



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

25th - 26th July 2026 ♦ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

## Today's Theme:

### THE TREASURE WE HAVE FOUND

Solomon prayed for the wisdom to discern the true value of things. We scarcely need the wisdom of Solomon to realise that in finding the love of God and the kingdom of God we have found a treasure beyond price. It is in the joy of this realisation that we hold our celebration today.

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

**Response to the Psalm:** Lord, I love your commands.

**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:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



## MASS & DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 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.

Enquiries: Elizabeth 0431 664 382

## 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 **9.30am on Saturday the 15th of August at St Raphael's Church, Parkside.**

## 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 1st - 2nd August

| St Paul's |                               | St Raphael's              |                                 |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 6:00pm    | R: Angela H.<br>E: Pauline C. | 5:30pm                    | R: Damian C.<br>E: Damien Mc I. |
| 8:00am    | R: Paul S.<br>E: Michelle C.  | 9:30am                    | R: Mladen<br>E: Elizabeth D.    |
| 10:30am   | R: Ros R.<br>E: Rayna T.      | Count Team: 4             |                                 |
| 5:00pm    | R: Alison Gore<br>E: Grant A. | Altar Society:<br>Melanie |                                 |

## Next Sunday's readings: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 55:1-3

2nd Reading: Rom 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21

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.

## THE STILL POINT OF A TURNING WORLD - ENTRUSTING THE FUTURE

### Adelaide Archdiocese Synod 2026

As a young student, when I joined our Passionist Congregation, we were living in a way that hadn't changed for 300 years. But change was in the air. The Vatican Council was just finishing and the Church began to open the windows, as Pope St John XXIII would say, letting the Holy Spirit blow through. We young religious felt we were at the beginning of an exciting new journey and looked forward to all the Church could be for the world. I remember a wonderful book of art about being church. It was called: 'He is the Still Point in a Turning world'. An image from the book excited me then and remains with me still, we were used to the Church as an Institution, but the 'The Still Point' – being American - described the church in terms of the covered wagons moving out, crossing the immense prairies, into the brave new world. There was to be no circling of the wagons, to protect the church from a dangerous world, preserving our heritage. The Church was getting underway, was going forth, and going on.

Of course, back then, we were wildly romantic, idealistic, and we got lots of things wrong, - but it was oh so exciting. I felt something of that same excitement last month, as the Archdiocese engaged in the Synod. After 5 years of Archdiocesan Pastoral Assemblies, consultations and dialogues, in June all this work came together. It was called Synod 2026. The build-up took all those years, but the 100 Members wrestled together for three days in June. Lay people from all walks of life, religious representative, some priests and Archbishop O'Regan - were the members, deliberating and recommending. But the faith, the ideas, the suggestions, the criticisms, the dreams, the disappointments – these were your voices, the voices of all us members of the Church of Adelaide.

One voice in particular was very present. It was the insights, challenges, hopes from the children, teenagers and young adults of our schools. The dialogues in the schools captured the contributions of many whose families may not be regular Sunday church goers but for who our schools, are their experience of 'Church'.

The discussions at the Synod itself were many, varied and rich. Especially they were respectful. It was not a matter of who argued best or loudest, but about what can we agree on together. Back in the early 1970's, we brash young things considered anything before the Vatican Council to be old fashioned, out of date, conservative. During these Archdiocesan Renewal meetings, we treasured so much of what we have received. We felt deep gratitude for the faith and its many expressions both in the past, and in the lives of the rich multi-cultural church the Adelaide archdiocese is. We received so much humbly, and hungrily, listening deeply to honour those whose faith gives us the place to stand now. And we were invited to walk gently amid their wisdom, prayer, services and sacrifices.

And then like those covered wagons, we asked, where will our next steps take us. This is the Church we want to be. This is who we were; this is who we are. This is who God's calling us to be. And now it is time to start! A Church on Mission, it was officially called. A Church on the move.

The end result was not the document that will come out. The end result will be the action that occurs. This Synod 2026 turned the soil. Now comes the planting and the growing, the watering and the pruning, the trials and the efforts, the successes and the failures. And whatever the results they will depend, not on the Archbishop and his office, but on us in our local parishes. We are the labourers in the vineyard.

Pope Francis gave us the image of the Church as a field hospital, where wounds are met with compassion and hearts are warmed by mercy. Pope Leo adds images of his own: the Church as a pilgrim people, as living stones forming a spiritual house, as a community rooted in its local place and walking alongside its people. Above all, he calls us to be a missionary Church with its arms open to the world, a small haven of harmony in a divided human family.

Our Adelaide Archdiocesan, Synod 2026, belongs within that larger hope. It is not simply a set of decisions for others to carry out. It is an invitation to become more fully the Church we are called to be, a communion of faith, a people on pilgrimage, a school of wisdom, and a circle of prayer. An oasis of peace.

### TAA

Ask your self these questions: What gift have I received from the Church that I would most like to share? What can I do this week to make a difference to someone's day?

### Music

Enya - How can I keep from singing <https://youtu.be/9x7dQNYRCD0?si=mVkkqw4mbhb9U-h3>

Mahalia Jackson - How I got over <https://youtu.be/eE6qN29egWk?si=n2tMh9jBAaNiiXjf>



## THANK YOU

Thank you to Rosa F, John and Sue W for their soup making efforts for the Family friendly Mass last weekend. Your contributions were enjoyed by many and Lisa and Br Phuc appreciated the month off so thank you very much. If anyone would like to make a pot of soup for the family friendly Mass, then please contact Sue in the Parish Office to organise.

