



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

19th - 20th September 2026 ♦ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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

Today's Theme:

THE GENEROUS LOVE OF GOD

The love of God cannot be measured by any human standard. It is incalculable. By human reckoning it must even appear foolish. What sensible employer would behave like the man in the Gospel parable? We see a reflection of that love in St Paul's dilemma. He loved so much that he could not decide whether it was better to live or die.

Entrance Antiphon: I am the Saviour of all people, says the Lord. Whatever their troubles, I will answer their cry, and I will always be their Lord.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



MASSSES FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK 19th - 25th 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 until 1.30pm
Friday	10:00am until 1.30pm
Saturday	12:00pm until 3:30pm
Sunday	10:30am until 4:00pm

Roster for 26th — 27th September 2026

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Monique R. E: Sue C.	5:30pm	R: Damian C. E: Damien Mc I.
8:00am	R: Amritha A. E: Bernie S.	9:30am	R: Peter Mc L. E: Felicia F.
10:30am	R: Ros R. E: Rayna T.	Count Team: 4	
5:00pm	R: Tom B. E: Grant A.	Altar Society: Vera Ann S.	

Next Sunday's readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezek 18:25-28

2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11

Gospel: Mt 21:28-32

HOME ROSARY

For the month of September, the Rosary will be held at the home of Rosa and Bruno Filosi, **Friday 25th September at 2pm**. Please contact the office for details. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to be involved in the Home Rosary Group, please contact the Parish Office. This group meet every Friday during the months of May and October, and once a month during the other months.

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: Des Tonkin, Isabella, Margaret Furnell, Elizabeth Tagbo, Anton Sylvester, Amy & Jude Gloria Phillips, Amalie Leditschke, Yap CC, Chris Harwood,

Recently Deceased: Ted Nugent, Wai Khuen Chui, Hugh Forde, Edi Sfreddo, Kevin Betts, Joan Keys

Anniversaries: Florencio Ando Saladaga, Omar Romero, Fr Neil Kelly, Antonio Pilone, Caterina Jackway, Pietro Onofrio, Anna Onofrio, Orlando Colella, Nicolo & Leonilda Gullotta, Nicoletta Mancini, Joan Moyle, Carmel Nicholson

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.

'BY THE CROSS, HER STATION KEEPING' – OUR LADY OF SORROWS *Where do I stand? Where do I find myself?*

Last weekend, anticipating the feast of Holy Cross, I reflected on the horror of suffering. The Cross is an example of suffering that shouldn't be justified or explained, certainly not 'exalted', and just as certainly resisted. Yet that suffering can evoke the best in those who are confronted by it. It evokes and calls on the best in us, the desire to do something, anything, everything – to ease or to share what others are going through. If only by 'being there' or a silent prayer, or 'holding' them in our attention.

But there is another side to the Cross. When we look at the Cross of Christ, we do not see suffering alone. We see love. We see the love poured from God. The Welsh priest and poet R. S. Thomas imagined the Trinity – the Son, looking upon our wounded world and saying simply to the Father, 'Let me go there.' God wants to be with us, and to know He is with us. Not at a safe distance but intimately sharing the trials. As I mentioned last week, it's thinking we are alone, no one remembering, that's the killer.

Grünewald painted this Christ (right) for a hospital chapel, a hospital for those suffering from the great Plague. Those dying, and their families, looked at this painting of Calvary, life size, hanging above the altar. There they saw Jesus marked blistered, festering sores, just like their own. Those helpless, hopeless people were not being offered an explanation. They were being reminded they were not alone. He would be with them till the very end, just as he gave himself to the very end. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writing from inside a Nazi prison, before being hung by razor wire, put it into one startling sentence: '*Only the suffering God can help.*' We are not alone, never alone.

The love we receive

Turning to the Cross, refusing to turn away from suffering is what makes us work for justice, to stand alongside those who need us. Yet, in turning to the Cross, we also allow ourselves to be loved. To let Christ stand by us.

There are times when we cannot be the strong one, the helper, the person taking somebody else down from the Cross. There are those times when it is we who are frightened, exhausted or without hope. Then the Cross is not the expectation we will do more, as Jesus did. It is an invitation to open your heart, to let yourself be loved. That is the Cross' promise: "You are loved. Now! Always! Without limit! Christ cannot bear for you to be alone."

There is no depth of pain, no loneliness, no cry of abandonment into which Christ has not already gone. There is love on Calvary. In our darkest hour, we can be loved. We do not have to earn that love or summon the strength to deserve it.

The Cross cannot change the world by hanging silently upon our walls. But it can change the way we see. It can make the suffering of another person claim our heart, and it can help us trust love when our own life grows dark. And that can change the world.

