



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

27th - 28th June 2026 ♦ 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Today's Theme:

WELCOMING CHRIST

We welcome Christ today as the woman of Shunem welcomed the prophet Elisha. But the Christ we welcome is the Christ who gave his life for others, and our celebration would be a mockery if we were not prepared to welcome him in one another, even in the least of his brethren.

Entrance Antiphon: All nations, clap your hands. Shout with a voice of joy to God.

Response to the Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



WELCOME BACK TO FR JOHN CURTIS CP!

What a beautiful blessing it is to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination and the years of generous service with Fr John this weekend by gathering together in the Sebastian Room after the 10.30am Mass. Your selfless ministry has been inspiring and fruitful. Thank you for your unwavering faith and dedication to the Lord and to His Church. May God bless you with a jubilant heart on your Golden Jubilee anniversary!

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL (PETER'S PENCE) – THIS WEEKEND

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up this weekend. The Appeal is for the works of the Holy Father and helps him provide funds for emergency assistance to those in need, in particular the victims of war, oppression and natural disasters.

For further information on Peter's Pence, it is possible to download a video of Pope Leo and view other resources at: <https://www.obolodisani Pietro.va/en.html> Thank you for your generosity.

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

Recently Deceased: Margaret Taylor, Bernie Marley

Anniversaries: Lynda D'Sylva, Josipa Goricki, John Ryan, Joe Vella, Virgilio D'Amico, Jan Malko, Mary Miller, Halina Konieczny

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.

MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 27th June - 3rd July 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 until 1.30pm	
Friday	10:00am until 1.30pm	
Saturday	12:00pm until 3:30pm	
Sunday	10:30am until 4:00pm	

Roster for 4th - 5th July

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Monique R. E: Sue C.	5:30pm	R: Damian C. E: Des Q.
8:00am	R: Ian L. E: Amritha A.	9:30am	R: Elizabeth D. E: Vera Ann S.
10:30am	R: Malgorzata P. E: Rayna T.	Count Team: 8	
5:00pm	R: Tom B. E: Grant A.	Altar Society: Melanie	

Next Sunday's readings: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zech 9:9-10

2nd Reading: Rom 8:9, 11-13

Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

ROOM AT THE TABLE

A Continued Reflection for Migrant and Refugee Week

My reflection last week focused on the refugee dimension of World Migrant and Refugee Week. This week, my focus is on the Migrant dimension. Fittingly, on Tuesday evening at the Cross Road Forum, we had rich discussions on the values that make Australia Australian. This weekend, we met for the final sessions of the Adelaide Archdiocesan Synod, where instead of working to get others to accept my opinion, we each listen to one another and find consensus on what we believe the Spirit is calling us to.

Migrants and Multiculturalism are hot button issues, in Australia, as in so many other places. Some believe those who come from overseas provide much needed and rich diversity, meaning, culture. Others see only our familiar culture swamped and destroyed. For some, multiculturalism is a seed bed for the future; and for others, it is poison in the national system.

Between those of us who say: 'My country has lost its soul' or "Our country is finally waking up," we might all take the occasional moment to listen for what our Aboriginal people feel about our last-minute arrival in their land and what it has cost them.

So, skipping all that politics, let's reflect on what our readings this Sunday tells us about creating family, creating community, braving vulnerability, finding new words to speak a new world into life, making music that brings the stars down to our doorstep, and carries us up to the touch the heavens.

(The official texts for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time can be replaced by the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. The original first reading, a pagan couple provide regular hospitality for the prophet Elisha on his travels, in return for which he promised them the gift of a child. In the gospel, Jesus tells us that any good deed, even a cup of water give to one of the little one, it is given to Christ)

A Stranger at the Door

There are no coincidences in life. Coincidences are God's way of staying anonymous. So, it is no accident God decided we needed this first reading's glorious story of welcome and hospitality. Foreigners, a childless aging couple, opening their door to a hated Israelite. But not only open the door and overnight bed grudgingly given, a BnB, some goat's milk and a quick goodbye. No, it is "Let's make him one of the family," make our home his, no questions asked; he doesn't have to become a Shunamite, he's just lovely as he is.' And, different faiths, diverse cultures, different Gods, the pagan couple, and the Jewish prophet are a blessing for each other.

The Shunamite and her silent husband make it seem too easy. It probably took a few visits to get to what we heard. In fact, this sort of sharing is the origins of Israel. They did not begin as the perfect people that others came to share. Happy children of Abraham let's invite others in.

The Journey to Become Israel

Israel was born from many different local kingdoms, tribes, different Gods, and customs, making alliances, getting used to each other. It was not the 10 commandments and the Mosaic Law that brought them together. They worked at sharing life, care, compromises, agreements, apologies. And then the Law came, and then the Temple, and then the customs. So, from the many this new unified family, this new people of God, this new culture gradually emerged. What united them was not

ethnicity alone, nor culture alone - they never shared these things. But they wanted to share who they were. It was not the covenant that made them the People of God, they had become a people through sharing, and then God made them His own.

A Glass of Water

Christ in the gospel tells us the same. It is not because of Christ that you offer them water. You offer it because you care. And then, it is Christ you both discover. It is the kindness, generously given, freely offered, it was this that led you together to the Christ. When strangers become people, and when people become friends, with open arms, open minds and open hearts, then we are already sharing the same DNA as Christ. And then we can start living it for real.

