



THE PARISH OF ST PAUL OF THE CROSS - GLEN OSMOND/PARKSIDE

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | 24th - 25th October 2026

MASS TIMES

St Paul's Sat 6:00pm | Sun 8:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm | Mon–Wed 9:30am

St Raphael's Sat 5:30pm | Sun 9:30am | Thurs 9:30am | Fri 9:30am

Adoration at St Raphael's Church Thurs & Fri 10:00am–1:30pm | Sat 12:00pm–3:30pm | Sun 10:30am–4:00pm

“Love God.
Love others.
The rest are details.”

Jesus (Matthew 22:37–40)

Today's Theme

THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE

Today, through the strength that Christ gives us, we can celebrate with the joy of the Holy Spirit that great commandment of love which once had to be imposed on men under threat of God's avenging anger.

Entrance Antiphon: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek always the face of the Lord.

Response to the Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help. And exult in the name of our God.

Next Sunday's readings: All Saints

1st Reading: Rev 7:2–4, 9–14

2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1–3

Gospel: Mt 5:1–12

ROSTER FOR 31st OCT- 1 NOV

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Angela H. E: Alison G.	5:30pm	R: Damien Mc I. E: Eleanor L.
8:00am	R: Michelle C. E: Paul S.	9:30am	R: Mladen S. E: Vera-Ann S.
10:30am	R: Malgorzata P. E: Marie O.	Alter Society	Vera-Ann S.
5:00pm	R: Marguerite H. E: Trish W.	Count Team	1

Let us remember to pray for each other

Sick: Joan, Richard Keelan, Nick Martino, Maxine Liebich, Nick Clark, Monica Joseph, Trish Betros, Anton Sylvester, Gloria Phillips, Yap CC, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Ryan

Anniversaries: Bruno Favretto, Mary Saliba, Isobel Woods, Tom O'Connor, Mary Caufield, Iolanda Rossi, Zachary Wilson, Charles & Kathleen Mahony

HOME ROSARY AND MASS

The home Rosary for this month will be held at the home of Elizabeth and Ryszard, next Friday 30th October 2026 at 2pm. **Mass will immediately follow the Rosary.** Please contact the office on 8338 1277 for details.

Everyone is welcome.

SCAM ALERT

Dear Parishioners,

We have become aware of a scam targeting Parishes. Parishioners are receiving communication from scammers purporting to be the Parish Priest requesting donations in the form of gift cards.

Please do not respond to these requests. Our Parish Priests and Parishes do not ever make requests of this kind.

Any such incidents may be reported to Scamwatch - <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/>

Do not hesitate to contact your Parish Priest or myself if you have any concerns or have been contacted by one of these scammers.

Kind regards

Sarah Moffatt

Executive Director, Pastoral Life and Mission

39 Wakefield St

ADELAIDE SA 5000

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.

Give Easy

Please scan the QR code for a link to our collections:

1st Collection Support of Clergy

2nd Collection Support of Parish



Fr Tom writes - How can we live and love in a hostile world? How can we afford not to!

Helen Haines run over, then run over again and again. An execution watched twice, and then, after rehabilitating, will try to execute her again. A 13-year-old Sydney boy who kills a total stranger. A 10-year-old girl shot in Bondi. A 16-year-old girl murdered in the Northern Territory. A young constable killed simply doing their duty. How do we live and love when this is our daily news?

A poisonous atmosphere

The gospel story tells of the religious priests and authorities asking Jesus, 'what is the greatest commandment.' Matthew positions this story at the end of the gospel, Jesus in Jerusalem. the last few days of Jesus' life. The air is poisonous. He has driven out the buyers and sellers, confronted the Pharisees and chief priests with their hypocrisy and self-interest. Lightning them to murderous tenants who kill the landowner's son to steal the property, or to guests invited to a wedding who feel too filled with their own importance and self-sense of entitlement to be grateful.

It's ironic, Isn't it. In the sacred space of the Temple itself the experts in the sacred law ask Jesus about love while planning his destruction.

Mark's gospel tells the story very differently. The men coming to Jesus genuinely wants to live a better life and wants to do whatever is necessary, and Jesus encourages him, saying, "You're not far from the kingdom of God." But not in Matthew. Matthew is full-on confrontation.

Jesus does something extraordinary

Jesus quotes two passages his questioners know well: from Deuteronomy, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind;" and from Leviticus, "Love your neighbour as yourself." The Pharisees now, this back, the front. Putting them together, as two sides of one coin, Jesus tells us that love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated. You didn't have to be a brain surgeon to know that already.

But what matters is the kind of love that Jesus means. He uses the Greek word agape. Agape is not the warm romantic love of lovers. It's not the warm emotional passion of first love. The Greeks had other words for that. No, agape is commitment. It's wanting what's best for the other, wanting what's best for someone, whether you like them or not.

