



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

4th - 5th July 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday*

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

Today's Theme:

THE LORD WHO IS KIND AND FULL OF COMPASSION

Our Lord has every claim to the title and majesty of kingship, and yet he comes to us in humility and gentleness. We pray that this spirit of Christ may also be in us.

Entrance Antiphon: Within your temple, we ponder your loving kindness, O God. As your name, so also your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with justice.

Response to the Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Today 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. We thank you for your generous support of this local charity.

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY MASS

On the 2nd Sunday of each month, St Paul of the Cross Church host the Indonesian Community. They have Mass at 12pm followed by fellowship in the Sebastian Centre. They would like to extend an invitation to any parishioner who may like to join them.

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 11th - 12th July

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: Irma S. E: Felicia F.
10:30am	R: Zuzanna S. E: Marie O.	Count Team: 1	
5:00pm	R: Catherine W. E: Trish W.	Altar Society: Melanie	

Next Sunday's readings: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Rom 8:18-23

Gospel: Mt 13:1-23

LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Sick: Denise Page, Elizabeth Lithgow, Glenn, Isabella, Anton Sylvester, Yap CC, Gloria Phillips, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Margaret Taylor

Anniversaries: Philomena Belton, John Tully, Brian Chapman, Rita & Bill Gittings, Pam O'Leary, Ugo Dottore, Baruch Netto, Joseph Bastian, Helga Gaspar

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.

A CONVERSATION ON ANCIENT GROUND Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

"I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children." - Matthew 11:25

A Prayer of Trust

Our Sunday Gospel contains one of the most beautiful prayers in all the Gospels, spoken at the end of Jesus's first journey through Galilee. By every outward measure his mission has been disappointing - leaders oppose him, authorities grow suspicious, his own townspeople reject him. Yet, there is no bitterness in his voice. He thanks his Father because wisdom has been revealed, not to the clever, but to those humble enough to remain learners. A fitting Gospel for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

A Different Classroom

Many of us who came later to this land bring our western heritage from Rome, Greece, Europe. And we find that God has been nurturing wisdom here for more than sixty thousand years - different from the traditions that shaped Europe, but no less profound. Not preserved in libraries, but handed on through story, ceremony, memory, song and the patient listening of Generations - read in the Land, in Country, at the feet of elders. A different classroom, but no less demanding. The Aboriginal elder Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann gives that way of living and learning a beautiful name: **Dadirri**. *"Dadirri is inner, deep listening and quiet, still awareness. When I experience Dadirri, I am made whole again. I can sit on the riverbank or walk through the trees and find my peace in this deep listening."* We listen so we can learn what to say, and we wait to receive without rushing to act.

Walking Together

Pope Francis, and now Pope Leo, invite the Church to become more "synodal." The word can sound bureaucratic, but its heart is simple: learning to walk together, to listen deeply, to discern patiently, trusting the Spirit is already at work in the voices around us — becoming again like the "little children" Jesus speaks of, ready to learn.

Country and Creation

Our Bible begins with Creation: God's Spirit hovering over the waters, God's Word and Breath creating and sustaining all that is. Genesis repeats, "God saw that it was good." Existence itself is God's first gift. Aboriginal wisdom begins with Country. Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann writes: *"No English word is good enough to give a sense of the link between an Aboriginal group and its homeland. Our word 'home' does not match the Aboriginal word that may mean camp, heart, country, totem place, spirit centre, all in one."* *"The identity we have with the land is sacred and unique... All of us belong... The greatest gift we can share is Dadirri... This is the gift the world is thirsting for."* Frank Brennan comments: *"The land remained the sacramental expression of creation's life-giving power.. the silence and sounds of the bush teach a quietness of soul, putting people in touch with spirit."*

The Blueprint of the Cosmos

Pope Leo writes: *"Because humanity is created in the image of the Divine Architect, we carry within our very nature the blueprint of the cosmos. Our identity is not a solitary thing; it is a resonance with the world around us. To look upon the vastness of creation is to recognise the reflection of our own origin, designed by the same Hand that holds the stars and the soil in constant, living harmony."* Magnifica Humanitas, 2026. *"The earth is not an empty stage for human action; it is a sacred participation in the life of the Creator. The beauty of a mountain, the complexity of a cell, and the depth of the human soul are threads of a single tapestry. We are stewards of this image because we are, first, part of the very creation that reflects God."*

Life Is Gift

Country... Creation... Not saying exactly the same thing, nor should they. Each has its own language and revelation. Yet both remind us of something we easily forget: life is gift. We do not create and define ourselves. We are the Spirit's gift to our community and our world. Being in the image of God is our identity - to be discovered, not manufactured. We are created for community, and belonging comes with responsibility. The Aboriginal philosopher Mary Graham puts it simply: *"You are not alone in the world."* Genesis agrees: *"It is not good for man to be alone."* We are not isolated individuals who later choose relationships. We come into life already connected - to family, community, history, creation and, Christians would add, to the God in whose image every person is made.

