



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

22nd — 23rd August 2026 ♦ 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Today's Theme: PETER THE ROCK

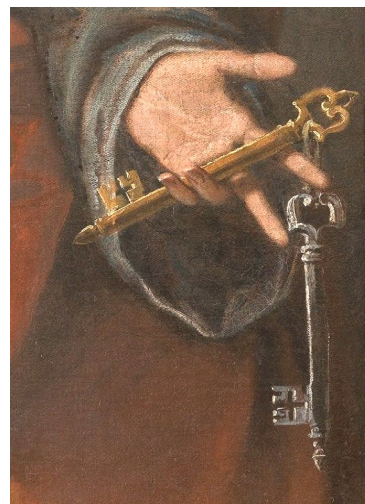
We rejoice today that Christ chose Peter in spite of his human failings to be the rock on which he built his Church. The reason for that choice lies in the unfathomable depth of God's wisdom. 'The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly.'

Entrance Antiphon: Listen Lord, and answer me. Save your servant who trusts in you. I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord.

Response to the Psalm: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



HOME ROSARY

The home Rosary for this month will be held at the home of Maria Spagnuolo on Friday 28th August 2026 at 2pm. Please phone the office for address details on 8338 1277.

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 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.

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 20th 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. If you have or are celebrating a significant anniversary, please notify the parish in order to receive a certificate for presentation at your respective Mass time. Please send your details to parish@themonastery.net.au or phone 8338 1277. **Nominations will close strictly on 4/9/2026.**

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

Recently Deceased: Maureen Coburn

Anniversaries: Anthony & Kathleen McLoughlin, Ivy Bastian, Maria Betros, Hilary & John Raimondo, Malvina Phillips

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.

MASSSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 22nd — 28th 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	

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 29th — 30th August

St Paul's			
6:00pm	R: Monique R. E: Vincent C.	5:30pm	R: Samuel C. E: Damien McL.
8:00am	R: Ian L. E: Michelle C.	9:30am	R: Peter McL. E: Felicia F.
10:30am	R: Diana G. E: Rayna T.	Count Team: 8	
5:00pm	R: Catherine W. E: Alison Gore	Altar Society: Vera-Ann S.	

Next Sunday's readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9

2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

Gospel Reflection

It's such a seemingly simple question by Jesus: "But who do you say I am?" The disciples still had so much to learn.

At first, in their responses to Jesus' questions about who he is mentions only prophets. This isn't a surprise. This is how their contemporaries would interpret an itinerant Rabbi. Throughout their history prophets had guided the Jewish people in the way of God. Prophets had called them back to covenantal fidelity. Prophets had warned the Jewish people about impending punishment when they strayed from God through being stiff-necked, self-reliant, and unfaithful. How much more did the disciples have to learn about who Jesus is!

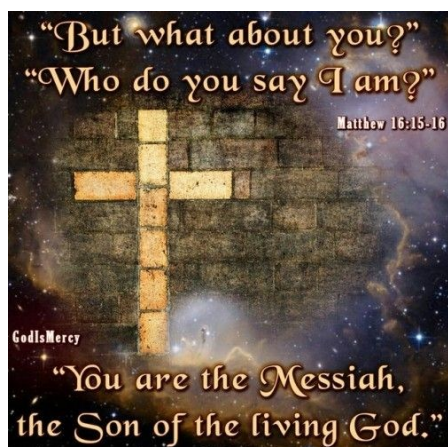
They could not be prepared for the wholly new that Jesus is the new Adam, the new Moses. They could not be prepared for the wholly new covenant Jesus was offering through who he was. They could not be prepared for the new church, the new beloved people they themselves would become.

Indeed, Jesus is a prophet, but so much more: he is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Nothing short of a revelation by the "heavenly Father" could make this known to Peter. Nothing short of a revelation to the community of believers that acknowledge Jesus as "the Christ" and remain ever faithful to his saving mission could continue to make this known even to our day. The church is a fluidity of persons cemented together by the common bond of faithfully living the mystery of who Christ is. And who we are in him.

