



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

9th - 10th May 2026 ♦ Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

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

Today's Theme:

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

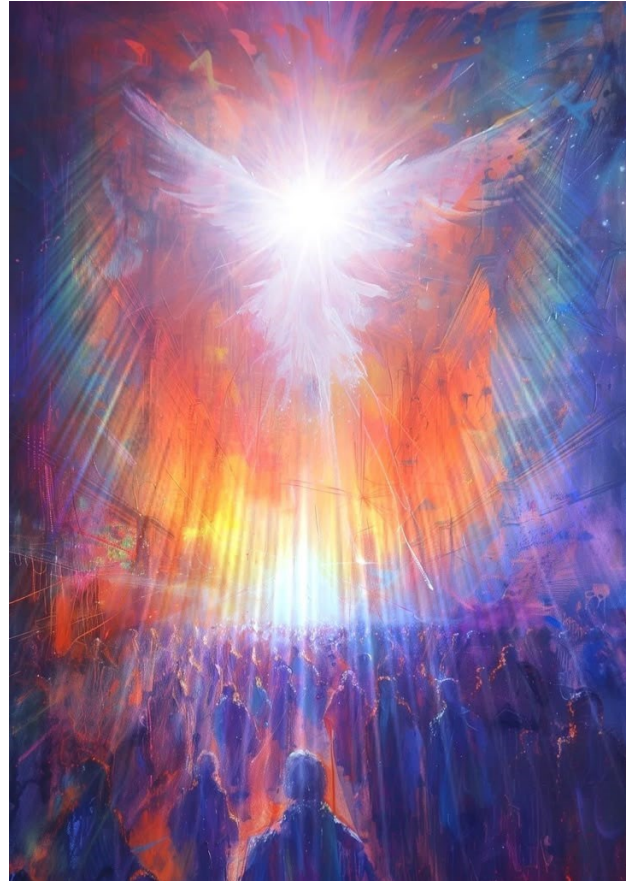
We celebrate the coming of Christ's Spirit of truth on the Church, the source of the Church's proclamation of the Christian message to the world.

Entrance Antiphon: Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth; The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

Response to the Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 9th - 15th May

	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 16th - 17th May

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Vincent C. E: Gidget C.	5:30pm	R: Damien Mc I. E: Eleanor L.
8:00am	R: Michelle. C E: Paul S.	9:30am	R: Carmel G. E: Felicia F.
10:30am	R: Diana G. E: Ros R.	Count Team: 1	
5:00pm	R: Sue S. E: Trish W.	Altar Society: Vera Ann S. Melanie	

HOME ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The next home rosary will be held next Friday 15 May 2pm at the home of Maria Spagnuolo, 33 Opey Avenue, Hyde Park. Everyone is 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: Glenn, Anton Sylvester, Gloria Phillips, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Antonietta Perrotta

Anniversaries: Donato Pannunzio, Domenica Castellano, Sr Mary Robert Aitken RSJ, Jan Konieczny, Peter & Pauline Cullen

Next Sunday's readings: The Ascension of The Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23

Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

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 - FOR MOTHER'S DAY *Can My Heart Hold Two Worlds - Joy and Sorrow?*

On Mother's Day, most of us want to make a generous, almost extravagant fuss. We gather the family if we can, reach for the telephone, bring a gift, don't let mum cook. Whatever we do doesn't seem nearly enough. It always feels too small to say everything we carry in our hearts. And when your mum has died, there is no sorrow quite like it. In my prayer book in the Monastery chapel, I have the prayer card from my mum's funeral, over 40 years now. I see the card twice a day and it gives the heart a twinge every time.

Mother's Day is full of gratitude, mothers seeing their children settled and happy. But we also know that for others that is not Mother's Day. This is an ache. It is a reminder of what never was, or what was lost too soon. And not every mum was the story book version, many kids didn't have the mother they needed, so perhaps there are, in truth, two "Mother's Day's". The same name, but hugely different worlds.

I remember one of my earliest Mother's Days. I was in Year 2, my brother still in Kindy. At the crack of dawn, we burst into Mum's room, jumped on the bed, and proudly shouted the poem Franky taught me, he learnt it from Sr Bernadette in Kindy: "My mother is a lily, my mother is a rose. My mother is the sweetest flower that in God's garden grows." There we were, both in our pyjamas - me with missing front teeth, my brother still almost bald. I looked adorable; he looked like a bowling ball. It was pure, uncomplicated joy.

