



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

24th - 25th January, 2026 ♦ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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

Today's Theme:

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

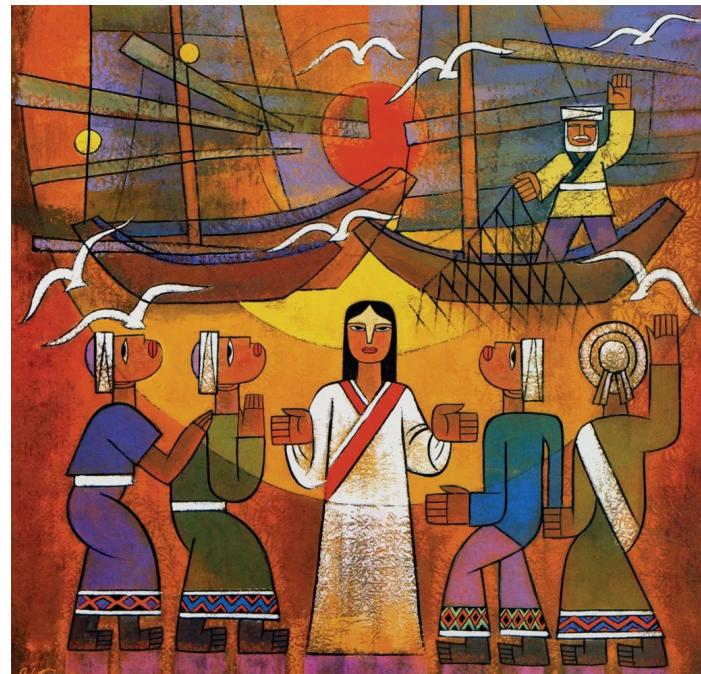
The Good News we have heard is like a beacon light which draws men irresistibly to Christ. We must not be content with lesser lights.

Entrance Antiphon: Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.



MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK

24th - 30th January

	St Raphael's	St Paul's
Saturday	5:30pm	6:00pm
Sunday	9:30pm	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	10:00am until 1.30pm	
Friday	10:00am until 1.30pm	
Saturday	12:00am until 3:30pm	
Sunday	10:30am until 4:00pm	

Roster for 31st January - 1st February

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Pauline C. E: Cathy F.	5:30pm	R: Sue S. E: Damien Mc I.
8:00pm	R: Ian L. E: Paul S.	9:30am	R: Elizabeth D E: Vera-Ann S.
10:30am	R: Malgorzata P. E: Sue W.	Count Team: 4	
5:00pm	R: Sherline A. E: Paul V.	Altar Society: Elizabeth	

Next Sunday's readings: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

SPECIAL COLLECTION 7/8 FEB

A special collection is being taken up in support of the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support and Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.

We thank you in anticipation for your generous support of those who work tirelessly with individuals and families who require these important resources and services.

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: Mary Batley, Lucy, Isabella, Giovanni Ferrone, Von Hill, Gloria Phillips, Amalie Leditschke, Amy + Jude, Chris Harwood, Anton Sylvester

Recently Deceased: We pray for those who have recently passed away

Anniversaries: Dr Bob Von Doussa, Adele Perrotta, Phil Perrotta, Edna Cardone, Paul Cardone, David Schwerdt, Peter Mumburi

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.

Fr Tom Writes

Being Drawn

John is dead - barely a month after baptising Jesus. Jesus senses a call to carry John's mission: to heal broken lives and a broken world. He goes into the desert to listen, into silence, into prayer, until he knows what God is asking. Then he returns to Capernaum by the lake and looks for his first companions.

It is all so unforced. Jesus not yet a public figure. No miracles yet; no fiery sermons; no walking on water. He has probably already walked past a number of fishermen. He is not advertising for help, not outlining why he is calling or asking, though he probably says a bit more than, "Come and I will make you fishers for people's lives."

He just walks quietly by the shore, close enough for people to notice him and for him to notice them. He has likely passed a number of fishermen already. Then he comes to these two boats, these four men. And that is all it took.

Jesus does the inviting - probably with more words than the Gospel records. But it's not the invitation that attracts, it is Jesus himself. Something about this man draws Peter, Andrew, James, and John. They don't even know his name. Perhaps it is the way Jesus is fully at ease with himself, his self-possession, his integrity. There is no coercion, no hard sell, no urgency of panic - no "John's dead! We've got to do something."

What attracts them is not even the mission. He doesn't tell them his plans. It is just this beautiful man. The four men sense, though they probably could not explain it themselves, that life near Jesus would be more real than life without him. It is not because their lives were empty or frustrating. And yet they trust that instinct.

'Being drawn' is such an ordinary human experience. I hear it all the time from married couples. We see it in love, vocation, place, beauty. The attraction, the interest may seem superficial at first. However, it carries the promise of depth and meaning, promises something that will make life even more worthwhile.

It can be overwhelming, irresistible, undeniable. We may grasp it immediately, or we may try to escape it. But we know that this beauty, these depths, will not let us go, will make us whole and call upon all we are and all we have. We know it can comfort us or purify us, or both. And we know we will not be whole without it.

As it is in life, so it is in our relationship with Jesus.

