



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

8th - 9th August 2026 ♦ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Today's Theme:

HIS VOICE THAT SPEAKS OF PEACE

In times of great anguish, such as St Paul himself experienced, Christ is always with us, calming the storm and bringing peace.

Entrance Antiphon: Lord, be true to your covenant, forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; do not ignore the shouts of your enemies.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



FAMILY FRIENDLY MASS SUPER SOUP MAKERS

Anyone willing to make a pot of soup for after our Family Friendly Mass on the 16th of August, please contact Sue in the Parish Office to coordinate delivery, as it would be most appreciated by Fr Phi, Br Phuc, Lisa and Sue.

MASSSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 8th - 14th August 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	7:00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St Raphael's Church

Thursday	10:00am until 1.30pm
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Saturday	12:00pm until 3:30pm
Sunday	10:30am until 4:00pm

Roster for 15th - 16th August

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Rita P. E: Marie D.	5:30pm	R: Fiona E. E: Elizabeth D.
8:00am	R: Brian W. E: Bernie S.	9:30am	R: Carmel G. E: Felicia F.
10:30am	R: Greg K. E: Cathy K.	Count Team: 6	
5:00pm	R: Sue S. E: Dinesh A.	Altar Society: Melanie	

Next Sunday's readings: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7

2nd Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS

The solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated at both church's.

St Paul of the Cross 14/08/26

7:00pm Vigil

St Raphael's 15/08/26

9.10am Rosary.

9.30am Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3.30pm.

Morning tea will be served in the Brereton Room immediately after Mass. Please bring a plate of food to share.

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

Recently Deceased: Bernard Meatheringham

Anniversaries: Irena Wyszowska, Patricia Doherty, Mariantonia & Antonio Ferrone, Jose Arevalo, Patricia Hremias, Anastasia & Pietro Spiniello, Antonio Montatore, Bette McNamara, Maria Luu Hoang, Sr Carmel Hennessy RSM

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.

BEYOND THE BOAT - WHERE RESOLVE ENDS AND GRACE BEGINS

Earlier this year, Pope Leo XIV stood beneath the soaring spires of Barcelona's cathedral, Sagrada Família, to bless the great Tower of Jesus Christ, the last and highest of Antoni Gaudí's eighteen towers. Construction of the basilica began in 1882. Gaudí devoted the final forty-three years of his life to its construction, and with the endless delays, he said, "My client is not in a hurry." More than 140 years later, the basilica is still unfinished. Pope Leo, however creatively saw a parable. "Much more than a monument, the Basilica of the Sagrada Família remains today a work in progress, reminding us that Christian life is always a journey." He went on to say that its incompleteness "is not a flaw... it bears witness to a desire... it expresses a promise."

Of course this is true of everyone of us. We all have hearts yearning for something more, something more perfect, something more fulfilling. Something that makes us feel more complete or still the restlessness within. Consciously or unconsciously we are always reaching beyond where we are. Artists striving for the art that captures perfectly their vision, musicians creating a melody that speaks their heart. For we more ordinary people we desire something that might fill the empty heart, repair what life has harmed, or allow us to be all we hope to be, or to be as good as others seem to think we are. This longing is not something illusory, wanting something out of reach. It is the deep intuition that life is meant for more as John O'Donohue wrote, "the human heart is a theatre of longing." But, like the unfinished basilica, our lives are still not yet finished in the eyes of God. The Master Potter is still shaping the clay we are.

I think it was that yearning, not impulsiveness that made Peter step out of the boat onto the waves. His yearning to be all he can be for Christ. He doesn't want praise or be the hero of the story. He wants to be all he feels Christ believes he is. But Peter's heart is bigger than his strength. When Jesus calls across the water, Peter leaves the boat. In Gethsemane he reaches instinctively for a sword. Peter is going to die for Christ, never betray him. And he makes it at least as far as Pilate's courtyard while the others melt into the darkness. On Easter morning he runs to the empty tomb. Later, when he recognises the risen Christ standing on the shore, he throws himself naked into the sea, leaving fish, boats, and companions behind because nothing matters more than being with Jesus. Peter's problem was never that he loved too much. His problem was believing that love and courage alone could carry him where, in fact, only grace could. All his life, Peter wants and tries to be more than he is capable of. Effort can carry us further than we imagined. But none of them can replace the hand of Christ reaching out to hold us up.

