



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

21st - 22nd March 2026 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

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

Today's Theme:

CHRIST BREATHE INTO US HIS LIVING SPIRIT

Today we open ourselves to Christ's life-giving Spirit. We pray for those who are to be given the new life of the Spirit in baptism this Easter.

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice, O God, and defend my cause against the wicked; rescue me from deceitful and unjust men. You, O God, are my refuge.

Response to the Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.



MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 21st - 27th March

	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	10:00am <i>until</i> 1.30pm
Friday	10:00am <i>until</i> 1.30pm
Saturday	12:00pm <i>until</i> 3:30pm
Sunday	10:30am <i>until</i> 4:00pm

Roster for 28th - 29th March

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Vincent C. E: Gidget C.	5:30pm	R: Samuel C. E: Damien Mc I.
8:00am	R: Paul S. E: Michelle C.	9:30am	R: Peter Mc L. E: Rosa F.
10:30am	R: Ros R. E: Rayna T.	Count Team: 3	
5:00pm	R: Sherline A. E: Paul V.	Altar Society: Melanie	

Next Sunday's readings: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

1st Reading: Is 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66

HOME ROSARY

The Home Rosary for this month will be held at the home of Felicia Ferrone, 29 Edmund Ave Unley, on Friday 27th March 2026 at 2pm.

All are welcome.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is next weekend on the 29th of March and parishioners are invited to bring along greenery from their own garden to be blessed. A small amount of greenery will be available at the Mass centres so please consider bringing some from home.

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: Elisha Nicols, Trish Betros, Genevieve O'Brien, Anton Sylvester, Gloria Philips, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Lucy, Peter Cullen

Anniversaries: Brian Stanley, Alphonse K.A, Rev Fr Marie Joseph, Peter Buksinski, Andrew Parham, Brian McIntyre, Pauline Cullen, Ireneusz Suwinski, Maresa Bezzina, Caroline Mary McGowan, Antonietta Minarelli

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.

CAMINO OF THE HEART. REPOTTING THE SOUL When Love Calls Us by Name

A wonderful friend, Sr Anneliese msc had a gloriously colourful garden, a vision of beauty. I asked what she did to have such beauty. Sr Anneliese answered simply: "I talk to them, Tom, every day"

Over the last weeks, between my eye surgery and train trips, our family - 4 girls, 2 boys - celebrated my sister, Sr. Carmel, on her 80th birthday. Carmel didn't want a big party, just a simple meal with the immediate family, nieces and nephews. (Her birthday is March 1, and she has been celebrating for weeks, the biggest being 1,200 people!! She's such an introvert!)

We shared a meal together, - itself something rarer these days - we remembered, reminisced and told stories. Carmel is herself a veritable treasure trove of stories – some say its more a minefield. But we rolled the stories out again, some long forgotten, some new. We laughed, we cried, we sat in silence - some stories painful, some hilarious. Many often told and well worn. We argued about our different versions. We shared photos of who we all were in our prime, (and who we still are-despite wonky eyes, ears and hips). We talked about our plans for the future (long or short, - we are not stupid.)

The nieces and nephews now adults, and their children (often now adults) lapped it all up, amazed not just at their 'oldies', but envious even, of how 'alive' we were, and are. 'Oldies', yes. But life not over, just getting richer each day. Our memories remind us that we are still being born, 70+ years later.

It became clear that these stories were not only about the past. They were about what is still alive within us, shaping how we understand ourselves and our approach to life. And yet, alongside the easy and familiar stories, there were others we do not visit so readily – a few 'elephants' in the room. Some parts of our lives unfinished or unresolved, situations quietly set aside because they are difficult to name or hold.

In that sense, the Gospel is not about Bethany long ago; it's about the stories we carry within us now, both spoken and unspoken, shared and hidden. Our Gospel is a family story of Martha, Mary, Lazarus and their best friend, Jesus. When we stay with it, the Gospel begins to feel less like a story about them and more like a story about us, a mirror in which we begin to recognise ourselves.

Martha, practical, realistic, trusting but still disappointed, rushing to meet him and his disciples. But almost blaming Jesus –'if only'. So preoccupied in trying to understand, she ignores the presence of Jesus. So many 'if only's', so many 'what if's' - but in fact Jesus is here.

Mary, weeping at Jesus feet, vulnerable, present to her own grief, Mary can't 'work 'her way by being busy, like Matha. Seeing Mary weep, Jesus starts weeping, her tears become his. For Mary that is enough.

