



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

1st - 2nd August 2026 ♦ 18th 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 WHO FEEDS US

Today we celebrate the great love of God that not only gives us life, but also sustains that life with the food of the eucharist, the love of God made visible in Christ our Lord.

**Entrance Antiphon:** God, come to my help. Lord, quickly give me assistance. You are the one who helps me and sets me free: Lord, do not be long in coming.

**Response to the Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The flames of the children preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are currently in St Raphael's Church. Parishioners are invited to sign their name to show their prayerful support of the children and their families.

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS

The solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday this year and so all may celebrate this important feast day, Mass will be celebrated at:

- 7:00pm Vigil Mass on Friday the 14/08 at St Paul's Church
- 9.30am on Saturday 15/08 at St Raphael's Church

## GIVE EASY

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

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



## Roster for 8th - 9th August

| St Paul's |                              | St Raphael's              |                               |
|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 6:00pm    | R: Chris W.<br>E: Tom W.     | 5:30pm                    | R: Samuel C.<br>E: Eleanor L. |
| 8:00am    | R: Amritha A.<br>E: Paul S.  | 9:30am                    | R: Peter<br>E: Rosa F.        |
| 10:30am   | R: Zuzanna S.<br>E: Marie O. | Count Team: 5             |                               |
| 5:00pm    | R: Tom B.<br>E: Trish W.     | Altar Society:<br>Melanie |                               |

## Next Sunday's readings: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13

2nd Reading: Rom 9:1-5

Gospel: Mt 14:22-33

## LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

**Sick:** Peter Smith, Rosa S, Glenn, Dora Corso, Anton Sylvester, Yap CC, Gloria Phillips, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude, Jochen Gosebrink

**Recently Deceased:** Bernard Meatheringham

**Anniversaries:** Carmine Patuto, Nicolina Bibbo, Sabatino Carpentieri, Theresa Ha Quynh Nhu, Belinda Shadiac, Fr Peter Dunn, Edward John McGowan

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.

## NO PLAN B - MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: THE CALL OF BAPTISM *'They walked by on the other side'*

Last week, our reflection concerned the Archdiocesan Synod here in Adelaide. How, at the Synod, we were asked: Can our Church, our Archdiocese, my parish here be what Pope Francis called a 'field hospital'; a 'mother with open arms'; not a 'museum for saints', but 'a hospital for sinners'; where are the 'peripheries' we need to be, where all of us can 'smell like the sheep'; where our presence can bring mercy, hope, comfort, companionship, forgiveness, dignity and justice. Where we can be present, and make a difference, not all over the world, - though we wish we could - but in here where we are. At the Synod in June, to answer this challenge, we reflected together, prayed together, listened to each other, let go of our own certainties and allowed ourselves to be changed.

We listened not just to each other in the third June Synod meeting. No, we were listening to the shared concerns, pleas, learnings, experiences and wisdom of the 4 years of meetings, gatherings, dialogues through our parishes, schools, social services, religious orders, cultures - and to the needs of our neighbours, individual suburbs, workplaces.

From all this, the Synod settled on five broad areas where focused work and engagement must happen. Five areas, and 100+ recommendations. For many of us, though, the first area was key. 'If we get this right,' we thought, 'we will manage to get right all the other numerous areas we discussed'.

And that was the call to be Missionary Disciples. How can I be holy and transformed into the likeness of Christ? Not for myself, but so I can be the hands, the feet, the eyes, the heart of Christ. ~How can I, as St Paul says, 'have in me the same mind as was in Christ Jesus our Lord, who does not cling to God but gave himself ... even unto death on a cross.' Get that right, we thought, and we will get everything else right.

This mission begins with our own baptism. Not the ceremony that made us officially 'catholic', but the heart-felt and heart changing 'Yes' we said to Christ and his love. The moment when we allowed Christ to enter and take over our lives. And when Jesus gave us a 'heart to see,' - to see ourselves, to see our neighbours' need.