Peter's greatest act of faith was not climbing out of the boat; it was crying, "Lord, save me!" That cry was not the collapse of faith but its fulfilment. Not a moment of doubt, but an ever more courageous act of faith. In that moment Peter stopped believing that everything depended on Peter. He finally entrusted himself to the One whose hand had reached for him long before Peter stretched out his own. What courage had begun, grace alone could complete.

The same blind spot lives in us. Yes, we want to be all we can be, and more; we want to be able to be, for ourselves and for other, all that we need to be, and more, we want to repair so much that life may have left damaged or make amends for the too many failures we remember with embarrassment or shame – and more. This is what is so endearing, so generous, so noble about our yearning and desire. It mirrors God's own designs for our lives.

Without this desire, yearning and longing, we would never even try. We would write these off as unrealistic, impossible, daydreaming, and so settle for less and give up trying. None of us would ever leave the boat. Human longing can begin the journey. Courage can step onto impossible waters. It will get us so far, like Peter, and then we know, I need Christ's hand to hold me up, his feet to walk the path, his light to show the way.

And it is more than God taking over what we began, no, the Gospel story is about our courage in making that act of faith "Lord, save me." God meets us where and when we have run out and running on empty. Not when Peter arrives still standing for Jesus to say, "Well done, Peter." When, after the resurrection Jesus asks Peter, "do you love me?" There is such irony in Peter's reply. "Lord, you know I love you!" He is saying in brutal honesty: "You know what my love was worth; You know my love isn't worth anything much at all." Thomas Merton observed, "The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves." That is how God loves and that's why God loves us. He has never waited for a stronger, wiser, or holier version of us before reaching out his hand. It's when we sink - as Pádraig Ó Tuma writes, "The place where you have been hurt can become the place where you meet tenderness." Peter discovered that tenderness, not while confidently walking on the water, but while disappearing beneath it, when the hand of Christ found him before he could find himself.

The invitation of this Gospel is to embrace the longing. Keep believing you can be more, more loving, more faithful, more generous. Follow your heart, leave the boat, attempt the impossible, find yourself drowning even. But knowing it's Christ's hands lifting you up. It's when, sinking, you stop saying: "Yes, I can" and listen to Christ saying instead, "No, you can't! But ... Yes, we can."

It was when Peter finally let go of Peter, he discovered that Christ never let go of him.

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This week, not some moment, when you feel you may be treading water, perhaps overwhelmed or swept up with enthusiasm and energy. Stop and pray: Lord, take my hand. Lord, lead me home.

Music Reflection

Selah: You are my Hiding Place <https://youtu.be/uUx2WcC9JKo?si=7mQE0AgPNLsYm-PA>

Rick Modlin: Carry Me Home https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkuY-kl2kP0&list=RDHkuY-kl2kP0&start_radio=1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the following events

10/8	Knit and Knatter
11/8	National Census
12/8	RCIA Meeting
15/8	Feast of the Assumption
16/8	Family friendly Mass
20/8	Convo Café
23/9	Br Michael Hamper Luncheon

NATIONAL CENSUS – TUESDAY 11 AUGUST 2026

Reminder - the next Census is on Tuesday 11 August, 2026. 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.

BAGS OF LOVE

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

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

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.

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 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.

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.

SAFE GUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

A face-to-face Safeguarding Essentials training session will be held at the Adelaide Cathedral Hall or St Joseph's Parish Brighton. If your training is due, or overdue, please look at the following dates to find a course to attend.

Please note: no WWCC and no Safeguarding Essentials training = no service provision.

Adelaide Cathedral Hall Parish: (Please note that there is no on-site parking available)

Address: Adelaide Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

Available Dates: Thursday 20 August

Wednesday 30 September or

Tuesday 27 October or

Wednesday 18 November or

Wednesday 2 December

St Joseph, Brighton Parish:

Address: 22 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton, South Australia, 5048

Date: Wednesday 11 November 2026

Time: 10 am - 12 pm

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.

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.** parish@themonastery.net.au Phone 8338 1277

SUPPORTING THE PERSECUTED: HELP REBUILD A CATHEDRAL IN THE PHILIPPINES

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit: aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



Celebrating the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop 8th August

"Let us show love in our acts"

Be **Fierce**
for **Fair**



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