



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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | 3rd - 4th 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



Today's Theme THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

The Church rejoices in being the vineyard of the Lord. At the same time we have cause here for much heart-searching and prayer.

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, you have given everything its place in the world, and no one can make it otherwise. For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars: you are the Lord of all.

Response to the Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Next Sunday's readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Is 25:6-10

2nd Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14

ROSTER FOR 10TH – 11TH OCT

St Paul's		St Raphael's	
6:00pm	R: Rita P. E: Cathy F.	5:30pm	R: Mary Q. E: Des Q.
8:00am	R: Brian W. E: Michelle C.	9:30am	R: Carmel G. E: Rosa F.
10:30am	R: Zuzanna S. E: Marie O.	Alter Society	Melanie
5:00pm	R: Jen H. E: Alison G.	Count Team	6

Let us remember to pray for each other

Sick: Baby Jack, Isabella, Elizabeth Tagbo, Joan Caterina Chiera-Benton, Anton Sylvester, Gloria Phillips, Yap CC, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Joan Keys, Edie O'Doherty

Anniversaries: Debra Ann Kedzior, David Adams, Martin Koo, Maria Herba

HOME ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

The home Rosary for this month will be held at the home of Grazia Picariello, next Friday 9th October 2026 at 2pm.

Please contact the office for details.

Everyone is welcome.

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 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

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



Reflecting on the Gospel

We expect promises to be kept. We expect contracts to be fulfilled. We expect directions to be followed. Despite our expectations, however, deep down we know there is no guarantee that our expectations of integrity, doing what is right, being reliable will be met. How true this was for the landowner in this Sunday's gospel parable who leases his vineyard to tenants. He presumed that the tenants would fulfill their half of the agreement. How wrong he was! The landowner carefully planned for his vineyard; the tenants carefully planned how they could seize what did not belong to them. Oh, how misguided some planning can be! How misguided and deadly some decisions and actions can be!

Jesus tells a parable about a landowner who carefully plants, protects, and equips his vineyard, and about tenants who take progressively more violent steps to usurp what is not theirs. With these words Jesus issues judgment against the chief priests and elders to whom he directs the parable in no uncertain terms:

"the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Indeed, the kingdom of God will be taken from anyone who acts egregiously against the norms of righteousness. The chief priests and elders. Even us. It will be given to those who remain faithful to the Son, the Cornerstone. Anyone.

As a metaphor for the kingdom of heaven, it is obvious that the vineyard belongs solely and exclusively to God: God owns it, builds it, does all that is necessary to protect it. We are the laborers invited into the kingdom to tend the divine vineyard, to produce an abundance of fruit. Ironically, the vineyard which the wicked tenants attempt to gain by violence is freely given to those of us who will work faithfully to produce its fruit. We are those new tenants who produce fruit because we surrender our self-will to God and accept Jesus as the One who shows the way. By so doing we gain everything. Apart from Jesus we tenants can do nothing on our own, but with Jesus as our Cornerstone we can do anything that is expected of us.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Many of us throw our whole hearts into what we are doing, with great expectations of success. We want to get ahead. We do our best if for no other reason than to look good. We can readily identify with the two vineyard owners in both the first reading and gospel. They put their whole hearts into their vineyard, doing everything they can to assure fruit. This describes aptly God's ways with us. God puts all the divine heart into coaxing us to be good and faithful tenants, cooperating with the divine will to produce an abundance of fruit.

After all this talk, what is the fruit of the kingdom? What is it we are to produce? Here is the real twist of the gospel: the fruit of the kingdom is the life God offers, but the only way to produce that fruit is to die to self! Just like the gospel tenants and the landowner's son (but for very different reasons), we get "killed" ourselves. That is, we must die to ourselves in order to do the work God asks of us and to inherit the abundance of life God offers. Finally, then, the kingdom does involve a kind of violence: our rooting out anything that keeps us from growing in relationship to God and hearing his word, our dying to self so that we can do God's will.

"Living the Liturgy – Spirituality, Celebration, and Catechesis for Sundays and Solemnities - Year A"

Joyce A Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., Kathleen Harmon, S.N.D de N. & Rev. John W. Tonkin 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the following events

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

SENTA BILONG HELPIM – A PASSIONIST HEART FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Help build a new home for children with disability. 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. Established through the ministry of the Passionist Fathers,

The goal is to raise \$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 below QR code or visit: gofund.me/8efeb9045 to donate. All donations are tax deductible.