Lazarus, silent, still, bound and hidden. So many aspects of ourselves that have grown quiet, or hopes that have gradually receded. Not everything in our lives is easily shared, and some parts remain beneath the surface. It takes time, and help from others slowly to see, own, move on. Something in us recalled and called back to life.

Moving Toward Easter

We could spend a lot of time reflecting on the grief, the humanity of Jesus. Lazarus walking out of the tomb, so Jesus can enter it. However, as Easter approaches, we are walking the path to life. With all the mixture of emotions, defences, strategies, practices, hopes, failures and successes, calamities, coincidences and surprises, achievements and disappointments, we are listening to the call the 'life that we can have and have to the full.

The story invites us toward the deeper mystery of a love, and to have the courage to enter even the darkest places of our lives and brings forth new life from within them.

Jürgen Moltmann describes hope as a quiet, persistent expectation rather than a dramatic certainty. In the light of Easter, the Gospel invites us to remember and rejoice, to grieve and to weep. Honouring with living gratitude all that has been and is, facing what we might like to avoid or keep hidden, and give thanks for all we've been blessed with, recognise that life can emerge again, often in ways that are gradual and understated rather than sudden or spectacular.

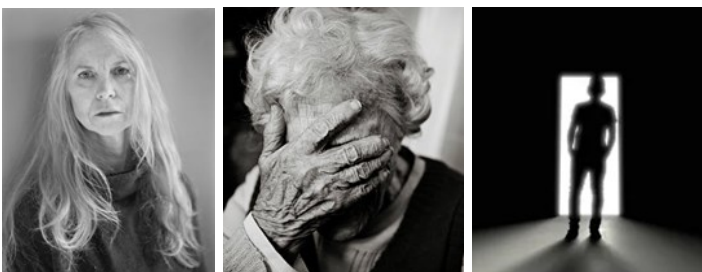
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During the coming week, notice: -

- The "If only - what if" times. The 'might have been we are thankful didn't happen' and the ones that did
- The 'Mary' times re-living or living still. Those moments of happiness, sadness, contentment.
- The 'Lazarus' times accepting the parts we don't understand, parts, grown quiet or hidden.

In that attentiveness, a gentle call may become perceptible. It does not arrive with urgency or pressure but with a quiet persistence that invites response. In small and often unnoticed ways, we may find ourselves stepping toward greater openness and life and let Christ stay with you like he did Martha, hold as he did Mary, or unburden and set you free like Lazarus.

Art Reflection



Music Reflection

The Webb Sisters performing "If It Be Your Will by Leonard Cohen"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_XcMAGZjuY

Edward Elgar- "Enigma Variations, Op.36: IX (Nimrod)"
https://youtu.be/7iM5dymBBI4?si=hpuPIB6_x5oPp5V

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR CHILDREN - FORMS DUE BACK MONDAY

Please find in our Church foyers, letters regarding our Sacramental program and enrolment forms for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for children this year. If your child is aged 8 or older and is ready to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please fill in the form and return to Sue Schulz at sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au or bring to the Parish Office **by Monday 23/3/26**.

If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Sue on 8338 1277.

GOOD FRIDAY - VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have already put their name down for Good Friday. Your leader booklet will be available in the Sacristy this weekend, or you are welcome to collect it from the office during the week.

We have updated the sign-up sheets to reflect the time slots where help is needed most. Sign-up sheets are available at Mass at both churches. Alternatively, please contact the office on 8338 8700 to register your interest.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all those who donated cakes, biscuits, slices etc to the cake stall at the 5pm family friendly Mass last Sunday. We raised \$135 with those yummy treats! And thank you to those who purchased something to support us.

MORNING REFLECTION WITH FR TOM - LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

"Dying and Rising with Christ – Praying the Triduum"

Join us for our next Morning Reflection with Fr Tom McDonough CP on the 28th of March at The Monastery.

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

Please book in before the 25th of March.

Contact The Monastery office to book, email conference@themonastery.net.au or call 8338 8700

**Suggested donation of \$25.00*

PARISH WALKING GROUP

After an enjoyable historical walk around Parkside earlier in the year we decided we would explore some more of these historical walks. Our next walk on Saturday 11 April will take us around Hazelwood Park.

If you would like to join us please meet at The Monastery at 9:45am to car pool or meet us at the Greg Bolton Swimming Centre café (a.k.a. Burnside Pool) at 10am. There is plenty of parking at this venue which is situated at the corner of Greenhill Road and Howard Road.

WHISPERED PRAYERS

St Paul of the Cross Church will be open from 2pm until 3.30pm every Wednesday during this season of Lent.