There is a prayer sung in Bach's St Matthew's Passion that says it all:

*What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow,
Your love that knows no end.
O, make me thine forever
And should I failing be
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.*

May we never outlive the love we receive from Christ, and or fail to be that love for one another.

Music Reflection

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross - Isaac Watts, in the intimate recording, the words lead us from looking upon Christ's love to offering our own life in response. <https://youtu.be/dPdmmzRHIMA?si=0uxYW0QYrD25Ylco>

Bach O Sacred Head – Fernando Ortega. From a poem of St Bernard of Clairvaux

<https://youtu.be/HUf9xEk2r3A?si=fKI8g7BVyqap9mFX>



Matthias Grünewald, Crucifixion from the Isenheim Altarpiece, about 1512 to 1516

UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the following events

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 St Raphael's Feast Day
10/10	Parish Walk
19/10	St Paul of the Cross Feast Day
16-18/10	Retreat at The Monastery
21/10	Safe guarding essentials training

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS, STS GABRIEL, MICHAEL AND RAPHAEL

This feast is celebrated on September 29, this year it falls on a Tuesday. St Raphael is Patron Saint of St Raphael's Church, next Sunday 27 September after the 9.30am Mass a special morning tea will be held in the Brereton room. Please bring a plate of food to share. Everyone is welcome!

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.**

BROTHER MICHAEL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL LUNCHEON

This is the final weekend for donations. 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.

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 at 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.

All welcome, please RSVP before the 2nd of October, 2026. **Call 8338 8700 or email conference@themonastery.net.au**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SEPTEMBER APPEAL 2026

The annual Catholic Charities Appeal for 2026 is being held throughout September. Parishioners are welcome to take leaflets home with them to find out more about the September appeal. Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip in the appeal leaflet or online by clicking here: [Catholic Charities September Appeal 2026](#) or via the QR Code:



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MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS

The **Migrant Jubilee Cross** has arrived in Adelaide as part of a national pilgrimage **celebrating the faith, gifts, contributions and resilience of migrant communities across Australia.** An initiative of the **Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO)**, the Cross is a sign of our shared journey of faith and a reminder of the many cultures and communities that enrich the life of our Church.

The Cross will be at **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** for a time of prayer and reflection on **23-9-2026**, before continuing its pilgrimage to local schools.

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

Come and celebrate with us at Pooraka. We warmly invite everyone to join us for **Multicultural Mass: Sunday 27 September 2026 – 1.30pm** at Our Lady of the Boat People Church, Pooraka.

Pope Leo reminds us that every migrant and refugee child matters, and we are called by faith and humanity to welcome, protect and care for them. You can find the Pope's letter here www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20260811-world-migrants-day-2026.html

Join Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and our multicultural communities for a joyful celebration of our shared faith, followed by a procession and fellowship. **All are welcome.** For more information about the Migrant Jubilee Cross, visit [ACMRO – Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office](#) or contact the Justice, Healing and Inclusion Office at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

THE CHANGING FACE OF CATHOLICISM

Webinar – Thursday 8 October | 7:00pm AEDT

The Council of Australasian Catholics (CAC) and Garratt Publishing invite you to a free Zoom webinar exploring the **changing face of Catholicism in Australasia.**

Hear from representatives of a range of Catholic groups as they share their work, principles and areas of focus, including social justice, education, dialogue and spirituality.

Registration is required. The webinar will be recorded and the recording will be available the following week to those who register.

To register for free, click here:

<https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/the-changing-face-of-catholicism-webinar/>

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.

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. **For those unable to attend the above date, please see below for other dates:**

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

Date: Wednesday 30 September 2026

Address: 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Time: 10am - 12pm

Adelaide Hills Parish:

Date: Wednesday 7 October 2026

Address: 7 Mann Street, Mount Barker SA 5251

Time: 10am - 12pm

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

Date: Tuesday 27 October 2026

Address: 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Time: 10am - 12pm

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL – FACILITATOR TRAINING

Saturday 17 October 2026, 9:00am to 1:00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield St., Adelaide

Living the Joy of the Gospel is the new faith formation program for small group study and discussion from the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This program explores Christian discipleship and mission through the lens of theology, scripture and spirituality.

Those who want to facilitate *Living the Joy of the Gospel* groups are invited to receive training that will equip you with practical tools and pastoral awareness to feel encouraged and supported. This training is intended for all interested in hosting Living the Joy of the Gospel sessions.

Find more information and RSVP at www.livingthejoyofthegospel.au. Please advise the Parish Office if you are interested in facilitator training and have registered or you would like to participate in a small discussion and prayer group. More information on the actual program will be made available in the coming weeks.

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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