About A Passionist Heart Foundation

A Passionist Heart Foundation supports the mission of the Passionist Fathers to serve people experiencing vulnerability across Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam. Rooted in the spirit of Saint Paul of the Cross, the Foundation is committed to compassion, solidarity and practical service, especially alongside those who suffer or are easily forgotten.

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.

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

EUCCHARIST28 UPDATE – DATE ANNOUNCEMENT!

The 54th International Eucharistic Congress (“Eucharist28”) have now been confirmed. Eucharist28 will be held in Sydney from **24 September to 1 October 2028**, preceded by a **Theological Symposium from 20 to 22 September 2028**.

Eucharist28 is a special opportunity for the Church. The coming years of prayer and preparation offer us a significant opportunity to deepen devotion to the Eucharist, strengthen the faith life of our communities, and help people rediscover the joy and transforming power of Christ's presence among us.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2026

October is Mission Month and on the 18th of October this year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. As we continue to support Missionaries build our church, locally and abroad, support Seminarians throughout the world, we continue to focus on Pope Leo's message “One in Christ, United in Mission”. In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

Please take home a Catholic Mission envelope or go online at <http://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au> and follow the path to Catholic Mission. Any further information ring Tony Johnston Province Director Catholic Mission, SA & NT on 0407-168-002 anytime.

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL

Did you know that the United Nations Convention has established 42 rights for children and young people and we as adults have a responsibility to protect these rights?

These rights are known as articles, this is article number 31; **Children have the right to play and to relax.**

Play is so important for children and young people – it is how they learn, develop relationships and express themselves. What are we doing to make our Parish and church environment a playful and happy one for children to be in? Let us not forget that we are all children of God, rejoicing in the salvation we have in Jesus. As we make time and space for children to play and relax we too are reminded of the gladness we feel as we rest and rejoice in God's love.

To find out more about child protection initiatives contact the Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

Please remain calm and follow the direction of the Priest. If an evacuation is necessary:

St Paul's – Please assemble on the Oval and await further direction.

St Raphael's – Please assemble in the carpark/lawn in front of Brereton Centre being mindful of any emergency vehicles needing access to the church.

HOSPITAL STAYS

If you are to be admitted to hospital, perhaps let someone in the Parish team know so that you will have an opportunity to be supported. If you choose, the Parish can also share this information with the respective Chaplain in advance so that one of the team can visit you during your stay.

If a family member or friend is admitted to hospital, please contact the Parish Office if they would like to be visited. This is the only way for us to know.

DONATIONS

Please note; none of our parishioners will be approached personally or directly by any Passionist Priests or bank employees. If you have been contacted by someone that does not work in our office - please contact us to verify.

REMINDER NOTICE

Working with Children Check Clearance for all Volunteers of St Paul of the Cross Parish Glen Osmond/Parkside. It is a legal requirement that all volunteers 14 years and older have a valid Working with Children Check clearance (WWCC) from the Department of Human Services (DHS). Kindly note the following:

- All new applications need to contact the Parish Office to lodge their application.
- All existing volunteers that need to renew their clearance can contact the parish office to renew your application. Please note: DHS is directly emailing existing clearance holders **9 months prior** to expiry requesting a renewal of your clearance.
- All children between the ages of 14-17 years need to apply for a WWCC with signed parental consent on the forms.
- Any volunteer (new or existing) having a valid WWCC clearance associated with another organisation can share a copy of the clearance email from DHS. Please email the details to the parish office to have it associated with the Parish register.
- All altar servers, choir members, Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders, Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass, welcomers, sacristans, and general church volunteers need a valid WWCC to serve in their roles without any exceptions.
- If your clearance has expired you need to first have your clearance renewed before you continue with your ministry.

REMINDER: SAFE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL

Photography/filming during Mass and in particular of minors and individuals without their consent is prohibited under the Church and Civil protocols.

A reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member.

Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carpark at all times. Please observe the speed limits around our churches and within the car parks.

The Monastery Oval - The grounds and oval at The Monastery are private property, no dogs are allowed onto the grounds or oval at any time due to health and safety concerns.

PARISH OFFICE

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