



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

20th - 21st June 2026 ♦ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Today's Theme:

THE LORD AT OUR SIDE

Faced with all the evil in the world and the fearful consequences of sin, we might well be afraid did we not have Christ as a mighty hero at our side, the source of divine grace.

Entrance Antiphon: God is the strength of his people. In him, we his chosen, live in safety. Save us, Lord, who share in your life, and give us your blessing; be our shepherd for ever.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



**HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL - PETER'S PENCE
JUNE 27 - 28 2026**

Next weekend is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Thank you in advance for your support.

FR JOHN CURTIS CP JUBILEE MASS

Next Sunday the 28th, Fr John Curtis will celebrate his 50th year of Ordination at the 10:30am Mass at St Paul of the Cross Church.

GIVE EASY

Please scan the QR code for a link to our collections:

- 1st Collection**
Support of Clergy
- 2nd Collection**
Support of Parish



**MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK
20th - 26th June 2026**

	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 27th - 28th June

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Gidget C. E: Vincent C.	5:30pm	R: Samuel C. E: Damien Mc I.
8:00am	R: Michelle C. E: Paul S.	9:30am	R: Carmen S. E: Rosa F.
10:30am	R: Diana G. E: Ros R.	Count Team: 7	
5:00pm	R: Jen H. E: Dinesh A.	Altar Society: Melanie	

LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Sick: Denise Page, Estrella Wenzel, Glenn, Isabella, Keith Belton, Anton Sylvester, Yap CC, Gloria Phillips, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Bernie Marley, Nola Kenny, Marta Dottore

Anniversaries: Giuseppe Pannunzio, Michael O'Brien, Gerrado & Joseph Carpentieri, Rita Zeoli

Next Sunday's readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16

2nd Reading: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42

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.

MAKE YOUR HEART BE A HOMELAND COUNTRY YET TO BE NAMED

Reflection for Migrants and Refugee week

Reflecting on migrants and refugees, I found it impossible to write a single reflection on two very different experiences of life as if they belonged together. Migrants and refugees are not two close cousins who arrive at the same destination by different routes. A migrant had a home, leaves a home, and finds a home. They have agency, choice, and a degree of control over their future. Their past becomes the rich foundation upon which they build a new life.

Refugees are different. They are stripped of what they have. Their past is stolen away from them. They are left without options, agency, or choice. Their past was the future they had hoped for. A refugee is trying to survive a form of rape, and then somehow find something to live for, often with nothing left from which to begin.

A Million Stories

There are presently 120 million refugees in the world. This year's Migrant and Refugee Week is themed 'A Million Stories'. We may hear that phrase and acknowledge it, but who can hold 120 million individual stories at once?

Statistics hide the human reality of each refugee, every one of those lives began in circumstances not so very different from our own. Every one of those people once knew the comfort of ordinary routines. They knew the route to school or work. They knew the sound of familiar voices. They knew where to buy bread, where to meet friends, where grandparents were buried, and where family stories lived. They knew what it was to belong somewhere without having to think about it.

Perhaps that is why Afro-British poet, Warsan Shires, words are brutal: 'No one leaves home,' she says, 'unless home is the mouth of a shark.'

I tell the following story because, it's through story, that we find the pathway through which the heart can enter in a way that statistics can never provide.

One Man's Story

As Provincial of our Congregation, I was once part of a delegation from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference that visited Papua New Guinea.

We went to hear the stories of asylum seekers who had been sent to Manus Island and detained there. Many had ceased to be known even by name; they were identified only by a number. When they were eventually 'released', they were left without a country, without resources, without employment, and often without any realistic means of survival and abandoned in Papua New Guinea. Their only hope that some good hearted organisation, or institution in some other nation might offer them sponsorship to a receiving country. It was made brutally clear that it would not be Australia.

Among those we had conversation with was a man from Afghanistan. While in Papua New Guinea he had married a local woman, as many did thinking there was no future left. Together they had a newborn child. At our meeting, his wife and 9 month old child were there, then, quite unexpectedly, a refugee agency in Canada offered a number of sponsorship

places. He was offered one of them. The Australian Government granted him permission to leave. However, he was told that he could not take his wife and child. He said he could not accept the sponsorship.