Pope Leo used the parable of the Good Samaritan to describe the moment when our lives can be changed. The man lay beaten and broken. Probably not just the Pharisee and the Priest walked past, saw but didn't see. Probably many others also walked past. But the Samaritan saw with the 'eyes of the heart'. For the others this man and his situation, wasn't their problem. And for the Samaritan, it wasn't his problem either, till he decided it was.

So, the Synod said - actually so you all said, we all said - learning to see with the eyes of the heart, is the first priority. How do I see, how do we see, how does the parish see, how does the Archdiocese see, how do our schools see, our hospitals, our social services. Get that right and it's 'in the bag', as they say.

We can put the stark reality like this: God has no Plan B. There is no contingency plan, no back-up strategy. If we don't 'cross the road' like the Samaritan, the broken and needy will be left in the gutter. If we don't open our arms, no one else will lift them up. Yes, we will get our hands dirty and smell like the homeless, like bashed wife and terrified kids, the lonely old man. Once we say, "not my problem", then we are the problem.

When we all, in the Synod, realised Missionary Disciples was the key, it wasn't meant to be a burdensome challenge "Are you doing enough?" It means instead, recognising that each everyday moment, encounter, interaction is mission in action. There is no Plan B. There never was. There is only us, and whoever is lying in the road waiting for someone to actually stop.

### Take Away activity

Each day this week, give someone an extra few minutes of your time. Each evening, reflect whether there was someone you walked past without crossing over.

### Music Reflection

Phil Collins "Another Day in Paradise"

### Art Reflection

There is no one else, just us and the person lying on the roadside



## LETTER FROM FR JOHN CURTIS CP

Dear Parishioners of St Paul's and St. Raphael's,

I still have so many wonderful memories as I reflect on the privilege of ministering with you and for you in the parish. I am sorry that I could not visit you over the past six and a half years but was most grateful to Fr. Tom for making it possible for me to celebrate my 50th Jubilee of Ordination a few weeks ago. Thanks to Fr. Tom, the Liturgy and Music Committee and choir, the Passionist Community and you, the parishioners, for making my Jubilee a very special and affirming liturgy and gathering afterwards. Your tributes, your gifts and the great love you showed me, was quite humbling.

Since returning to Australia at the end of April, I have been getting some much-needed rest and attending medical check-ups, catching up with my family and planning with parishes in Arlington, Buffalo and New Orleans to preach appeals in the United States in support of our mission in Papua New Guinea. I leave next week and return in time for the AFL and NRL grand finals!!

I also joined with my classmate, Fr Tiernan Doherty CP, for jubilee celebrations at St Brigid's, Marrickville, and Holy Cross, Templestowe, where both of us have enjoyed extended periods of ministry.

When people ask me about my time in Papua New Guinea, I take immense pride in telling them of the deep faith that so many of the people live each day amid the challenges and struggles of life in Port Moresby. Despite the political, social, economic and family difficulties they face, they reflect an extraordinary faith in the Lord and a deep trust in Mary, our Mother. It will be a privilege to share with the people of the United States the story of their great faith, resilience, and joy in the Lord. My greatest challenge will be fitting in so many stories and experiences into a Sunday homily!

Be assured that you remain in my thoughts and prayers, along with Fr Tom, the Passionist Community and the Parish Team.

Wishing you God's peace, and blessing.

Fr John Curtis CP



## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Everyone is welcome to attend any of the following events*

|         |                                                         |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/8     | Parish Walk<br>12pm Mass - The Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| 6/8-9/8 | Books and Bikkies 10:00am<br>St Carlo Relic Pilgrimage  |
| 9/8     | Walk a Mile in Solidarity                               |
| 11/8    | National Census                                         |
| 15/8    | Feast of the Assumption                                 |
| 23/9    | Br Michael Hamper Luncheon                              |

## BAGS OF LOVE

As the weather grows ever colder, those rough sleepers are finding little comfort in the world. And this is where we come in! Working with the Whitmore Square men's shelter, our aim is to provide some "Bags of Love". We need to supply 50 "Bags of Love" to Whitmore Square for the men who come through their doors to escape the cold weather (if we can do more, even better!)