This gospel challenges us to before keep our eyes an understanding of church as the community of believers who constantly make present the risen Christ. Jesus makes a vital connection between his self-identity and the reality of the church. The church rests in Jesus, derives from who he is and his ministry, and is built up only by our own participation in the identity of Jesus. The church is the Body of Christ made visible in the community of believers who carry forward Jesus' saving mission. The church will prevail to the end of time when all will be gathered back to the Father.

Jesus is doing a wonderful thing in this gospel- he is telling us that by being church we participate in his identity (as children of God) and his saving mission. Nothing will prevail against this church as long as we keep ourselves turned toward Jesus and remember that our own identity as members of the Body of Christ is bound up in who Jesus is: "the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

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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 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.

To book your place, please phone 8338 8700 or email conference@themonastery.net.au



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.

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.

THANK YOU so far for your overwhelming support of this project!!!!!!

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

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? The Inquiry period is now starting for the RCIA. If you are interested in joining, it's not too late. Our next meeting will be held on the **27th of August at 7pm** in the board room in the parish office. 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.

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.

BROTHER MICHAEL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL LUNCHEON

To launch the 2026 Appeal, the luncheon will be held in the Monastery Dining room on Wednesday September 23rd 2026 at 12 midday. Always a fun, enjoyable and welcoming afternoon. Two course dinner with a glass of champagne or O.J. on arrival. BYO if required. Door prize and raffles galore.

Tickets \$35 on sale after all Masses from next weekend 29/30th August until 19/20 September.

The guest speaker will be Clinton Jury CEO of St. Vincent de Paul.

Donations for raffle prizes (unwrapped) will be gratefully received and boxes will be placed in both Churches.



MUSIC LITURGY RECRUITMENT DRIVE – ST PAUL OF THE CROSS CHURCH

Many thanks to those that came forward after the Masses at St Paul of the Cross Church to offer suggestions and volunteer to assist in the **music liturgy** for our church. We received a good number of responses and have started to respond 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.

CHRIST ON THE COURT 2026 – YOUTH EVENT - SATURDAY 29 AUGUST

The highly anticipated **Christ on the Court 2026** is back, bigger and better than ever. Join young people from across Adelaide and interstate for an unforgettable day of basketball, faith and fellowship on **Saturday, 29 August 2026** at **St Michael's College Senior Campus**. With more teams participating and exciting activities planned throughout the day, this promises to be a fantastic celebration of community and faith. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at:

[Book Tickets for Christ on the Court 2026](#)

All are welcome.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEPTEMBER APPEAL 2026

September is Catholic Charities Month. Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians. In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal. Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the leaflet or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or click the QR code.



SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

A face-to-face Safeguarding Essentials training session will be held at the Adelaide Cathedral Hall or St Joseph's Parish Brighton. To all our volunteers, 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: Wednesday 30 September **or**

Tuesday 27 October **or**

Wednesday 18 November **or**

Wednesday 2 December

St Joseph, Brighton Parish:

Address: 22 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton SA 5048

Date: Wednesday 11 November 2026

Time: 10am - 12pm

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.

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3–4 September 2026**.

The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.

Parishioners can register individually for **\$20**.

Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering



EUCCHARIST28 UPDATE – ETERNAL LIFE IN THE EUCHARIST

Eternal Life in the Eucharist The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

At every Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist is a moment of communion where we are all united in Christ, who's body and blood we share. Through sharing the Eucharist, we draw closer to each other and to God.

In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us that "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54) God wants us to be with Him for eternity, and through the Eucharist He invites us into a deeper communion with Him.

Through the Eucharist, Christ unites us to Himself and draws us into the eternal life He promises. Jesus defeats death and offers us eternal life.

At each Mass, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice for the faithful departed, so that those who have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified may be cleansed and enter into the fullness of the resurrection, sharing light, peace and eternal life in Christ. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

'The Eucharistic sacrifice is also offered for the faithful departed who "have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified," so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ.' (CCC, 1371)

To help your parish and community experience this moment of Eucharistic renewal on the journey to Eucharist28, head to eucharist28.org for more.

Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Priest:

Fr Tom McDonough cp

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Fr Jeff Foale cp

Bro. Mark Wells cp

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