That's what many, today will know - delight, nostalgia, gratitude. For the mums, memories of first steps and first words of school drop-offs and late-night conversations of sitting on the sidelines of sport, of watching a child fall in love and sometimes fall out of it. Migrant mums, working mums, single mums. Mums who gave more than anyone ever saw. Mums who never really slept until they heard the key turn in the door at night. How can we not give thanks?

There is no way to be a perfect mother, but a million ways to be a good one. And yet, we cannot stay only there.

For every mum setting the table today, there is a mother in Gaza or Lebanon searching through rubble for her child. For every mum preparing a meal, there is a mother in Sudan watching her child die from hunger. For every mum creating a home, there is a mother fleeing Ukraine, running from home to find safety. There are mothers who have lost children to illness, to addiction, to despair. Mothers trying to protect their children from violence within their own homes. Aboriginal mothers sitting in courtrooms, in visiting rooms, at gravesides. Mothers whose Mother's Day is marked not by breakfast in bed, but by absence.

How do they mark this day? Who holds them? As Brené Brown puts it so simply: Loving someone you cannot protect is a special kind of courage - and mothers practice it every day.

So yes, today for many will overflow with gratitude, and our mums deserve nothing less. But we fail the day if we do not also widen our hearts, if we do not make room somewhere within us for the mothers who weep, and for the children who have no one to call mum.

There is a song, I Will Carry You, by Selah. It begins with a mother speaking to her dying child: There were photographs I wanted to take... things I wanted to show you... And then, almost imperceptibly, the voice shifts. It is as if God speaks back to the mother: I will carry you.

And we remember those ancient words from the prophet Isaiah: Can a mother forget her baby, or a woman the child within her womb? Even if she could forget, I will never forget you.

So today, celebrate. Laugh. Give thanks. Remember your mum - whether she is still with you or now held in God's embrace. But also, somewhere in the day, allow a moment of lament. Because to be fully human is to hold both. One moment - joy, another moment - tears.

We may never have two separate Mother's Days. Cards for sorrowing mothers and disappointed. But we can carry both worlds in one heart. Because, as Brené Brown reminds us, to love deeply, to have a child, is to accept a life of vulnerability - a heart walking through a world we cannot control, and do not fully understand.

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Sometime today, step aside for a few minutes. Call to mind one mother you are grateful for, and give thanks quietly. Then call to mind one mother who is suffering. Hold both gently, and if it feels right, place them in God's hands with this simple prayer: For the joy - and for the sorrow - I hold them both.

Music Reflection

A Mother's Prayer — Celine Dion <https://youtu.be/Jz9y4x1NhJo?si=nTgXV44buZAK5taY>

I Will carry you – Selah https://youtu.be/61ncM07RU_U?si=hwyvxxw7SK37_FIY

Ave Maria - Andrea Bocelli. <https://youtu.be/pwp1CH5R-w4?si=iSc6kOUtEIOvkvWf>

SACRAMENTS OF CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN

Enrolment forms for Confirmation and First Communion for children in 2026 are now available in the church foyers, on the website and attached to the e-bulletin. Parents and carers are asked to discern if their children are ready to receive these sacraments. Children who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation before January of this year, may be enrolled for these Sacraments.

Please fill in the form and return it to Sue Schulz at the Parish Office or email sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au by Monday 25th of May. You will receive more details regarding the Parent Information night once the enrolment form is received.

SPA IN A JAR

With grateful thanks to everyone who donated items or cash for our Spa In A Jar project and ladies from the Helping Hands group who filled them, we put together 25 jars for children to pick one for their Mums on Mother's Day. These families are in a domestic violence shelter so you can see how a jar filled with some luxury items like hand crème, face mask, fluffy socks would be appreciated and make them feel valued. Having heard from a lady who received one last year it was a positive experience for everyone involved. So from me a HUGE thank you to everyone, Sue Schulz



KNIT AND NATTER

Anyone interested in knitting some beanies, handwarmers or scarves for the homeless as we head towards winter is invited to come to our first Knit and Natter session in the Sebastian Centre on Monday the 18th of May at 10am. I have quite a large supply of wool so bring your own needles, and we can get clacking on some warm, useful items for those who need them. If you have a pattern you would like to bring and share, I can arrange photocopying. At our first gathering we can decide how often to meet, weekly, fortnightly, monthly?? And if you can't make it to the session but would like to be involved, contact Sue in the office (83381277 or sue.schulz@themonastery.net) and I can arrange some wool and a pattern if needed.

CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Our next Conversation Café is on the 21st of May at 10am in the Sebastian Centre, come along and share a cuppa, a sweet treat and a story with a friend or two. All welcome from mums with little ones, to retirees, to new parishioners or more experienced.

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK (11–17 MAY)

To celebrate National Families Week there will be a special focus at our Family Friendly Mass at 5pm on the 17th of May. Everyone is welcome and we invite everyone to bring a photo of their family along to that Mass.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (18–24 MAY)

This week reminds us that strong relationships and shared responsibility create safe and welcoming communities. Our parish flourishes because of volunteers who generously share their time and talents across ministries, pastoral care, programs like Spa in A Jar, Bags of Love and the Brother Michael Hamper Appeal, while also meeting safeguarding requirements and supporting safe practices. This year's theme, "Your Year to Volunteer," encourages us all to step forward as we thank all who serve with dedication and care.

St Paul of the Cross community and staff would like to invite all volunteers to an afternoon tea on the 24th of May at starting at 2.30pm in the Sebastian Room. Tea, coffee and soft drink provided, BYO alcoholic beverages and glasses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2026

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held after all Masses over the weekend of 16/17 May. Conference members will be attending each of the Masses to receive donations which will assist the local Conference and the Society in providing food and clothing to those in need.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. The Society needs your support.



GLEN OSMOND GROVE CARE COMMUNITY

Glen Osmond Grove Care is inviting kind, community-minded people to apply for volunteer roles supporting the elderly residents. They are seeking volunteers who can support residents through:

- Music and entertainment
- Conversation and companionship
- Emotional support

Volunteer times are flexible and no experience is necessary- just a genuine interest in older people and the ability to communicate with patience and respect.

If interested, please contact Rosa (Wellbeing Manager) on 8379 1449 or rosa.spano@opalhealthcare.com.au

MARIAN PROCESSION

The 77th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 17 May 2026 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend. 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.

UPCOMING SYNOD LITURGIES - ALL ARE WELCOME

Ecumenical Taizé Prayer on the Eve of the Synod

19 May 2026, 7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

All are welcome to join in a special ecumenical prayer service in the Taizé style. The service will include scripture, songs and reflections as we prepare for the Synod.

Opening Mass of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod (Amended- Please note correct date below)

29 May 2026, 5:45pm at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

All are welcome to join in the opening Mass of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. A simple meal in the hall will follow.

MARIST BROTHERS ALBERTON – 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The Maris Brothers are celebrating 100 years since their move from Port Adelaide to Alberton. 1926 – 2026:

A century of faith, education and community spirit. Friends and Old Scholars are invited to join us.

The invitation is also extended in a particular way to Old Scholars of Mount Carmel Girls School, whose shared history and close association forms an important part of this story.

The date: Tuesday 2 June 2026. The Venue: Alberton Hotel – 124 Port Road, Alberton. At 12 noon.

FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA 2026

The St Anthony of Padova Committee Payneham invites you to the 55th Feast of St Anthony of Padua at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham commencing with a Triduum from 10 to 12 June with the day of the Festa on Sunday, 14 June 2025.

Fr Bortolino Maistrello OFM Conv from Italy will preach the Triduum and the Festa Day Masses. There will be two first class relics of St Anthony present for veneration during the Triduum and Feast Day.

Mass times are:

- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 10am (Italian & English) and 7pm (English).
- Saturday - 10am (Italian & English); 11.30am (Croatian); 6pm (English).
- Sunday - 8am (English), 9.15 am (English), 11am (Italian), 2pm (Tagalog - Filipino Community) and 4pm (English-Indian Community)

Confession times are:

- Wednesday and Friday – 9.30am-9.50am & 6pm-6:50pm
- Thursday – 9.30am-9.50am; 6pm-6:50pm & 7.30pm-8.30pm
- Saturday – 9.30am-9.50am & 5pm-5:50pm

St Anthony's Bread will be distributed after all Masses on 13 and June with a special blessing for children. Throughout Sunday afternoon there will be food, beverages and local entertainment in the parish grounds.

For further information or enquiries please telephone – 08 8369 8082 or email office@paynehamcatholic.org.au

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Tom McDonough cp

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Fr Paul Kien cp,
Fr Pham Quang Vinh cp,
Bro. Mark Wells cp.
Bro. Phuc Van Nguyen

Pastoral Associate:

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Child Safe Contact Person

Sue Schulz

Parish Pastoral Council

Mr Peter McLoughlin

Finance Chair:

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