Please see the list below for items we can put in our "Bags of Love". All items need to be new and unused. Food items need to be in date and unopened

- Beanies
- Warm socks
- Gloves/fingerless gloves
- Toothbrush
- Small toothpaste
- Comb
- Tinned tuna
- Small bottled water
- Muesli bars
- Trail mix/boxes of sultanas or dried fruit
- Roll on deodorant
- Instant noodles/ 2-minute noodles
- Packets of soup
- Packets of crackers and biscuits

Or if you would like to give a small cash donation so we can buy what we need to top up the bags please contact Sue Schulz in the office or place your contribution in an envelope on the collection plate marked Bags of Love or with Sue's name. Collections baskets will be in the churches.

## WALK A MILE IN SOLIDARITY

Friday August the 7<sup>th</sup> is Hutt St's Walk A Mile in My Shoes annual fundraiser. For those that would like to participate but for whatever reason can't manage to get there, St Paul of the Cross Parish will hold a "Walk a Mile" in solidarity. Beginning at 10am at St Paul of the Cross Church we will walk a mile or two. Tea/coffee, biscuits and fellowship will be on offer after the walk with a gold coin donation to go to Hutt St and the work they do with the community. Everyone welcome!

## RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Ever thought about becoming Catholic? Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Wish to prepare for Baptism and/or Confirmation? An Inquiry meeting for all those interested will be held on Wednesday the 12th of August at 7pm in the Sebastian Centre.

If you want to know more then please contact Sue Schulz at the Parish office [sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au](mailto:sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au) or 8338 1277 for further details.

## PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

The Passionist Companions will meet next Friday, August 7th at 7pm in the Dollard Room. Please bring a plate of supper to share after the meeting.

All are welcome.

## PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The next Prayer Group meeting for the world famous mystic and stigmatist St Padre Pio, will be held at St Raphael's Church, Parkside on Thursday, 6 August at 12.30pm - 1.30pm. As prayer will be before Jesus in The Blessed Sacrament, (each first Thursday of the month) and the church closes at 1.30pm, we suggest earlier arrival for those who may like private prayer with Jesus before 12.30pm.

As Padre Pio says: "A soul which prays alone when it invokes God, is weaker than if more souls unite together in prayer. They form a formidable force, consolidated and empowered by Christ."

All welcome. Contact - Anne 0408 014 684

## NATIONAL CENSUS – TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2026

Every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics counts every person and household in Australia. The next Census is on Tuesday 11 August, 2026. The census form asks questions about your age, country of birth, cultural background, living situation, work and education.

The census data is used by the government and others to inform decisions about transport, schools, health care, infrastructure and business. It also helps plan local services for individuals, families and communities.

From an Archdiocesan perspective it is important that you identify yourself as Catholic in the census. This information contributes to the parish social profiles and assists with pastoral planning for the future. Your assistance is appreciated.

## CHARIS SA RETREAT

CHARIS SA invites you to "The Power of The Cross of Christ" Retreat, by Fr Laszlo Horvath, to be held on August 8th 2026. Saint Peter Claver Church, DULWICH, 10am - 3.30pm. Mass included.

