



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

15th - 16th August 2026 ♦ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Today's Theme:

MERCY TO ALL MANKIND

We tend to think of God as exclusively our own property.

But he is God of all the world, of Christians and non-Christians alike; and today we celebrate his mercies to others who are not of our faith.

Entrance Antiphon: God, our protector, keep us in mind; always give strength to your people. For if we can be with you even one day, it is better than a thousand without you.

Response to the Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Please pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation next Wednesday night and First Communion on Sunday the 23rd of August.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Thanks to a couple of generous donations from some parishioners, we have some fabulous prizes for a Father's Day raffle. **Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.** Available from this weekend at various Mass times across the parish. The raffle will be drawn on the 4th of Sept and winners will be notified to arrange collection.

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

Nuptial Blessing: Please remember in your prayers Dr Christiane Breuer & Dr Christoph Haunschmidt whose Nuptial Mass will be celebrated in Austria on the 15th of August 2026.

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

Recently Deceased: Maureen Coburn

Anniversaries: Sr Veronica O'Connell, Antonio Montatore, Anthony McGee, Hilary Raimondo, Justin O'Leary, Roger Orchard, Lucila Reyes, Richard & Mary Honner, Fr Pierce Murphy

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 15th - 21st August 2026

	St Raphael's	St Paul's
Saturday	9:30am	6:00pm
	5:30pm	
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 22nd - 23rd August

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Pauline C. E: Alison Goss	5:30pm	R: Mary Q. E: Des Q.
8:00am	R: Paul O'L. E: Amritha A.	9:30am	R: Irma S. E: Rosa F.
10:30am	R: Malgorzata P. E: Ros R.	Count Team: 7	
5:00pm	R: Jen H. E: Grant A.	Altar Society: Melanie	

Next Sunday's readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23

2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

CAPTURED BY CHRIST

Our faith is not only what we believe, it is who we love ... and who we are willing to become!

It's not only we believe, but who we love and who we become.

I spent my first years as a priest lecturing in Liturgy & Sacraments to seminarians, religious, teachers, in parishes. I always began with two basic beliefs, two fundamental principles. First, Liturgy is not an academic subject like Theology or Math. Liturgy is a skill, a skill like playing footy, cooking, or the piano. It is an art we learn by practice. It is learning how to pray, allowing ourselves to be led into prayer. The second principle is that we become what we pray. When we mean what we say and say it often enough, the prayer shapes and reshapes our hearts.

This past week in the Church's calendar and prayer, we have had an extraordinary gathering of feasts: The Transfiguration, (falling as it does around Hiroshima Day), Lawrence the martyr; Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Edith Stein, murdered at Auschwitz; Clare of Assisi; our own Mary MacKillop of the Cross; and finally, this weekend, the Assumption of Mary. These were not just separate feasts about different saints, different centuries. But their lives have a common thread. Each of these saints, tells us what can happen to a human life when it is captured by Christ, transfigured by Christ, transformed into Christ. So, Liturgy is about what happens when we take the lives of these saints into our hearts in prayer, when we feel with them, identify with them, then, like them, we too become an icon of Christ and a sign of hope for the world.

In the Transfiguration of Jesus, as Jesus spoke of his death with Moses and Elijah, the disciples see the appearance of Jesus to the glory that has always been there. They saw what the Cross, the torture and death of Jesus truly meant. Hiroshima also reminds us of the terrifying capacity we have to disfigure and destroy ourselves, our humanity. On Mount Tabor, God reveals his answer. Humanity is not made for degradation but for glory. We are made to be transfigured. The disciples see the transcendent beauty of Christ where the world sees only weakness, failure, suffering or insignificance.

"Bring me the Church's treasure", the Roman Emperor Valerian demanded of the Deacon Lawrence who held the purse strings of the Church in Rome. Lawrence brought him the lost, the sick, the broken, the destitute, all crowding into the Imperial Court. "These are our treasures." Lawrence said. Being captured by Christ, Lawrence could see in the overlooked and discarded, a treasure beyond measure. Being captured himself by Christ, Lawrence lost his life.

Centuries later Edith Stein, a brilliant scholar, convert, Carmelite nun, walked with her sister into the unbelievable horror of Auschwitz. Like 6 million others, they were considered no longer human, only vermin, to be used and destroyed, 'no beauty to attract our eyes', as Isaiah says. This was a denial of all the Transfiguration showed us, that every human person possesses a dignity no hatred has the right to erase. In Auschwitz, Teresa Benedicta of the Cross lived the name she had chosen. Hatred could destroy her body; but it could not compel Teresa Bendicta to hate. Even in the gas chambers, love remained.

Clare's lifetime of love took a different path. She willingly shed everything for her world, her family, her upbringing told her what was necessary for happiness — wealth, security, status. Against all opposition, she left her home in the darkness of night, exchanging it for poverty, rags and Christ. Something was unveiled when everything else was stripped away: a freedom and joy that transformed everything. Clare had found her treasure in the radical poverty of the convent, here she found Christ - or perhaps Christ found her and she said "Yes". "Do the Math", we say – well for Clare, the poverty of her life far outweighed anything the Church could offer.