Agape asks us to be family to one another. Whatever we feel about someone, we treat them with civility and respect. We do what we can to help, heal, encourage, and support. Even with someone who lashes out at us and tries to hurt us, we don't let ourselves be dragged down to their level. we try to be our best selves with them. We might not be ready to turn the other cheek, but we can always just walk away quietly.

This doesn't mean we let people do whatever they like and walk all over us; we can call out bad behaviour. We can challenge what we believe is wrong. We can refuse to be bullied or turned into a doormat. But the bottom line is this: we do nothing deliberately to hurt, humiliate, diminish, or exploit another person.

Jesus is confronted by people who want to destroy him, yet he doesn't answer hatred with hatred. He speaks the truth fiercely, but he never abandons love. This is what loving our enemies looks like. Love isn't only doing good things for others; it is also stopping we ourselves from doing horrible things to them.

But what does it mean to love God?

Loving God with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength is also not simply about warm feelings, or feeling cradled in God's arms. It is the hard work of trusting in God's love for us, and in God's promise to stay with us when everything around us seems to be falling apart.

It is trusting that God is there even when God seems absent. It is trusting God in the dark times, allowing ourselves to be vulnerable, and finding the courage to enter situations that are hard. It is loving when we don't feel ready, when we don't know how we'll manage, believing God will walk with us through whatever happens, even when the suffering isn't taken away.

Agapē means trusting that we are still loveable when we fail, when we are ashamed, when we are weighed down by guilt. It means believing it's worth trying again, even when we know we may fail again. All God asks is that we keep trying, again and again, to love with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, even when they are scraping the bottom of the barrel.

Matthew shows us Jesus standing in the midst of a hostile, dark, and unforgiving world, and still willing to love. That is what Jesus asks of us. And he doesn't stand aside to see whether we get it right. Jesus takes our hand and walks with us all the way.

Take away activity.

Do one kind, anonymous thing for someone each day, or pray each day for someone who drives you up the wall.

Music reflection

Ubi Caritas": "Where charity and love are, God is there."

<https://youtu.be/B-50CeNeInA?si=4gYpKblvpOU9j8Vq>

The Deer's Cry - "I arise today" <https://youtu.be/34DVkdZAlw4?si=471Zrdq5EB3OKbyH>

Art reflexion The Christmas truce, 1914



CROSS ROAD FORUM - FROM THE MALLEE TO THE WORLD

Guest Speaker: Father Jeff Foale CP, AM

Father Jeff was born in 1933 on a farm at Pinnaroo joined the Passionist junior seminary at age 12, and was ordained at 24.

His journey since then has taken him throughout Australia, New Guinea (1961-70), Rome (1994-2006) and Viet Nam (2005-2025) with many and varied involvements in the intervening years including:

- Leading ICRA (Indo-China Refugee Association-now ARA) and other refugee aid and advocacy groups including the Refugee Council of Australia (1975-94).
- Establishing and running the Monastery Refugee Project (1979-84) at Glen Osmond.
- Setting up and running the Adelaide Archdiocesan Multicultural Office.
- For a period, heading the Passionist Monastery at Glen Osmond.
- Participating in the Marriage Encounter movement.

When: Wednesday 11th November 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Where: The Dollard Room, The Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Urrbrae

Coffee and chat to follow.

SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS TRAINING

A big thank you to those volunteers who attended the training session on Wednesday evening and to those volunteers who have or are attending the training in the Cathedral Hall.

This training is essential FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS in any capacity.

The next Safeguarding Essentials training session will be held on the following dates.

Tuesday 27/10/2026 10:00AM - 12:00PM Adelaide Cathedral - 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide

Monday 9/11/26 10:00AM - 12:00PM Brighton Parish - 24 Strathmore Terrace

Wednesday 2/12/26, 10:00AM - 12:00PM Adelaide Cathedral - 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide

If you are unable to attend in person and feel comfortable doing the training online, please phone the Safeguarding Unit on 8210 8150 and one of the staff will provide you with your own login instructions to access the training online.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the following events

2/11	All Souls Day 9.30am Mass St Raphael's Church 7pm Mass St Paul of the Cross Church followed by blessing of Memorial Garden
7/11	12pm St Raphael's Church - Mass in Honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
11/11	Remembrance Day
11/11	Cross Road Forum

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF SA: STATE CONFERENCE 2026

With the theme: "Walking Together", please join us with 4 guest speakers, delicious finger food, lunch & much more! **Saturday 31st October** 9am - finishing with Mass at 3pm in the Parish Church. All women welcome. Venue: St John The Baptist Meeting Hall, Plympton. On-site and street parking are available. Tickets \$30. Cost includes morning tea & lunch.

