



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

28th - 29th March 2026 ♦ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

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

**Today's Theme:
PASSION SUNDAY
(PALM SUNDAY)**

On this day the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery.

Entrance Antiphon: The children of Jerusalem welcome Christ the King. They carried olive branches and loudly praised the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Response to the Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.



OFFICE CLOSURE OVER EASTER

Please note – our office will be closed from the 3rd to the 7th of April.

MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 28th March - 3rd April

	St Raphael's	St Paul's
Saturday	5:30pm	6:00pm
Sunday	9:30am	8:00am 10:30am 5:00pm
Monday		NO MASS
Tuesday		9:30am
Wednesday		9:30am
Thursday	6:00pm	6:00pm
Friday	3:00pm	3:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Raphael's Church - updated times for Holy Week

Thursday	After 6:00pm Mass until Midnight
Friday	No Adoration
Saturday	No Adoration
Sunday	After 9:30am Mass until 12:00pm

Roster for 4th - 5th April

All volunteers for the Easter ceremonies will receive readings and confirmation of ministry roles on **Tuesday 31st March**. Please contact the office if you do not receive any information after Tuesday.

Next Sunday's readings: Sunday of the Resurrection

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

2nd Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

GOOD FRIDAY - VOLUNTEERS

We desperately require more volunteers for car parking. If you can spare your time on Good Friday helping direct traffic, please put your name down on a time you can commit to.

Sign-up sheets are available at Mass at both churches. Alternatively, please contact the office on 8338 8700 to register your interest.

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, or you are welcome to collect it from the office during the week.

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: Paulina Costantine, Elisha Nicols, Trish Betros, Anton Sylvester, Gloria Phillips, Amalie Leditshke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Margaret Walters, Barrie Hibbert, Peter Cullen

Anniversaries: Syd Thaxter, Giovanni Ferrone, Ida Pannunzio

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 6 – RE-POTTING THE SOUL

“Leave the Door Open” If Only He’d Remembered

There is a moment in the Passion, in the Gospel of Matthew, that is easy to pass over but is just incredibly sad. It is when Judas reappears. His life, his world now destroyed. It must have been like waking up from a terrible nightmare and finding it wasn't. Peter, with his cowardly denials, the other disciples who couldn't desert Jesus fast enough – they must have felt the same. But they at least stayed together.

But Judas! Judas may have been in the crowd, Matthew tells us, was around Calvary. He may have heard the **anguished cry of Jesus** as he died. Seen Mary cradling the broken, bloodied body of her child. There was for Judas, no excuse, no justification, no one else to share the blame. He could not even forgive himself. He was crushed by the **shattering realisation** of what he had done – no going back. Thirty pieces of silver, just a dead weight.

“I have sinned... I have betrayed innocent blood.”

Judas sees who he really is. **Remorse, regret, shame, guilt...** But for Judas, these become despair. There was no future, nothing to live for.

That is why I love this painting so much:



Mary and the mother of Judas, tearfully clinging to each other over their sons, lost. **The same grief.** Like the families of many of the disciples, the two mothers have been together, journeying with their sons following Jesus. **“I have done wrong... I have brought innocent blood.”** And yet he was loved - **still loved** by Jesus, despite what he had done. This is a **love that sees clearly and does not withdraw**, a love that remains even when the worst is already known.

Judas cannot believe in that kind of love. He cannot imagine that he is still held within it, and so **he cannot stay.**

Now for these two mothers, nothing matters but the grief they share. Judas' mother knows the shame her son has brought. And still, she loves him - **not less, not differently**, but with the same fierce, unbroken love.

And Mary, the mother of Jesus, knows what Judas has done as well. There is no blame, no anger. In her grief, there is still room for Judas. **Love does not divide** the world into those who are held and those who are cast out.

In this embrace, both Jesus and Judas are held, **within the same field of love.** Sadly, that was what Judas had lost: knowing he was still loved. And this is where the story becomes ours. The question is not whether suffering will come - it will. The deeper question is whether we can **remember how much we are loved.** To know that you are loved - by God, by others - is not a panacea. **It becomes the foundation of our life.** It is our strength when we have none. It doesn't remove the suffering, but **it changes the way the suffering is carried.** Life is bearable because it is no longer borne alone.

Holy Week, then, becomes a quiet but urgent invitation: **to stay.** Because the deepest tragedy is not failure. It is believing that we no longer deserve to be loved. And the deepest grace is to know - truly know - that you are.

