



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

12th - 13th September 2026 ♦ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A - Safeguarding Sunday

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

Today's Theme: OUR FORGIVING LORD

We cannot celebrate today the Lord of compassion and love, the Lord who died for us and who lives to intercede for us, unless each of us has forgiven his brother from his heart.

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

MASSSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 12th - 18th 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 19th — 20th September 2026

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Maree U. E: Pauline C.	5:30pm	R: Amritha A. E: Elizabeth D.
8:00am	R: Brian W. E: Michelle C.	9:30am	R: Carmel G. E: Rosa F.
10:30am	R: Diana G. E: Ros R.	Count Team: 3	
5:00pm	R: Sue S. E: Dinesh A.	Altar Society: Melanie	

Next Sunday's readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Phil 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN



BROTHER MICHAEL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL LUNCHEON - SOLD OUT!

Due to an overwhelming response all tickets to the luncheon have been sold. Thank you for your generous support.

Donations of raffle prizes will still be gratefully accepted. Boxes will be left at both Churches or donations of prizes can be left at the Parish Office.

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: Caterina Chiera-Benton, Glenn, Eulalia Bibbo, Damien, Margaret Furnell, Elizabeth Tagbo, Des Tonkin, Anton Sylvester, Yap CC, Gloria Phillips, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Hugh Forde, Denise Page, Chui Wai Kuen (KL)

Anniversaries: John Bready, Sophia Tryndoch, Romeo Lopez, Trevor Fuller, Anthony Ngo, Daphne Bizzell

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 TWO SIDES OF THE CROSS - *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

This week, we celebrate the feast of “The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.” Exalting, suffering, cruelty and pain, is a strange feast. We are only too familiar with what is going on in the world. Each day can seem yet another blow on the bruise. So much we abhor. Nepal is a reminder we didn’t need. That even the very earth is traumatized. The Somali poet, **Warsa Shire**, asked, as she touched the atlas, “*Where does it hurt?*” and the answer came: ‘*everywhere ... everywhere everywhere!*’ And though here in Adelaide, where we face nothing like what so many are forced to go through, life is still getting harder and more challenging. ‘Getting by’ not living.

This cross we abhor and can never let ourselves be anathetised to the challenge this cross presents to us. All year round our churches have a large crucifix, often bigger than life size, hanging on the wall behind the altar, often directly above the Tabernacle. All year round, every Sunday, we are reminded that the bloodied, broken body hanging above the altar is the same Christ whose body comes to us as bread, his blood as wine.

And yet, on Good Friday when we might expect it, the rubrics of the Liturgy don’t ask us to carry in a crucifix. We are asked to carry in a Cross ‘of appropriate size and beauty.’ Not a cross bearing the broken body, but as a cross with a beauty that takes us beyond Calvary, deep into God’s own heart. This is the cross we look at and see only love.

The cross of human suffering

First, there is the cross we see wherever human pain and sorrow drain life away. Simone Weil, the Jewish mystic & philosopher died during WW 11, in her stunning essay, call this unbearable but constant stripping away of dignity, worth and hope, she calls it ‘Affliction’. As **Isaiah** says on Good Friday in his description of the suffering Servant: *As the crowds were appalled on seeing him – so disfigured did he look that he seemed no longer human – so will the crowds stand speechless. For they shall see suffering beyond belief.*

There is a haunting moment in Warwick Thornton's film **The New Boy**. Sr Eileen in her isolated settlement in desolate, isolated Western Australia takes in a wild young Aboriginal child the government sends. In her eyes, kind as she is, he needs to be civilized with the gifts of religion and faith. She is blind to the rich culture and mystery he already has. Early on she finds him clinging to a huge old tree, almost merged with it, and she pulls him away.

Later, a long awaited beautiful life-sized crucifix finally arrives and is installed in the simple chapel, raised up, and fixed to the wall. Sr. Eileen is overjoyed. Seeing it however, the New Boy, ignorant of our church and faith sees a man being tortured. His instinct is immediate: Why doesn't somebody help him? Why doesn't somebody take him down? Before the New Boy understands Christianity, he understands compassion. Suffering evokes love, he climbs up onto the cross and nestles; hugs the suffering he sees. Later, he takes out the nails and wipes the bloodied face. The first question is the New Boy's question: Why doesn't somebody help? Can I do something? Can I take him down?

The Cross does not make human suffering sacred or acceptable. It makes suffering impossible for us to ignore. It claims our heart. It calls us to engage, protect, resist, and heal; to rid this person, and as far as we can this world, of whatever diminishes life. And if we cannot rid someone’s life of darkness, we refuse to leave them in it.

Because fearing they are forgotten is the killer .