Everyone is welcome to find some quiet space to spend some time praying and reflecting.

SPA IN A JAR DONATIONS

Last year through the many generous donations of coffee jars we have enough to do our "Spa in a Jar" for Centacare's domestic violence shelter, which happens to be one of very few that allow women to bring their children and/or their pets. After the jars were collected, we put together enough for each child at the centre to choose one to give their mum for Mother's Day. I was lucky enough to get feedback via a daughter of a friend who spoke to a mum that received one of our jars. She was very grateful for such a thoughtful and lovely looking gift. So now it's time to prepare again.... We are looking for donations of new, luxury items to place in these jars.

Some suggestions include:

- Nail polish (neutral colours ie. shell pink, nude)
- Lip balm
- Cotton tips
- Body buffer
- Hair mask/oil
- Bath gloves
- Face crème
- Foot scrub
- Face masks
- Nail brush
- Foot mask
- Hand crème
- Foot mask
- Fluffy socks
- Nail clippers



Or, if you would prefer to donate a small amount of cash please place it in an envelope with "Spa in a Jar" on the front, place it on the collections or drop it off to the parish office, the items will be able to be purchased to help fill the jars when it comes time to put them together.

GOSPEL REFLECTION GROUP

Are you interested in spending time with the Lord and deepening your understanding of His Word? You are welcome to join our group, which meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at 1pm in St Raphael's Church and in the Brereton Room. We meet for Adoration, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by reading the Gospel for the coming Sunday, reflecting on it and sharing our reflections. We finish at 3:30pm.

For further information, please contact the parish office 8338 1277 or refer to the notice boards at St Raphael's or St Paul's churches.

"IF NOT US, WHO? AND IF NOT NOW, WHEN?"

An election offers a new moment to consider the kind of State we are building.

The St Vincent de Paul Society SA Election Position Statement is one attempt towards building a State where the dignity of every person is protected, where participation is possible for all, and where those facing deprivation are not left behind.

Our Position Statement outlines practical and achievable actions that can be taken to improve the lives of South Australia's most marginalised people. Please see the full Statement at www.vinnies.org.au/sa.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Meditations on the Stations of the Cross before the Blessed Sacrament will occur after the 9.30am Mass every Friday during Lent at St Raphael's Church.

Lenten Stations of the Cross will be prayed in the Sacred Garden every Friday during Lent commencing at **5.30pm**. Last date: **March 27**.

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.

CLEARVIEW-KILBURN CATHOLIC PARISH - FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Come join us for a fun-filled evening of Bingo at St Gabriel's Primary School Gymnasium on Friday March 27 at 6pm. This is a night of excitement, friendly competition and lots of prizes. Sausage sizzle, drinks and ice cream will be available for purchase. Book your tickets via Humanitix by using the link <https://events.humanitix.com/ckcp-familybingonight2026> or QR code by Monday March 23.



PROJECT COMPASSION

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.



Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. **Or online at:** www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

ADVANCE NOTICE

Diocesan officials will be coming to Emmaus Parish to run the course for Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Cup and Bread.

- **Holy Cross Church - Tuesday 14 April - 6.30pm - 8.30pm**
- **Our Lady of Dolours - Wednesday 15 April - 10am - 12noon**

Please rsvp to Sue Schulz in the Parish Office.

MAGI PILGRIMAGES

Footsteps of St Paul (5 – 20 May 2026)

Fr Sebastian A.M from St. Mary's Parish, Dandenong invites you to Greece and Turkey, including a 3-night Greek Islands cruise, reliving the Acts of the Apostles. All-inclusive price: \$9,790 + tips (25 + pilgrims).

Saints of Italy (8 – 21 June 2026)

Fr Franco Filipetto from St. Mary's Parish in Warrick, invites you on a 14-day pilgrimage to Milan, Padua, Florence, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Rome, walking in the footsteps of the saints. All-inclusive price: \$9,290 (30+ pilgrims). The tour cost include airfares, accommodation, transfers, meals, guides, and entrance fees.

Enquiries: 03 8839 6615 | pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Tom McDonough cp

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Fr Cao Anh Phi cp
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Passionist Community Members:

Fr Tony Egar cp,
Fr Paul Kien cp,
Fr Pham Quang Vinh cp,
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Pastoral Associate:

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Parish Secretary:

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Donna Cooper

Child Safe Contact Person

Sue Schulz

Parish Pastoral Council

Mr Peter McLoughlin

Finance Chair:

Mr Brian Lilley

Passionist Sisters:

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