So, the gospel says: "Please just give someone a glass of water! You do not have to do it for God's sake, do it because the world is thirsting." We are all desperate for a world where strangers will offer a glass filled to the brim to those searching, not just water, but for life, for meaning, for relationship, for compassion. So be generous, let them repay you by their happiness. 'No.' Christ says, "don't do it because you want something back, or because then they'll owe you; or because you look good, just give it because the world needs it." All it takes is a glass of water to change the world and make a new future possible." Then we are free to see Christ, for 'Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me,' Jesus said.

Conclusion

Whether it is the Shunamite couple, Israel's journey, the words of Christ, it is always the same, Take the time for a stranger to become a friend, to keep working to break down the walls, to stop talking and to start listening, to be vulnerable if it sometimes backfires.

If you do, then like the Shunamite couple, something new will be able to be born. For when we make room for one another, we make room for Christ.

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This week, spend ten minutes speaking with someone whose background, culture, generation, or life experience differs from your own. Ask: "What is something about your story that you wish other people understood?" Listen carefully. Don't argue. Don't compare stories. Simply receive what they share. At the end of the conversation, thank them.

Music Reflection

Eva Cassidy: People get ready

<https://youtu.be/rBMSgvloF5o?si=46yZfUNFk0xnzwpE>

Willie Nelson: Always on my mind

<https://youtu.be/R7f189Z0v0Y?si=Z3Aq9VvKFHbC2NDe>



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

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.

SHARING CULTURE

As a new initiative, members of the parish community are invited to share some of their cultural traditions at Mass. This is to celebrate the many cultural groups within our parish.

It could be something quite simple like singing a song on special saints' day to taking up the offertory wearing traditional dress or sharing a Prayer of the Faithful in your first language. Or it could be a procession on a saint's day with food to share.

If you are interested in sharing your traditions, please contact Sue Schulz in the Parish Office on 83381277 or sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au to start the planning.

BOOKS 'N' BIKKIES

Everyone is welcome to join our next Books 'n' Bikkies on Thursday 2nd of July at 10am in the Sebastian Room. Bring along any recommendations of books to read with others that love reading and are always looking for new things to read. Tea/coffee and bikkies provided. The Parish library will be open and books/CDS/DVDs can all be borrowed.

PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

The Passionist Companions will not be meeting on Friday 3rd July. The next meeting will be held in August.

If you would like to find out more about the Companions, please contact Loreta 0400 125 623.

MASS & DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday 4th July 2026, 12pm at St Raphael's Church, Parkside.

Confessions from **11:15am - 11:45am**.

Holy Rosary recited at **11:30am**. Mass at **12:00pm**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass until **3:15pm** and concludes with Benediction.

Enrolment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt Carmel will also be available.

Enquiries: Elizabeth 0431 664 382

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

On Sunday 5 July parishes around the country will celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

As part of our commitment to the ongoing journey of reconciliation we will be having a special collection in support of the Otherway Centre at the end of each Mass on the weekend of the 4th and 5th of July.

WINTER WARMERS

Our next Family Friendly Mass is on the 19th of July and after that Mass we provide a "winter warmer"- a soup to those attending. If anyone would be willing to make a pot of soup, it would be greatly appreciated by Lisa, Fr Phi, Phuc and Sue S who are the monthly soup makers. Please let Sue in the office know if you are willing to help.

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!

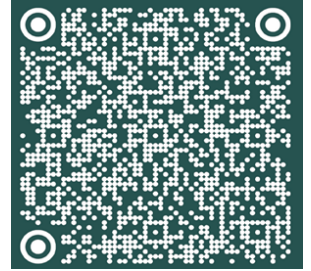
Every purchase helps support our Passionist Community at The Monastery. We are open during the office hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm.

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.

ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC PILGRIMAGE

The major relic pilgrimage of St. Carlo Acutis is coming to Adelaide 6 – 9 August 2026.
Who is St. Carlo Acutis? Carlo Acutis (1991 - 2006) was an Italian teenager known for his deep devotion to the Eucharist and his zeal in using technology for the work of evangelisation.
He created an online catalogue of Eucharistic miracles and lived an intensely spiritual life despite his young age. Carlo died at the age of fifteen from leukemia, after only ten days of sickness.
He was canonised in 2025, becoming the first millennial saint.



Scan the QR code for more information and the Itinerary or head to the link below:

<https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-faith/international-eucharistic-congress-28/pilgrimage-of-st-carlo-acutis->

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Founded in 1947, ACN is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects, religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by conflict and poverty. For many years we have partnered with parishes to share news of our work in bulletins to let parishioners know about these projects. ACN operates solely on benefactor donations, with no funding from Church or State. Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org

Persecution & Faith: A Witness of Courage and Forgiveness from Pakistan

Twenty-year-old Akash Bashir was serving as a volunteer security guard at his parish in Lahore, Pakistan, when a terrorist with explosives tried to enter the church. Akash said, "I would rather die than let you in," and then gave his life to prevent a massacre.

In the years since, his parents have offered an extraordinary witness of Christian faith. Asked whether they had forgiven those responsible for their son's death, they replied: "Yes, we have forgiven them and pray that they may find the right path to God." Their example reminds us that the Gospel calls us not only to courage, but also to forgiveness.

Reflection: Where may God be asking you to make a sacrifice out of love, or to forgive an injustice against you?

Read more testimonies of faith from *Aid to the Church in Need* at: aidtochurch.org/welcome

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Fr Pastor Mumburi cp

Passionist Community Members:

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Fr Jeff Foale cp,

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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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