reward, consolation, or being carried in triumph. It is about choosing love even when love seems absent. It is about praising in the dust when life seems emptied of every gift.

For Therese each of her tears contained all the love in the world. For Francis each little flower contained the infinite beauty of God.

For Us Today, their voices still reach across the centuries:

Thérèse whispering to us in the night: *"My God, I love You."*

Francis crying to the open sky: *"Praised be You, my Lord."* Together they remind us to keep on loving when everything says it is impossible. To keep on singing, even from the dust.

Take away Activity

When you have a down moment, or disappointment this week, just stop and repeat Therese's last words 'My God, I love you'

Or when you go outside, look at the stars, or feel the breeze, and join Francis' "All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice, and let us sing"

Music Reflection

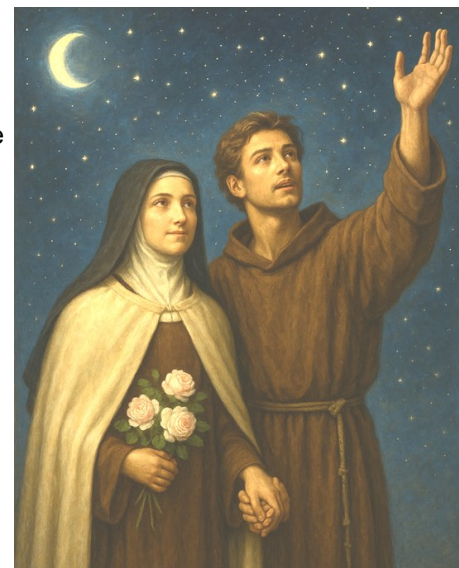
John Michael Talbot: Prayer of St Francis

www.youtube.com/watch?v=iv9wV9eE5TM



John Michael Talbot: St John of the Cross, Carmelite,
- The Dark Night of the soul

www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjyEvynd_H8



THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks to the people who baked or donated goods for the cake stall, to those who have given generous cash donations and to those who purchased a wonderful assortment of goodies. To date, the stall and cash donation has raised a total of **\$1066.95** which will go towards air conditioners for St Raphael's church. The generosity of our communities continues to amaze us.

A huge thank you to our volunteers that generously donated their time to make this stall happen.



BR MICHAEL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL LUNCHEON

The Brother Michael Christmas Hamper Appeal luncheon was held on Wednesday 24th September in the Monastery dining room.

The Hamper committee would like to sincerely thank all those involved with making this sell out event such an enjoyable day. Our guest speaker, Emma Yengi, from Vinnies Refugee and Asylum seeker service, gave a very interesting talk about the plight of refugees in South Australia and the important role St. Vincent de Paul play in helping them.

The luncheon leads into our Christmas Appeal, which aims to support people in need, and will start in November.

WEEKLEY PRAYER GATHERING

Reignite2Shine will be hosting weekly prayer gatherings in the Seabion Centre on the below days, from this Saturday the 4/10:

- Saturdays 10:00am - 12:00pm
- Tuesdays 10:30am - 12:00pm
- Thursdays 10:30am - 1:30pm

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

GARDENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy spending time in the garden? We are looking for volunteers to help with our gardening projects.

- No experience necessary – all equipment is provided.
- Get involved in propagating plants for our new Sacred Garden Project.
- Help us care for our pot plants around the grounds.
- Share your passion for growing veggies and herbs.

Whether you can give a few hours each week or just now and then, your help will make a real difference.

If you're interested in joining our gardening team, please contact: Donna – 83388700 or donna@themonastery.net.au

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS FUNDRAISER EVENT

Circle of Friends 111 is holding a movie fundraiser in support of refugee families in Adelaide who are struggling to pay their rent and essential living expenses. "The Travellers" will screen at The Regal, 275 Kensington Rd, Kensington, on Sunday October 12, 5pm-8pm.

Please come along and invite your friends.

For information on tickets and event details visit <https://events.humanitix.com/circle-of-friends-movie-fundraiser>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GOLF DAY

The Annual Catholic Charities Golf Day will be played at the Patawalonga Golf Course, Military Rd, West Beach on Monday, 13th October with a shotgun start at 8:00am. A Luncheon will follow the golf at approx. 1:00pm. The event is an Ambrose competition. Please consider arranging a group of four players to assist with aiding the very worthy cause: Catholic Charities.

Alternatively enter as a single player & we will arrange a team for you.

Enquiries may be made to Peter McCarthy:

Telephone: 0448 017 256 or email:

pmcc5061@bigpond.com

INVITATION TO COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

Mr Hieu Van Le the former Governor of South Australia spoke recently with Fr Tom about the anniversary of the first Vietnamese refugees that arrived in Australia. Mr Van Le spoke of the kindness and warm welcome the refugees received upon their arrival. The Indo-Chinese Association (ICRA) was established in 1975 by a group of compassionate volunteers including Fr Jeff Foale CP AM who came to lead the group supported by the Passionist Community in Adelaide.

If you would like to attend this dinner, please email Mr Tim Q Le, tinlan61@gmail.com or call on 0431 561 656 before the 17th October 2025.

The Passionist Community will have a couple of tables, so when you send your RSVP please let the organiser know that you are to be seated on a Passionist Community table. Then let the office know so we can note who has RSVP'd.

VENUE - HALL CASA D'ABRUZZO MOLISE, 86-90 CHURCHILL RD, PROSPECT, SA 5082

DATE/TIME 6PM ON SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 2025

INCLUDES 7-COURSE VIETNAMESE BANQUET, SOFT DRINKS & ENTERTAINMENT \$70 PER PERSON

CASH BAR AVAILABLE

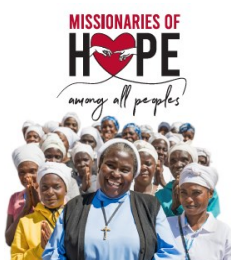
CATHOLIC MISSION

October is World Mission Month and in two 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.

Parishioners will have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.

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



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.

News from our Community



Congratulations to our very own Fr Pastor who recently completed the infamous City to Bay run in Adelaide.

Following your marathon journey has been very exciting and we can't wait to see what's next!



A very warm welcome to Deacon Pham Quang Vinh who has just arrived in our community this week.

Deacon Vinh will be assisting Fr Kien at Pooraka and will be ordained later in the year. Welcome Deacon!

Fr Tony Simbel will be heading to Rome this month for the celebration of the canonisation of St Peter ToRot - Papua New Guinea's first ever Saint! Fr Tony will be joined by Fr Jacob Kuman on this special trip.

Thank you to Maria for her generous gift- a beautiful painting of St Raphael from Rome.

This treasured artwork has found its new home in St Raphael's Church, where it will be cherished by our whole community.

Reminders

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.

REMINDER: SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

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.

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.

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.

HOSPITAL STAYS

From time to time the Chaplains and their teams who provide pastoral care at the public hospitals become aware that a person who has been admitted to hospital has not shared this information at the local Parish level (for various reasons). This means that ongoing pastoral care for that person may be easily overlooked, particularly when they are discharged from hospital.

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.

DONATIONS

Please note; none of our parishioners will be approached personally or directly by any Passionist Priests or bank employees directly. If you have been contacted by someone that does not work in our office - please contact us to verify.