A Church That Rediscovered Belonging

This is the Church Popes Leo and Francis invite us to become, because it is who we were created to be. A synodal Church is not first a Church of more meetings; it rediscovered belonging, committed to the common good - or, as Aunt Mary Graham phrases it, where "Country is the Law" - a Church that listens to every voice, because the Spirit never belongs to one person, one culture.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday reminds us God's Spirit was at work in this land long before our churches were built. That wisdom helps us hear the Gospel with fresh ears, and reminds us our first question is not "What have you achieved?" but "Do you know where you belong?" Jesus answered by calling us children of the Father - wisdom revealed to those who know they are, and will only ever be, mere children.



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.

SOME SUPPLIES NEEDED

Sue is looking for about 6 eggs cartons, some potting mix and seeds. Please **don't** go and buy them, Sue is just looking for anything that maybe surplus to your needs. Please contact Sue in the Parish Office to arrange collections/delivery.

KNIT AND KNATTER

Our next knitting session for Fred's Van is on the 13th of July. Everyone is welcome to come along to the Sebastian Centre at 10am. Lots of talking, laughter and yarn on offer. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided, BYO needles.

CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Everyone is welcome to join us in the Sebastian Room on the 16th of July at 10am for our Conversation Café. Come along have a cuppa, a sweet treat and a chat with others from our community.

FAMILY FRIENDLY MASS SUPER SOUP MAKERS

Anyone willing to make a pot of soup for after our Family Friendly Mass on the 19th of July, please contact Sue in the Parish Office to coordinate delivery, as it would be most appreciated by Fr Phi, Br Phuc, Lisa and Sue.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: A STORY OF HOMECOMING

4 – 6 September 2026

Take time away to rest, reflect, and reconnect at our Women's Retreat at The Monastery. Through prayer and reflection, we will journey together through the story of the Prodigal Son, discovering the invitation to "come home" to ourselves and to God. Led by Ms Val de Brenni and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP. This retreat, together with a 1500 word reflection paper, has CESA approval as a SAM day for teachers.

Places are limited. RSVP by 20 August 2026 to reserve your place. Call 8338 8700 or email conference@themonastery.net.au

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

THEOLOGY AT THE BAR

Faith, ideas & conversation.

Come along, all welcome.

Guest speaker: Fr Mannes Tellis OP

Date: Wednesday 8 July.

Location: Ern Malley Bar, Magill Rd Stepney SA.

Time: 6.30pm start for 7pm talk.

Snacks, toasties and drinks available at the bar.

POWER UP 2026 – PRESENTED BY COYYA

Power Up will facilitate an afternoon of workshops on a variety of topics with opportunities to experience contemporary prayer and spirituality, participate in spiritual reflection and formation, and hands on activities that are grounded in faith, ecology and social justice. Following the workshops, Vigil Mass will be celebrated before moving into dinner and live music. The evening will close with a praise & worship session. Organised by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), young people are invited to Power Up 2026!

Who: Young People aged 16–35. Individuals under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

When: Saturday, 25 July 2026 from 2pm to 9pm

Location: St Ignatius College, Athelstone (2 Manresa Ct, Athelstone)

Cost: Free (includes food & drinks) – bookings essential



Scan the QR code or visit

<https://www.cathoyouthadelaidelaide.org.au/powerup2026> for more information and to register!

NATIONAL CENSUS – TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2026

Every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics counts every person and household in Australia. The next Census is on Tuesday, 11th 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.

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 need 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 ministry.

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.

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 34; Children have the right to be free from sexual abuse.

We all want children to be safe and know that sexual abuse harms children on many levels. The Adelaide Archdiocese has a program (Safe Environments For All) that aims to ensure our Church is a safe space where children are protected from abuse. We pray for children who are not safe or have been harmed by the adults tasked with caring for them. Doing everything we can to create a safe environment will ensure that children now and in the future can experience our Church as a place where they know the love of God – where the way we as adults care for them mirrors the care and protectiveness that God shows us all.

To find out more about child protection initiatives contact the Integrity and Safeguarding 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.

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
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Passionist Community Members:

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Fr Paul Kien cp,
Fr Pham Quang Vinh cp,
Fr Jeff Foale cp,
Bro. Mark Wells cp.
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Pastoral Associate:

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Parish Pastoral Council

Mr Peter McLoughlin

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