A week later he was told that he could take his child, but not his wife, the child's mother. Even getting to Canada was too high a price to pay. He remains in Papua New Guinea.

One story among 120 million.

The Country newly gathered

One hundred and twenty million people. One hundred and twenty million similar stories. I found myself wondering what it would be like if those 120 million refugees formed a nation, one country. Impossible, of course, but if happened, the country would be among the twelve largest countries in the world. Larger than Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, and Australia combined.

We Australians often look to Gallipoli as part of our founding story. If this refugee nation had a founding story, where would it look? Apartheid? Dornes over Keith? Naqbah in Gaza? Famine in Sudan? The Disappeared of Chile? Rohingya? Why? Since the biblical Exodus, our life and community is created by what we have endured.

And what would our nation be called? Perhaps it might choose to be called **Invincible? Unconquered?** Perhaps borrow Prince Harry's **Invictus?** Or Churchill's **Indomitable?** Not because its people have not suffered. Not because they have not lost. But because they continue. They endure. They rebuild. They care for children. They form friendships. They create communities. They find reasons to hope.

Where on the Map?

And where would we find such a country? Certainly not on land cleared of people already living there. That's been tried already. If we were asked, 'Where will we find a home for this nation?'. I hope we would answer: 'Within those human hearts who care! You will find this country on the map of every compassionate heart!'. I hope we would answer: 'There is room to spare in my heart for every one of you!'

Our hearts are capable of being infinitely stretched. Their capacity to carry the world's pain is far greater than we imagine.

And if you asked the people of this country where they live, they could answer: **'We are blessed. We live in hearts that are truly human. They have made room for us. We are safe there. Like sparrows nestled in the hand of God.'**

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Once or twice this week, leave your front door open (weather permitting) & take a candle, a tea light and light it on your front windowsill as you also open your heart. Or if you eat around a table, set an extra place and leave it empty.

Music Reflection

'Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves' from Verdi's Nabucco
https://youtu.be/2VejTwFjwVI?si=YdqX_XDPwTJMp-3

'We shall overcome' Mahalia Jackson
<https://youtu.be/TmR1YvflGng>

ST RAPHAEL'S HALL, PARKSIDE

Some months ago, we foreshadowed our plan to sell St Raphael's Hall which has been rented to an outside party and not used by the parish for over twenty years. The main reason for the parish not being able to use the hall is because the tenant (a dance school) does not want the integrity of the dance floor, which she pays to maintain, destroyed by constant foot traffic or placement of tables on it.

We sought parishioners' comments on this proposal and received 3 letters from parishioners. These letters were circulated to Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee members.

The reasoning behind the proposal to sell the hall is to generate funds for essential repairs to St Raphael's Church and to invest residual proceeds which will provide an improved return rather than the current income the hall is generating which barely covers outgoing expenses.

We are proceeding with the application to sell to the Archbishop whose approval we are required to have.

If any parishioner has any further comments or queries on this proposal, please forward those comments to the Parish Pastoral Council at pastoralcouncil@themonastery.net.au

We will inform the parish of any further developments.

The Finance Committee

WORLD REFUGEE WEEK 2026

World Refugee Week 2026, including World Refugee Day on 20 June, invites us to reflect on the theme "A Million Stories". It is a time to honour the journeys of refugees and migrants and recognise the courage, resilience and hope behind each story. These stories have enriched our parishes and communities and remind us of the importance of safeguarding, cultural awareness, and listening to community voices to ensure everyone feels safe, welcomed and included. This commitment to listening resonates strongly with the Archdiocesan Synod in June 2026, which calls us to be a Church that listens deeply to all voices as we think how God is calling us to respond.

Resources to support World Refugee Day and Refugee Week are available through the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and Refugee Week Australia:

FUTURE OF PARISH BULLETIN

In the coming months, Microsoft Publisher, the program currently used to produce our weekly bulletin, will no longer be supported. As a result, we will be transitioning to a new publishing platform and reviewing the overall design and format of the bulletin.