## VOLUNTEERS

If anyone is willing to serve our communities by being a reader, commentator, welcomer or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at our Masses then please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Training is provided and a current "Working with Children check" is required (the Parish Office can help facilitate getting a check at no cost to the volunteer).

## 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.

## KNIT AND KNATTER

Our dedicated volunteers have been knitting up a storm and Sue has just dropped off our second delivery of numerous scarves and beanies. If anyone would like to join us on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of July at 10am in the Sebastian room you would be most welcome. There is plenty of yarn and conversation but please BYO your own needles.

## SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

For our volunteers that need to update their child protection training, it is now called Safeguarding Essentials Training and there are some session dates in August.

The first option is at Henley Beach Parish (Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Henley Beach) on the 5th of August at 10:30am-12:30pm.

The second option is at the Adelaide Cathedral Hall (39 Wakefield St, Adelaide) on the 20th of August at 10am-12pm.

Please note that we unfortunately cannot offer parking to our volunteers as the car park is used for employees only. Please RSVP to Sue in the Parish Office so these numbers can be passed on and plenty of resources be available to those who attend.

## 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.

## RCIA COMPANIONS

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will be beginning again next month. If there are any parishioners who may be interested in acting as companions during this faith journey please contact Sue on 83381277 or [sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au](mailto:sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au).

The parish team will offer a warm welcome to enquirers and then connect them with a parishioner or two, who might invite them to coffee, have an informal conversation with them and get to know them. The parishioner who makes this contact with the enquirer may become their sponsor or may alternatively be able to suggest someone more appropriate from within the parish to be a companion and sponsor. That's all.

Eventually, there may be some learning sessions or discussion groups. The candidates and companions/ sponsors can join in when the sessions start. This is an element in the RCIA but it is not the 'program'. The catechumenate is a 'journey' of growth and discovery in the midst of the parish community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

|                |                                                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>27/7</b>    | Knit and Knatter                                        |
| <b>1/8</b>     | Parish Walk<br>12pm Mass - The Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| <b>6/8-9/8</b> | St Carlo Relic Pilgrimage                               |
| <b>9/8</b>     | Walk a Mile in Solidarity                               |
| <b>11/8</b>    | National Census                                         |
| <b>15/8</b>    | Feast of the Assumption                                 |
| <b>23/9</b>    | Br Michael Hamper Luncheon                              |

# 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.*

## 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

### Passionist Sisters:

Sr. Shiji (Community Leader)

Sr. Jasmine, Sr. Nithya,

Sr. Mary Jasmine

### Parish Office Hours

9am – 4pm Monday to Friday

Phone: (08) 8338 1277

### Address

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St. Raphael's, Young St.,

Parkside 5063

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parish@themonastery.net.au

### Website and Facebook

themonastery.net.au

www.facebook.com/

StPaulsRetreat/

Holy Spirit Province website:

www.passionists.com

### St Raphael's Primary School

114 Glen Osmond Road,

Parkside

Ph: 08 8274 4900

Mrs Emma Fowler (Principal)

Mr Daniel Burns (Aprim)

## TIME FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Parish Pastoral Council requires 3 new members. If you would like to nominate or self-nominate, please ensure you read the brief description below and then send a nomination to [pastoralcouncil@themonastery.net.au](mailto:pastoralcouncil@themonastery.net.au)

### Purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

The parish, like the whole Church, is being urged by the Holy Spirit on a journey towards the fulfillment of the Reign of God. On this journey the role of the Parish Pastoral Council is to participate in God's mission to live and communicate the love and example of Christ in the world around us.

### The PPC is:

1. an **expression of commitment to the journey of synodality** in the parish.
2. a **major parish body which exercises leadership** under the authority of the parish priest by investigating, considering and proposing practical priorities and strategies about the spiritual and pastoral life and activity in the parish.
3. a **community of dialogue, reflection and discernment** which seeks and listens to the voices of all in the local Church and the people of this part of the world.
4. a **consultative body in partnership with other parish bodies** to support the parish priest, parish leadership and other bodies in their local church leadership roles.
5. **It is not the role of the Council to 'micro-manage' issues**, nor is interested in the day to day running of the parish or staffing issues. Issues of finance, property and administration are mainly the concern of the Parish Finance Council.

### What qualities are required for parish pastoral councilors?

- Commitment to Christ and the Church, with a parish community perspective.
- Openness to listen and evaluation – "to be the eyes and ears of what's happening in the parish."
- Willingness to work in a team with a positive and hopeful outlook.
- A commitment to synodality.
- Sufficient time and energy (10 monthly meeting of 1½ hours and some committee work), for 3 years.
- Reliability in attendance and tasks undertaken.
- Hold a current Working With Children Check and sign the Code of Conduct.

### NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to nominate as many parishioners as you wish. You may self-nominate. Every person nominated will be required to attend an Information Meeting at a time to be decided. Here you will learn more about the role of the PPC and its members.

At the end of the meeting, they will be asked if they wish to accept or decline possible membership.

I, ..... wish to nominate the following parishioner (s) as a possible member for our Parish Pastoral Council. I have contacted the nominee, and they have provided the following contact details.

Name ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

Name ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

Name ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

**Nominations close:** Please ensure nominations are received by Monday 17 August 2026.