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At some point each day this week - perhaps when the kettle boils, at a red light, or just before bed - pause for a minute. Recall something you might be struggling with. Then, very simply say (silently or aloud): “I am still loved here.” Stay with that for a few breaths.

Music Reflection

“You'll never walk alone” - Josh Groban www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi7gfzCVGml

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 i.e. shell pink, nude)
- Lip balm
- Cotton tips
- Body buffer
- Hair mask/oil
- Bath gloves
- Face crème
- Face masks
- Nail brush
- Foot scrub
- 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.



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.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: CATHOLIC CHARITIES BOARD

Catholic Charities is inviting expressions of interest from people who would like to serve on the Catholic Charities Board. The board plays an important advisory role, offering guidance and insight as Catholic Charities continues its work supporting people and communities in need. Board members are consulted on major initiatives and help shape the direction of our work.

The commitment involves four meetings each year (one per quarter). Meetings are usually held on Tuesdays from 3:30–4:30 pm at the Diocesan Centre. We warmly welcome expressions of interest from those who are passionate about the mission of Catholic Charities and would like to contribute their time, experience and perspective in support of this work.

If you are interested, please send an expression of interest to charities@adelaide.catholic.org.au by April 13.

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK

Young people and families are warmly invited to join an evening pilgrimage walk through the heart of the city. As we journey together into the stillness of the night, we will pause to reflect on the significance of this sacred day and create space for hope, even in moments of darkness.

Date: Friday 3 April 2026

Time: 7:30pm start until late (approx. 11:30pm)

Location: Beginning at Mary MacKillop Plaza (next to St Francis Xavier Cathedral) and concluding at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

Walking Distance: Approximately 6–6.5km

What to Expect: Three moments of contemporary prayer, reflection, and worship - at the beginning, midpoint, and end of the pilgrimage.

Free Registration using the QR Code or thru:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DIYHL>

Hosted by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), this all-ages pilgrimage weaves together prayer, scripture, music and reflective moments inspired by the faith and leadership of young people across the Archdiocese. We invite everyone - young people, families, and the wider community - to step into this shared journey. Together, we will honour the solemn beauty of Good Friday, lift up the voices and presence of our young people, and deepen our reflection on the mystery and hope of Easter.

UNITED PUBLIC ROSARY – HOLY SATURDAY (FIRST SATURDAY)

8.40am Saturday April 4, 2026

For the only time this year, the Legion of Mary Public Rosary and the Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade will unite in one powerful public witness of prayer.

On Holy Saturday, as the Church reflects on Christ's saving sacrifice, join us in honouring Our Lady and praying the Rosary together in solidarity for peace, conversion, and the salvation of souls. Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) Rosary begins at 8.40am. All welcome – families, men, women, and children. Let us come together in faith and reparation on this sacred day.

Enquiries:

Legion of Mary – Patrick Greenrod: 0414 769 635

Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade – Instagram

@adelaidemensrosary or text 0419 824 582

MAKE YOUR EASTER CHOICES COUNT

As Easter fast approaches, we invite you to be mindful of the choices you make when purchasing chocolate that you enjoy. Head to www.acrath.org.au to help assist you in choosing chocolate free from labour exploitation. It is useful in raising awareness about ethical sourcing in the cocoa industry and encourages simple actions that can make a real difference.

Take a moment to explore the resources, share it with your loved ones, and consider how your Easter purchases can support fairer and more sustainable practices. Together, we can make Easter a little sweeter for everyone

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.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES 2026

Monday 30th March

NO MASS

Tuesday 31st March

9:30am at St Paul's

Wednesday 1st April

9:30am St Paul's

Thursday 2nd April

6:00pm at St Raphael's

6:00pm at St Paul's

Friday 3rd April - Commemoration of the Passion

3:00pm at St Raphael's

3:00pm at St Paul's

Saturday 4th April

5:30pm at St Raphael's

6:00pm at St Paul's

Sunday 5th April

8:00am & 10:30am at St Paul's

9:30am at St Raphael's

No Mass at 5:00pm



Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Tom McDonough cp

Assistant to the Parish Priest:

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Fr Pastor Mumburi cp

Passionist Community

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Fr Paul Kien cp,

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Bro. Phuc Van Nguyen

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Sue Schulz

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