For more info or inquiries call 0407 060 715

## BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### Sunday 20 September 2026

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. Married couples celebrating significant anniversaries (e.g. 10, 20, 30 years) please notify the parish in order to receive a certificate for presentation at your respective Mass time. **Nominations will close strictly on 4 September.**

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Phone 8338 1277

# 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.*

## REMINDER NOTICE

**Working with Children Check Clearance for all Volunteers of St Paul of the Cross Parish Glen Osmond/ Parkside.** It is a legal requirement that all volunteers 14 years and older have a valid Working with Children Check clearance (WWCC) from the Department of Human Services (DHS). Kindly note the following:

- All new applications need to contact the Parish Office to lodge their application.
- All existing volunteers that need to renew their clearance can contact the parish office to renew your application. Please note: DHS is directly emailing existing clearance holders **9 months prior** to expiry requesting a renewal of your clearance.
- All children between the ages of 14-17 years need to apply for a WWCC with signed parental consent on the forms.
- Any volunteer (new or existing) having a valid WWCC clearance associated with another organisation can share a copy of the clearance email from DHS. Please email the details to the parish office to have it associated with the Parish register.
- All altar servers, choir members, Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders, Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass, welcomers, sacristans, and general church volunteers needs a valid WWCC to serve in their roles without any exceptions.
- If your clearance has expired you need to first have your clearance renewed before you continue with your

## REMINDER: SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL

Photography during Mass and in particular of minors and individuals without their consent is prohibited under the Church and Civil protocols.

A reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member.

Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carpark at all times. Please observe the speed limits around our Churches and within the car parks.

**The Monastery Oval - The grounds and oval at The Monastery are private property, no dogs are allowed onto the grounds or oval at any time due to health and safety concerns.**

### Parish Pastoral Team

#### Parish Priest:

Fr Tom McDonough cp

#### Assistant to the Parish Priest:

Fr Cao Anh Phi cp

Fr Pastor Mumburi cp

#### Passionist Community Members:

Fr Tony Egar cp

Fr Paul Kien cp

Fr Pham Quang Vinh cp

Fr Jeff Foale cp

Bro. Mark Wells cp

Bro. Phuc Van Nguyen cp

### Pastoral Associate:

Sue Schulz

#### Parish Secretary:

Carmela Pannunzio

#### Admin Assistant:

Claire Hamlyn

#### WHS Co-Ordinator

Donna Cooper

#### Safeguarding for All Contact

Sue Schulz

#### Parish Pastoral Council

Mr Peter McLoughlin

#### Finance Chair:

Mr Brian Lilley

## SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL

Did you know that the United Nations Convention has established 42 rights for children and young people and we as adults have a responsibility to protect these rights? These rights are known as articles, this is article number **27; All children have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have their basic needs met. Children should not be disadvantaged in a way that means they cannot do many of the things other children do.**

Though we live in a rich society, there are many children even in our own country who do not enjoy these rights. Children are disadvantaged and live in poverty for many reasons – their parents may struggle with addiction, mental illness or domestic violence. Overseas many children do not have the food, shelter or clothing they need for survival. Our Catholic charities and agencies, both here and overseas strive to help these children and families to ensure they have the things they need to be healthy and to participate fully in society. We are thankful for the food, shelter, clothing and other blessings our children enjoy. As God gives so abundantly to us his love and forgiveness, let us give, through prayer, time or money, whatever we can to help children in need

**To find out more about child protection initiatives contact the Child Protection Unit on 8210 8150**

## IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

Please remain calm and follow the direction of the Priest. If an evacuation is necessary:

**St Paul's** – Please assemble on the Oval and await further direction.

**St Raphael's** – Please assemble in the carpark/lawn in front of Brereton Centre being mindful of any emergency vehicles needing access to the church.

## HOSPITAL STAYS

If you are to be admitted to hospital, perhaps let someone in the Parish team know so that you will have an opportunity to be supported. If you choose, the Parish can also share this information with the respective Chaplain in advance so that one of the team can visit you during your stay. If a family member or friend is admitted to hospital, please contact the Parish Office if they would like to be visited. This is the only way for us to know.

### Passionist Sisters:

Sr. Jasmine, Sr. Nithya,

Sr. Mary Jasmine

#### Parish Office Hours

9am – 4pm Monday to Friday

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