



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

29th - 30th August 2026 ♦ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Today's Theme:

CHRIST WHO OVERCAME THE RELUCTANCE OF THE FLESH

It comes to us as no surprise that the Prophet Jeremiah should have felt reluctance to offer himself as a living sacrifice to God's will because we all experience the same reluctance to accept the cross. But what consolation it is to know that Christ experienced the same reluctance of the flesh and had to struggle to overcome it.

Entrance Antiphon: I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.

Response to the Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

MASSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 29th August - 4th September 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 <i>until</i> 1.30pm
Friday	10:00am <i>until</i> 1.30pm
Saturday	12:00pm <i>until</i> 3:30pm
Sunday	10:30am <i>until</i> 4:00pm

Roster for 5th — 6th September 2026

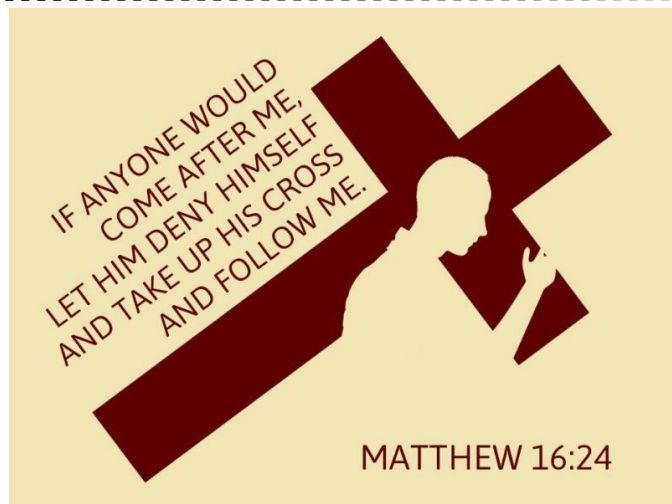
St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Alison Goss. E: Marie D.	5:30pm	R: Damien Mc I. E: Amritha A.
8:00am	R: Michelle C. E: Bernie S.	9:30am	R: Mladen E: Vera Ann S.
10:30am	R: Greg K. E: Cathy K.	Count Team: 1	
5:00pm	R: Marguerite H. E: Trish W.	Altar Society: Melanie	

Next Sunday's readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezek 33:7-9

2nd Reading: Rom 13:8-10

Gospel: Mt 18:15-20



CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS

To all of the children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation on the 19th of August at St Paul of the Cross with Fr Dean Marin, VG and First Communion last Sunday the 23rd at St Raphael's with Fr Tom. Both ceremonies were very well attended with parents, siblings, extended family, and sponsors in attendance. It was standing room only on Sunday!

May God continue to bless your lives as you continue your journey of faith.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available next Saturday 5th September.

- **St Raphael's Church 4.45pm - 5.15pm.**
- **St Paul of the Cross Church 5.15pm - 5.45pm.**

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: Damien, Eulalia Bibbo, Caterina Chiera-Benton, Yap CC, Anton Sylvester, Gloria Phillips, Chris Harwood, Amalie Leditschke, Amy & Jude, Glenn

Recently Deceased: Pasqualina Patuto, Ken Duffield

Anniversaries: Vito Fiore, P. U. Philip, Anna Guardziel, John Raimondo, Giuseppina Caltagirone, Janina Kiersz, Edith O'Loghlin, Damia Shadiac

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.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS
POPE LEO XIV**

**FOR THE 11th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE CARE OF CREATION 2026**

*“They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks” (Isaiah 2:4)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Lord Jesus Christ came so that we might have life and have it in abundance. This gift of life lies at the heart of our mission as disciples and of our shared calling to build a civilization of love. As we observe this World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we are invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, as tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator.

Today, we are witnessing many crises and much human suffering. At the same time, the disruption of the harmonious balance of creation is accelerating. These realities are not unrelated; they are a single plea for healing and peace arising from a wounded world.

The God of life, revealed in Jesus Christ, offers a peace that the world cannot give. Yet this promise stands in stark contrast to what we see around us. Isaiah spoke of a time when nations would “beat their swords into plowshares,” transforming what destroys life into what sustains it. Today we too often witness the opposite, as human energy and resources continue to be directed toward violence and war.

War leaves wounds far beyond the battlefield. It claims lives, tears families apart and forces millions to flee their homes. It also leaves social and ecological destruction that can endure for generations. Armed conflict destroys ecosystems, contaminates air and water, threatens food security and deepens poverty and inequality. These in turn create new tensions and the possibility of further conflict.