This presents an opportunity to refresh and improve the bulletin, and we would greatly value the input of our parish community. We welcome any suggestions, ideas, or feedback on what you would like to see in future editions.

Please send your comments to parish@themonastery.net.au.

Thank you for helping us shape the future of our parish bulletin.

THE MONASTERY GIFT SHOP

Clearance Sale Now On!

Discover great bargains on our new clearance table, featuring:

- Scented Candles
- Painted Tea Light Holders
- Fine China Mugs

Prices starting from just \$10!

Every purchase helps support our community at The Monastery. We are open during the office hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm.



CROSS ROAD FORUM AUSSIE VALUES

Do we know what Australia's Values are? Is the national conversation really helping us define them?

Join us to explore what this might mean with our two speakers:

Professor Ian Goodwin Smith, Flinders University Professor of Social Impact, Dean (Research) College of Law and Social Sciences, Business and Creative Arts.

Ian has worked extensively with communities and people who have been marginalised.

Mussa Nawroazi is a criminal defence solicitor, admitted to practice in 2024. His family arrived as refugees from Afghanistan in 2011. He was awarded the SA Australia Day Commendation in 2023 for leadership in culture and languages, and inspires young people from refugee backgrounds to pursue careers in law.

When: Tuesday 23rd June 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Coffee and chat to follow.

Where: The Sebastian Centre, The Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Glen Osmond.

Everyone welcome.

EMBRACE LIFE

The Hon Sarah Game has introduced a Private Members Bill into the new Legislative Council. This amended bill will restrict abortion from 24 weeks and six days. The only exception is to save the life of the mother. As you would know, the current legislation allows, in some circumstances, abortion up until birth. The majority of abortions occurring in SA are not late term, however, human lives will be saved with the passing of this legislation.

Please contact personally, by phone, email or letter, the members of the Legislative Council who will be voting and ask them to support the Bill and offer your prayers and support for them. Follow the link for their details:

<https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Legislative-Council/Members>

Feel free to contact the Justice, Healing and Inclusion team at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au if you have any questions.

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.

HALLETT COVE PRESENTS: GERALDINE HAWKES IN CONVERSATION

7pm, Thursday 25 June 2026 Hallett Cove Catholic Church

Geraldine will share insights from her lived experience of faith – personal, relational and professional - and her future vision.

Sponsor: Hallett Cove PPC

More information: contact Helen Thompson, Chair PPC. 0413 561 655. helenthom@internode.on.net

No registration required.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 5 JULY 2026

This year's theme is "Walking together in Christ: 40 years on!" All are invited to celebrate this significant event with Mass on Sunday 5 July at 11am in St Francis Xavier's

ADELAIDE FIRE WEEKEND - SAT 11 JULY 9AM-9PM & SUN 12 JULY 9AM-2PM

Deepen in the Holy Spirit and gather with a vibrant Catholic community over two days of talks from interstate speakers, charismatic praise and worship, Masses, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and fellowship. Youth, young adults, families and all are welcome!

Venue: Blackfriars Priory School, Prospect

Suggested donation (covers all meals, event costs and children's retreat): \$39 school students, \$49 concession, \$59 adults, pre-schoolers free, family discounts available.

Bookings essential: <https://app.tickets.org.au/afw/26>

More info: adelaidefireweekend@gmail.com

CARITAS AUSTRALIA END OF FINANCIAL YEAR APPEAL

As we approach the end of the financial year, Caritas Australia invites you to help families facing conflict, hunger and displacement. Your support is needed to get critical aid into countries like Sudan, which is facing the largest humanitarian crisis in the world today. More than 30 million people are in urgent need of assistance, the healthcare system has collapsed, and families are facing chronic food insecurity. Your tax deductible gift this end of financial year can provide lifesaving essentials such as nutritious food, clean water and vital medicines to families in need.

Make a donation today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history>



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