



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

17th - 18th January, 2026 ♦ 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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

Today's Theme: THE LAMB OF GOD

We celebrate the Servant of God who came to do the Father's will in perfect obedience. Yet he was more than a servant. John the Baptist calls him the Lamb, the chosen one of God.

Entrance Antiphon: May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High.

Response to the Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



THE LAMB OF GOD

*Your cousin John looked upon you
With clear eyes that penetrated deeply.
"Behold the Lamb of God," John pronounced
As he singled you out with admiration,
Inviting all to see what his inner eye saw.
When John beheld your boundless compassion
He knew you were able to give your life freely.
For he observed what others had not seen:
A strong, courageous, loving human being
Willing to speak the truth openly to all.*

John 1:35-36

HOME ROSARY

The home Rosary for this month will be held at the home of Antonietta Perrotta. 20 Fairford St, UNLEY on Friday 23rd January 2026 at 2pm.
All are welcome.

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: Lucy, Isabella, Giovanni Ferrone, Gloria Phillips, Anton Sylvester, Amalie Leditschke, Amy & Jude, Chris Harwood

Recently Deceased: Maria Nicola Bibbo, Juanita Smerdon, Michale Juniper

Anniversaries: Jacob Tellis, Des Kennedy, John Mittiga, Noni Coady

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.

Roster for 24th - 25th January

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Maree U. E: Angela H.	5:30pm	R: Samuel C. E: Carmel G.
8:00pm	R: Brian W. E: Bernie S.	9:30am	R: Elizabeth D. E: Felicia F.
10:30am	R: Ros R. E: Rayna T.		Count Team: 3
5:00pm	R: Tom B. E: Grant A.	Altar Society: Elizabeth	

Next Sunday's readings: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 8:23 - 9:3

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Mt 4:12-23

Fr Tom Writes

In this Sunday's Gospel, we come to the end of John the Baptist's mission. He came, called out the injustice and suffering inflicted on the poor. He promised the poor that One would come. When Jesus came, John made him known, "He is here!!" John says, 'This is the one you have been waiting for...He is the answer to all your prayers. Here is the 'Lamb of God', who will carry our burdens bring us peace." It takes courage to witness to the truth. And John paid for it. Less than forty days later, John was arrested and beheaded.

So, John leaves the stage and Jesus enters to continue John's message. He does this by who is and how he lives. He is the message. He too will fearlessly call out what is wrong and encourage what is loving - and never turn anyone away. And he too will pay for standing witness for the Kingdom of God.

However, we find ourselves still longing for peace. We get glimpses of a better world, but it seems to vanish just as quickly as it comes. We've stopped expecting respect for human dignity. We've learned to put up with what's intolerable. There is so much - in our lives, in our world - that we have been powerless to change. Of course, Christian or not, we look to Jesus, to anyone, who can anchor our hope.

Where do we look for who will hold us steady firm to the ground beneath our feet? Easy enough to just give up, or give in. Yet, there are so many whose courage and passion strips away the fake facades, the pretenses used to justify injustice. Many who, by their lives point out that the emperors and potentates have no clothes. And they pay the price of it too. They are the ones who carry our burden, and by their suffering bring us peace. (Isaiah). Think of ...

- A young Chinese student, alone facing tanks in Tienanmen Square.
- A Dominican sister kneeling on a road in Myanmar, begging soldiers to lay down their weapons.
- Ahmed at Bondi, running toward danger when instinct tells us to flee.
- Alexei Navalny poisoned by nerve gas but returning to Russia only to be murdered
- Fanny and Leila Abdullah who forgave the driver who tragically killed their three children and niece
- Rosie Batty would not let domestic violence, the murder of her 11y/o son, destroy her belief
- We older can remember Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Oscar Romero, Steve Bilko, Patrice Lumumba, Eddie Mabo, Lowitja O' Donoghue, Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

We know their courage, and I am sure their fear was also crippling. But their moral clarity, their searing conscience, the depth of their compassion becomes a revelation and a recognition. A revelation of what must not be, and so of what could be. And a recognition of what we should be and could be.

They give expression to something many of us are carrying - outrage, fear, grief, frustration, longing, anger, hope - giving body to something we have not yet been able to express.

Most of us will never stand before tanks, soldiers or cameras. Our lives are lived in ordinary settings - workplaces, homes, schools, hospital rooms - where decisions feel smaller and consequences less dramatic. But it is precisely there that faith either becomes real or mostly window-dressing.

We may or may not join the "Je suis Charlie", or the 'MeToo', or the 'i4Give' We may or may not go to protests. But it is in the dailiness of our lives that we are asked to make a stand. Like Martin Luther nailing his truth to the Castle Church saying: 'Here I stand I can do no other' - and setting of a reformation.

This sort of daily courage, quiet bravery, gentle persistence, isn't reliant just on me. It is asked of us together. This witness isn't the responsibility of one person alone. It rises from a community who together have been preparing the ground - through prayer, reflection, restraint, and compassion - often without knowing it. Call it a parish, a religious order, Salvos, Vinnies, Calvary hospital, Caritas, Smith Family, Refugee Council of Australia, The Brother Michael Hamper Group.

Perhaps this year invites us to live in such a way that when the truth needs to be witnessed, quietly or publicly, it does not have to be invented from nothing. It has already been forming, patiently, within us and among us.

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Once each day, pause briefly and ask yourself, without judgement:

- What unsettled me today - even slightly?
- Where did I notice dignity being honoured, or ignored?
- Was there a moment when faith wanted to move, even in a very small way?

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to find all of the links for this week's media reflections from **Fr Tom Writes**.