War therefore wounds the whole fabric of life: individuals and communities, our relationships with one another, and our harmony with creation. It reveals a deeper failure to live in the image and likeness of God, to respect life and to care for the earth entrusted to us. This is not only a political failure. It is a moral and spiritual one.

These crises call us not only to greater responsibility but to a conversion of heart. The violence, injustice and ecological degradation we see around us are not simply the result of flawed systems. The human heart is the place where our deepest struggles unfold — where reason, desire, freedom and conscience meet, and where we struggle between love and indifference, truth and illusion, justice and injustice.

The wounds of war and the degradation of the earth are therefore profoundly connected with the condition of the human heart. When the heart becomes distorted, relationships suffer, and the structures we create begin to reflect that disorder.

Pope Benedict XVI once reminded us that “the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast.” What is broken around us is, in some way, also broken within us. If we are to build a peaceful world, we must reform structures, certainly, but we must also renew our hearts.

The causes of conflict and the exploitation of creation include the loss of a sense of limits, the desire for domination, the pursuit of immediate profit and the failure to recognise the God-given dignity of every human person. The prophetic call to beat swords into plowshares, therefore, is not addressed only to nations. It is addressed to each one of us. It asks us to transform what harms into what gives life.

Such transformation cannot come through external change alone. Through cooperation with God’s grace, we need personal and collective conversion — a return to the God who can reorder our desires, heal our wounds and help us grow in virtue. Without this inner transformation, peace will always remain fragile. But when hearts are renewed, new possibilities open before us. What has been used for destruction can be redirected towards life: towards caring for the poor, nourishing the hungry and safeguarding creation.

Peace begins in the heart and flows outward into our relationships, our communities and our world. God does not leave us without the means of healing. Instead of the weapons of war, the God of peace gives us the strength to heal, reconcile and build a civilization of love. We are called to safeguard the many “ecosystems” entrusted to us: the ecosystem of creation, the ecosystem of human relationships and the ecosystem of the human heart itself.

Imagine a world in which the enormous energies now invested in war were directed instead towards human development, overcoming poverty, protecting human dignity and reconciling divided peoples. The true tools for building peace are not weapons of destruction. They are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love. These flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God’s grace. They possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities and heal the wounds of our world.

Dear brothers and sisters, the path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed so that we might seek peace and care for creation. If we undertake this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God’s work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.

May the Lord grant us courage to walk this path, so that in our time swords may indeed be beaten into plowshares, the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, and the peace of Christ may reign over all creation.

**From the Vatican, 15 August 2026
LEO PP. XIV**

Edited and abridged from Pope Leo XIV’s Message for the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, 1 September 2026.



BAGS OF LOVE

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items or donated money to the Bags of Love project! In the coming weeks, our "Helping Hands" will sort all the donations so a shopping list of extra items can be purchased to fill these bags.

I will make sure that the money stretches a long way, so it provides any extra items like beanies or gloves, or socks that are needed, along with the extra goodies like chocolates, water bottles, etc for each of the bags.

Ideas without action and support are not much use and so I'm blessed to have this community to support these types of projects. I hope to have the bags delivered by the second week of September.

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.

SPRING FLING

Sunday, 20 September

Come along and enjoy the sunshine of spring at our Spring Fling, held on the lawns in front of the Monastery, commencing after the 8:00am Mass. There will be plenty to browse and enjoy, including books, homemade cakes, biscuits and slices, as well as gifts from the Monastery Gift Shop.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are looking for donations of cakes, biscuits, slices and other baked goodies for our cake stall. Donations can be left at the Parish Office on Friday, 18 September.

ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL - THANK YOU

The St Vincent de Paul Glen Osmond Parkside Conference would like to thank the parish for its very generous response and contribution to the Winter Appeal. Over \$3787 was collected after the Masses at St Paul's, St Raphael's and Lourdes Valley in May. The final amount is significantly higher as some members of our community made credit card donations



PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

The Passionist Companions will meet next Friday, September 4th at 7pm in the Dollard Room. Please bring a plate of supper to share after the meeting. All are welcome.

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.

MASS & DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday 5th September, 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

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 20th September 2026 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.

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 until 19/20th 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.



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.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY RETREAT DAY

Discover and develop your musical formation with guidance from experienced musicians. Perfect for all skill levels!

September 19th 11:00am - 4:00pm at St Lukes Noarlunga Parish. Corner of Goldsmith Drive & Honeypot Road, Noarlunga Downs SA 5168. Scan QR code to register.



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.

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