Purchase tickets via the QR code on the flyer, or via: [booking CWL state conference.](#)

Any difficulties booking, email cwlsasecretary@gmail.com

ADELAIDE WALK FOR RESPECT 2026

Saturday 7 November 2026

Gather from 9.00am – Victoria Square South

Walk commences at 10.00am

Victoria Square to Elder Park

Guest speakers at Elder Park following the walk.

Participation is free.

You can wear purple if you wish and walk together as a faith community.

Further information is available at:

www.WalkForRespect.au

Together we say YES to Respectful Relationships.

Together, let's make South Australia a State of Peace.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED BISHOPS, CLERGY & RELIGIOUS

Wednesday, 11 November at 5.45pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

All are welcome to attend a Mass in honour of all deceased Bishops, Clergy and Religious in our Archdiocese. Mass will begin at 5.45pm and music will be led by the Gleeson College Choir.

For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via email

events@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Tom McDonough CP | Assistants to the Parish Priest: Fr Cao Anh Phi CP • Fr Pastor Mumburi CP

Pastoral Associate: Sue Schulz | Secretary: Carmela Pannunzio | Admin: Claire Hamlyn

WHS: Donna Cooper | Safeguarding for All: Sue Schulz | Pastoral Council: Peter McLoughlin | Finance: Brian Lilley

PASSIONIST COMMUNITY Fr Tony Egar CP • Fr Paul Kien CP • Fr Pham Quang Vinh CP • Fr Jeff Foale CP Bro Mark Wells CP • Bro Phuc Van Nguyen CP

Passionist Sisters: Sr Jasmine • Sr Nithya • Sr Mary Jasmine • Sr Kasilda

JOURNEY MASS - A CELEBRATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIAN'S ITALIAN MIGRANTS

Saturday, 14 November at 3.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

The event will be held during the Adelaide Italian Festival week and will honour Italian immigrants and their contributions to the life and vitality in South Australia. Refreshments will be available after Mass, and all are welcome!

For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or via email

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SENTA BILONG HELPIM

Help build a new home for children with disabilities.

For more than 40 years, Senta Bilong Helpim in Vanimo, Papua New Guinea, has been a place of care, support and hope for children and families living with disability.

We are now raising \$300,000 to help build a new Senta, providing therapy spaces, accessible facilities, training areas and a safe place where children and young people can learn, participate and belong.

Every donation, no matter the amount, can make a difference.

Unable to donate? You can still help by sharing the campaign with your family, friends, parish, school, workplace or community.

Together, we can build a new Senta Bilong Helpim and give children and families renewed hope.

Scan the QR code to donate OR Visit:
gofund.me/8efeb9045

All donations are tax deductible.

*Please note that GoFundMe automatically adds a suggested percentage tip to your donation by default. This can easily be adjusted before processing your donation by moving the green dot on the tip slider to \$0. This ensures that your chosen donation amount goes directly towards supporting the cause.

As of 22 October 2026, we have raised a total of \$12,625.00. Thank you to all those who have donated or helped to spread the word.



WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 – ADELAIDE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join the Archdiocese of Adelaide's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027. Join hundreds and thousands of young people from around the globe as we come together in faith, prayer, and celebration. Encounter the many different cultures, build lasting friendships, and experience the vibrancy of the universal Church while deepening your relationship with Christ.

Come and be part of this life-changing pilgrimage and journey together as the Church alive in Adelaide.

Pilgrimage Package – with Harvest Journeys

Costing: \$6600 (price to be finalised end of November 2026)

Dates: 28th July 2027 (depart Adelaide) until 11th August 2027 (depart Seoul)

Package Includes:

- International Airfare to and from Seoul
- Airport Transfers to Incheon, Seoul & return
- Multi-Share Accommodation (in 3-4 star hotel)
- WYD registration (inclusive of meal tickets, transport voucher and insurance)
- Pre-WYD 'Days in the Diocese' homestay experience
- Post WYD retreat and sightseeing
- Exclusive Pilgrim Merchandise

Deposit:

- \$410 upon application
- \$410 following completion of a short interview with the pilgrimage coordinator to confirm a place on the pilgrimage
- (Note: deposits are non-refundable, unless an applicant is not offered a place on the pilgrimage following the interview and selection process)

Expectations:

- Full commitment to the Diocesan Pilgrimage experience – including Formation sessions and entire WYD program/itinerary
- Adhere to the Terms and Conditions of the Diocesan Pilgrimage, including Code of Conduct and Safeguarding measures

Application:

- To apply, visit the website and follow the links - www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/wyd27 (QR code below)



- Opens on Monday 26th October 2026
- Closes on Sunday 22nd November 2026
- Take part in the application interview
- Places are limited
- Further enquiries, please contact: coyyaadl@cesa.catholic.edu.au

PARISH OFFICE

9am–4pm Mon–Fri | Ph: (08) 8338 1277 | E: parish@themonastery.net.au | W: themonastery.net.au

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