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REINTRODUCTION OF THE CHALICE

To be able to reintroduce Communion under both kinds we, firstly, need to have people willing to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EOMHC). If you have thought about joining this ministry and want a few more details, then please speak to the priest after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

And secondly, have all our EOMHC trained in the reintroduction of the Chalice, have a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and completed Safeguarding Essentials Training (was known as Safe Environments for All/ SEFA training). Once these have been completed all EOMHC will then be mandated with the Adelaide Archdiocese.

More dates for training of EOMHC:

January 20th – Noarlunga 6.30pm – 8.30pm

January 21st – Goolwa 10.30am and afternoon session in Victor Harbor time-to be confirmed.

February 3rd – Salisbury Catholic Parish 6.30pm – 8.30pm

February 5th – Salisbury Parish 10am – 12pm

Adelaide Hills Parish – 6pm – 8pm

HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Each communicant must be free of mortal sin and refrain from eating or drinking anything (except for water) for one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion. Exceptions are made for those who are sick and for the elderly.

When approaching to receive Holy Communion, whether the Host or the Precious Blood, bow in reverence. The bow should not interrupt the distribution of Communion. In the dioceses of Australia standing is the most common posture for receiving Holy Communion (GIRM, 160). A common posture by all those taking part is a sign of unity of the members gathered for the liturgy. Common posture both expresses and fosters the intentions and spiritual attitude of the participants (GIRM 42).

If people do kneel to receive Communion, then please wait until the end of the procession as to avoid tripping others over when you kneel.

The Host

When the minister says, "The Body of Christ", reply "Amen" to show your agreement and understanding. When receiving in the hand, present your palm facing upwards, fingers together. Step to one side and consume the entire Host immediately. It is not permitted to take the host yourself, nor to hand it to someone else. When receiving on the tongue, communicants should open their mouths sufficiently and position their tongue to facilitate easy reception of the host.

The Precious Blood

When the minister says, "The Blood of Christ", reply "Amen" to show your agreement and understanding. Take the chalice from the minister, drink a little from it, and return the chalice to the minister. It is not permitted to dip the host in the chalice yourself.



MORNING REFLECTION WITH FR TOM

"Living life with heart and mind renewed"

Join us for our next Morning Reflection with Fr Tom McDonough CP on the 14th of February at The Monastery. As Lent begins, we will explore what this time of conversion, preparation and longing, will ask of us and offer us.

Doors open at 9:00am. Morning tea will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch to enjoy in The Monastery Gardens.

Bookings essential - please contact The Monastery office to book, email conference@themonastery.net.au or call 8338 8700. *Suggested donation of \$25.00

THEOLOGY AT THE BAR FAITH, IDEAS AND CONVERSATION.

Come along, all welcome!

Guest speaker: Fr Olek Stirrat

Date: Wednesday January 21

Location: Ern Malley Bar, Magill Road, Stepney SA.

Time: 6.30pm start, for 7pm talk.

Snacks and drinks available at the bar.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Monday January 26 at 9am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

For more than 60 years a special celebration of the Eucharist has been held in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral to celebrate Australia Day. We come together to celebrate and give thanks for this wonderful country and to recognise the richness and diversity of the people who call Australia home. All are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

WALK FOR LIFE

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming 'Walk for Life' which will be held on Saturday February 7 from 10am till 12 noon at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter's Cathedral. This year's theme is 'Human from Conception'.

For more details, please check the notices on the bulletin boards.

CATHEDRAL LIGHT SHOW – ADELAIDE FRINGE

St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is set to be illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe. Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from 8.30-9.30pm nightly (except Mondays), with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Audience members can move around the Cathedral to view the projections from different angles and expected 'dwell time' is about 15 minutes.

Tickets range from \$10 for preview nights to \$15 (February 20-March 22). To book, visit adelaidefringe.com.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.

SAVE THE DATE: DIALOGUE WEEK FEBRUARY 22-28 2026

In parishes, schools and communities of the Archdiocese. In preparation for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod, February 22-28 is designated as Dialogue Week. During this week people in parishes, schools and communities will have the opportunity to gather, reflect on the themes and recommendations of the Synod, and provide feedback to the Archbishop and Synod members. We are committed to supporting the implementation in every parish, school and community through resources and dialogue processes, training and strategies. We will provide further details in the coming weeks.

Please visit www.togetherontheway.au for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS 2026

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a worldwide Synodal Movement dedicated to the renewal of our Catholic Church through empowering couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships. Our Church today has the belief that Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of relationship and that we are called as couples and priests to be a living sign of God's love to the world, and to love one another as Jesus loves us all. This takes hard work, and a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples and priests the tools and support they need to live this sign in today's busy life.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter has three weekends planned for 2026 – February 20-22, Lyndoch Motel; July 3-5 Royal Coach Motel; and a live-out weekend at Antonio School, November 7-8. More details are available on the website at <https://www.wwme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.

NEW ONLINE ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM

Monica Brown, the renowned Australian liturgical composer, teacher, facilitator, storyteller and community animator, has recently worked with a team to produce of new online adult formation program, which they have called Thresholds of Transformation for Seekers and Searchers (TTSS).

TTSS is a unique and timely integration of Laudato Si', the Universe Story, our Catholic/Christian Story and the Gospel values of Jesus. Its objective is to offer personal and communal spiritual enrichment and transformation. For further information, please visit: <https://ttss.thresholdsoftransformation.org>

BIRTHLINE PREGNANCY SUPPORT – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Birthline is seeking a friendly retiree to join its team as an Office Support Companion. The role involves light tasks such as folding and sorting baby clothes, preparing baby bundles, or simple admin jobs like receiving and recording donations of baby goods and organising our baby cupboard. Volunteers always work in pairs, creating a safe, social and supportive environment.

If you have a few hours to spare and would enjoy offering practical help to local families, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at birthline@birthline.org.au or 08 8331 1223 to register your interest. Thank you.

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