Benedict XVI once put it simply when he wrote that Christianity begins not with theology and catechisms, but with an encounter. An encounter with the One who changes the horizon of our lives. Benedict once told us religious, "Remember when you first fell in love with Jesus." This isn't something we manufacture. It happens to us. All we can decide is whether or when we will respond. As Augustine of Hippo prayed:

*Late have I loved Thee,
Beauty ever ancient, ever new.
Late have I loved Thee.
For You were with me, but I was not with You.*

Our relationship with God usually begins as it does in human life: as children, naïve; as an acquaintanceship that becomes friendship, and friendship that deepens into love. Then, as love grows, we find new ways of living to express and understand it. Sometimes the old ways take on new meaning. As Jesus reveals more of himself, we become more gentle, more free, more able to live with paradox. As Khalil Gibran once said, paradox is one of life's greatest gifts.

For love's fruit is vulnerability, the willingness to be seen - trusting that if love is genuine, God will accept, heal, tolerate, challenge, and ask for more. And it does not happen all at once. Theresa of Avila spoke of the many rooms of the spiritual castle; John of the Cross of the ascent of the seven storied mountain; Paul of the Cross of the Sea of the Passion flowing into the Sea of Love.

In life, as with God, love does not grow from ecstasy to ecstasy, but from contentment to contentment. After the ecstasy comes the laundry. Feelings come and go. There are stretches of monotony or boredom, prolonged silence, ours or God's, frustration and anger. Sacrifice, perseverance, and persistence all play their part. That's how love grows.

If I had more time, I could trace all these elements in the story of the apostles: moments when Jesus may have had second thoughts about calling them, and times when they certainly had second thoughts about following him. Yet as Augustine's prayer finally ends:

*You called to me and cried,
and burst through my deafness.
You shone and chased away my blindness.
You touched me,
and I burned for your peace.*

This week, with all its busyness, let's pause at times to let God get a word in edgewise, to let God have his say in our day.

TAA - Take away Activity

Before sleep think back over the day. Pay attention to what may quietly have attracted you: a person, a conversation, a piece of music, a place, a longing. Do not analyse it. Simply ask, "What promise of life or depth might be hidden here?"

Scan the QR code or head to: <https://linktr.ee/GlenOsmondParksideParish> to find all of the links for this week's media reflections from **Fr Tom Writes**.



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:

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

February 5th – Salisbury Parish 10am – 12pm

Adelaide Hills Parish – 6pm – 8pm

LITURGY, COLD, AND THE FLU: COMMON SENSE PRACTICES

Those who are ill or suspect illness should refrain from receiving from the chalice. Christ is fully present in each species. If you receive one or the other, you are not deprived of any grace necessary for salvation.

The minister will wipe the rim of the cup on both sides with a different part of the purifier after each communicant and turn the cup between each communicant.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) should practice good hand hygiene through frequent handwashing with soap and water and/or the use of alcohol-based rub and find a replacement for themselves if they are not feeling well.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from a contagious illness; those with flu-like symptoms may choose to remain at home in order not to spread the virus to others. While televised Masses do not fulfill the Sunday obligation, those who are ill are dispensed from the Sunday obligation.

PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

The first Passionist Companions' meeting for 2026 will be a Commitment and renewal of Commitment Mass in St Paul of the Cross Church on Friday, January 30th at 7pm, followed by supper and fellowship. Please bring a plate of food to share.

All are welcome to attend Mass and join us for supper afterwards.

BOOKS 'N' BIKKIES

New Year, New Day!

Everyone is welcome to come along and share their summer reading with others who love books too! Have a cuppa and a sweet treat while finding out what books are great to read (or not!) On Thursday the 5th of February from 10am until 12noon in the Sebastian Centre.

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

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA AND OF THE MILITARY ORDINARIATE

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts

our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection,

may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women

of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



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 8210 8220 or events@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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER - JANUARY 2026

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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.

LEND A HAND WITH PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

Caritas is looking for local parishioners to help promote Project Compassion in their church this Lent. This includes setting up displays, handing out boxes/envelopes and sharing stories. If you think you can help, check first with your parish secretary/priest and then get in touch with Caritas Kaz on 8210 8204.

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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Saturday February 14 at 10am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on February 11 and will be celebrated on the Saturday after (February 14). All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

DIALOGUE WEEK – FEBRUARY 22-28 2026

The Synod needs to hear from you!

The 2026 Archdiocesan Synod is a big meeting to help the Archbishop and leaders of our parishes, schools and communities to make decisions for our future. Dialogue Week is a chance for you to have a voice in the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. It's an invitation to have a conversation with someone else about the things that are important to you and to share them with the Archbishop and the Synod members. During Dialogue Week, you can send in your feedback and help shape the agenda of the Synod. Parishes, schools and communities will provide opportunities for Dialogue Groups during this week.

You can also organise your own!

Visit www.togetherontheway.au/dialogue-week for more information, resources and materials, and ask the parish about your local Dialogue Week activities.

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Tom McDonough cp

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Fr Pastor Mumburi cp

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Fr Paul Kien cp,

Fr Pham Quang Vinh,

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Bro. Phuc Van Nguyen

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Sue Schulz

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Mr Peter McLoughlin

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Mr Brian Lilley

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