The Cross is not exalted because suffering is sacred. We exalt the cross because it demands us to call on our love.

(I will continue this reflection next Sunday, inspired by the second special Passionist feast this week: Our Lady of Sorrows.)

Take away activity

Take time to remember one person who may feel they have been forgotten that no one cares.

Music Reflection

Dante’s Prayer - Loreena McKennit <https://youtu.be/HUHvj1cxOs0?si=gCdJHrfGPXeU-Y-W>



BAGS OF LOVE - AMAZING EFFORT!!

We have now delivered 45 “Bags of Love” to the men’s shelter at Whitmore Square. It was truly an amazing effort with so many people helping out.

To the parishioners who donated items or money this is what **YOU** helped to put together! Every bag contained: a beanie, a water bottle, a keep cup, poncho, a pair of socks, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, teabags, coffee sachets, a bottle of water, band aids, eating utensils, tissues, tuna, soup, dry biscuits, sweet biscuits, muesli bars, some chocolate, a packet of dried fruit/nuts, and a fruit box.

To the “Helping Hands” who came along last week to sort and stack the items and then again this week to pack the bags - **THANK YOU** it was a mighty effort.

To Chris B, the “Pearl Clutchers” and coffee crew who helped with the sewing of the bags and donations - thanks to you I didn’t need to sew all the bags myself!

Any items that may not have been used in the bags (and there wasn’t much) will either be given to the shelter to distribute/use or to the Brother Michael Hamper Appeal. Again, my thanks to everyone! It wouldn’t be able to happen if not for your generosity and help. - Sue



SPRING FLING

Sunday, 20 September

Come along and enjoy the sunshine of spring at our Spring Fling, held at St Paul of the Cross Church. We will be having a book and bake sale! Commencing at 8:30am and finishing at 12:30pm. Cash only.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the following events

12/9	Gathering after 6pm Mass
13/19	Safeguarding Sunday Cuppa after 8:00am Mass
14/9	Feast day - Exaltation of The Holy Cross
20/9	Spring Fling - Book and Bake Sale
23/9	Br Michael Hamper Luncheon
25/9	Monthly Home Rosary Group 2pm
27/9	Migrant and Refugee Sunday
10/10	Parish Walk

SOUP MAKERS

Our last “Winter Warmer” will be happening after the Family Friendly Mass on the 20th of September. If anyone would be willing to make a pot of soup to be shared after this Mass, please contact Sue in the Parish Office to arrange delivery or if you have any questions.

PARISH WALKING GROUP

Our final walk for the year will be held on Saturday 10 October. For those wishing to carpool we will meet at The Monastery at 9.45am We will meet other walkers at 10am a Café 1954 (405 Brown Hill Creek Road). We will walk alongside the beautiful creek and then finish up at the café for further conversation. You are all most welcome.

RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY

LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

16 – 18 October 2026

Come and discover the beauty of creation as a pathway to prayer and reflection. Inspired by Pope Francis’ Laudato Si’, this retreat will explore *visio divina* through contemplative photography in the beautiful gardens of the Monastery. Led by Ms Val de Brenni and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP.

This retreat, together with a 1,500-word reflection paper, has CESA approval as a SAM day for teachers. For further details, see flyer.

All welcome, please RSVP before the 2nd of October, 2026. **Call 8338 8700 or email**

conference@themonastery.net.au

SAFE GUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

A face-to-face Safeguarding Essentials training session will be held at St Paul of the Cross in the Dollard room on the 21st of October starting at 6pm-8pm. If your training is due, or overdue, please look at attending this session.

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

Please contact the Parish Office to rsvp or for further details.

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.

SAFEGUARDING Sunday



**Every Conversation Matters,
Shifting Conversation to Action**



Safeguarding Sunday is a time to reflect, pray, and renew our commitment to creating safe and welcoming environments for everyone. This year's theme, "Every Conversation Matters — Shifting Conversation to Action," encourages us to turn our commitment into meaningful action by listening, speaking up, and working together to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all people.

Join us in building a culture of safeguarding where every voice matters and every action counts.

YOU'RE INVITED TO WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027!

Created by St John Paul II in 1985, World Youth Day is the Catholic Church's largest international gathering for young people to celebrate faith, encounter new cultures, and experience the universal Church like never before. Next year, World Youth Day will be held in Seoul, South Korea.

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) invites all young people aged 16-35 who are interested in attending, or simply curious to learn more, to complete an Expression of Interest for the Adelaide pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage is planned to take place from 29 July to 11 August 2027 (14 days) and estimated cost to be raised is \$7500 (excluding spending money).

Complete the Expression of Interest below and join us on the journey to Seoul! <https://shorturl.at/rMEu3>



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