Mary MacKillop knew something of a living martyrdom. She bore excommunication, expulsion, public shaming and humiliation. Her Congregation was divided seeming to undo the work to which she had given her life. And all of this from within the Church she loved. But bitterness was never going to have the final say, for Mary. Yet she did not turn away. She did not allow bitterness to define her. She discovered that to follow Him is not simply to admire Him, but to be changed into Him.

And then comes Mary, the mother of Christ. Her assumption was not her special privilege and reward. It is the revealing of what God's destiny is for each of our lives: that nothing truly human is discarded, and that death itself is not annihilation but the seamless passage into the fullness of life for which we were made.

As we live with these saints in the daily prayer, these are not prayers we say about someone. For those precious minutes Lawrence, Clare, Teresa Benedicta, Mary MacKillop, Mary the mother of Jesus, are our companions. With them we can allow Christ to capture us, as he did them. Like them we can recognise treasure in the poor, dignity where others see inconvenience, hope where the world sees only darkness, riches in poverty, fidelity in suffering and life even in death. Wherever we are, we can be an icon of Christ, transformed by His, and their way of seeing and loving.

And humbly we can know that while we may not be remembered among "All Saints," we each have our own special place with the "All Souls".

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Reflect on someone in your life who is a 'real' saint, not a pious pretense. It may be a neighbour, a friend, a grandparent, or someone you see on the news.

- What about them captures your heart?
- What would your life be like if you live those same values more fully yourself?

Music Reflection

John Michel Talbot : Holy is His Name

www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2X11zZuvDw

Suscipe of Catherine McAuley, Founder of the Sisters of Mercy

www.youtube.com/watch?v=35tXvZ1BFoD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the following events

15/8	Feast of the Assumption
16/8	Family friendly Mass
20/8	Convo Café
23/9	Br Michael Hamper Luncheon

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 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. Collection baskets will be in the churches.

Collections will close on the weekend of the 29/30th of August.

HELPING HANDS

There is a group of volunteers who come together on an as needs basis, these are our "Helping Hands". This group has come together to help with the "Spa in a Jar" project, the "Bags of Love", preparation of items for Good Friday and Easter ceremonies, cleaning/polishing the sacred vessels, tidying the flower sacristy. There's no roster, no demand to present at every call out. It's an opportunity to help with things that need to be done, if you are available. Sue always provides tea/coffee and sweet treats, you just provide some help, a bit of a conversation and laughter.

If you would like to join this group, please contact the Parish Office with your details and you will be contacted when something needs to be done.

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 was held on Wednesday the 12th of August but it's not too late to join. 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.

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: 10am - 12pm

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: 10am - 12pm

MUSIC LITURGY RECRUITMENT DRIVE – ST PAUL OF THE CROSS CHURCH

Many thanks to those that came forward after the Masses at St Paul's last weekend to offer suggestions and volunteer to assist in the **music liturgy** for our church. We received a good number of responses and will soon be responding to each of the people that left their details with us.

If anyone has further ideas on who may be a resource for either **providing music leadership, operation or development of PowerPoint presentations**, please let us know through discussion with any of the priests or directly to Justin Hamra (0436 659 797 or hamraclan@bigpond.com) or Loreta Smales.

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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BROTHER MICHAEL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL LUNCHEON

Will be held in the Monastery Dining Room, Wednesday 23rd September, 2026 at 12pm Tickets: \$35 for 2 course meal with Champagne or O.J. on arrival. Guest Speaker: Clinton Jury, CEO of St. Vincent de Paul Society. An afternoon of food, fun and friendship. Lots of raffle prizes. **Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from Saturday 29th August, 2026.**

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.

LORETO COLLEGE COMMUNITY MASS – LORETO COLLEGE CHAPEL

Sunday 30th August, 2026 at 10:00AM. All Old Scholars, Mothers and/or Daughters of Old Scholars and their families, current students and their family members and College staff members and families are invited to attend. Morning Tea to follow.

For further information contact Margaret Sullivan on 0413 011 345.

CROSS ROAD FORUM - SOCIAL ISSUES AND THE CHURCH'S VOICE

We are daily confronted by controversial issues in society which attract responses from sometimes extreme viewpoints. Should the Church give voice to its response? When?

Our speakers:-

Robert Gascoigne, Emeritus Professor of Theology at the Australian Catholic University and past President of the Australian Catholic Theological Association

Greg Crafter, formerly South Australian Minister for Education, Community Welfare and Aboriginal Affairs. Former chair of the National Catholic Education Commission and formerly working for the Catholic Church in Adelaide and Townsville.

When: Tuesday 1st September, 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Coffee and chat to follow

Where: Sebastian Centre at The Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Urrbrae

Come to listen and discuss, everyone welcome.



LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA - PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

The Salesians of Don Bosco, are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.

Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

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.



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