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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A | 14th - 15th November 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 - 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



Next Sunday's readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1st Reading: Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

ROSTER FOR 21st - 22nd NOVEMBER			
St Paul's		**St Raphel's**	
6:00pm	**R:** Monique R. **E:** Marie D.	**5:30pm**	**R:** Damian C. **E:** Damien Mc I.
8:00am	**R:** Amritha A. **E:** Bernie S.	**9:30am**	**R:** Carmen S. **E:** Felicia F.
10:30am	**R:** Greg K. **E:** Cathy K.	**Alter Society**	Vera-Ann S
5:00pm	**R:** Emily T. **E:** ***Volunteer req.***	**Count Team**	4

Let us remember to pray for each other

Sick: Peter McLoughlin, Isabella, Monica Joseph, Trish Betros, Nick Martino, Elizabeth Tagbo, Gloria Phillips, Anton Sylvester, Yap CC, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood, Amy & Jude

Recently Deceased: Cecilia Gall, Pasquale Sabatino

Anniversaries: John Nicholson, Fr Pat Cooper CP, Romilda DeAnglis, Fr Wesley Heading, Msgr Robert Aitken, Eileen Mahony, Patick & Irene Lonergan, Joan Coonan, Guy Phillips

Today's Theme

CHRIST, THE HEAD OF HIS HOUSEHOLD

Christ's family, the Church, today holds festival in honour of its Head, and brings to him the talents of a good wife, devoted sons, and faithful servants.

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord says: my plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you.

Response to the Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

OFFICE CLOSURE

PLEASE NOTE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY THE 25TH NOVEMBER.

GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2027

If you would like to purchase a copy of the above book for yourself or as a gift, please contact the Parish office on 8338 1277. Cost is $25.00.

The order will be placed on Thursday 19 November 2026

DEVOTIONS AT ST RAPHAEL'S FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday 22nd November.

There will be a special day of devotion to honour Our Lord's Kingship.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow the 9.30am Mass.
Holy Hour will take place at 3.00pm. In addition, confessions will be heard at 3.00pm.
The day will conclude with Benediction at 3.45pm.

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 - Homliy on the Parable of the Talents

In the recent US elections, there was some jubilation among those desperate about the cost of living, that billionaires came off second best. The renowned justice and humanitarian organisation Oxfam estimated earlier this year that the twelve richest people in the world owned more between them than the poorest half of humanity. Twelve people on one side, more than four billion on the other. The assets of those twelve are greater than those of 183 poor countries combined.

Our Gospel this Sunday tells of the man who gives five talents to one servant, two to another and one to a third while he goes away. One talent, 32 kilos of silver, equalled twenty years' wages for a working man. (As an aside, a billionaire today has the equivalent of 19,000 years of the average Australian wage.)

The master gives one man the equivalent of a hundred years' wages, another forty years' wages and the third twenty years' wages. In all three cases, it is an obscene amount of money. And on his return, he got back another seven talents as well as the original 8. Well worth the investment!

My first question is: 'Where did he get that amount of money in the first place?' And how did his servants manage to get that return? There was only one way. Heartless, ruthless cruelty. Lending money to the poor who could never repay it, and then foreclosing on their land, their crops, their homes, their possessions, leaving them totally destitute. Tens of thousands with their lives completely destroyed. Imagine the heartless misery. Well, actually, we can't imagine the misery at all. Except of course, it is happening all around us still.

Usually, we interpret this parable as being about God, the master, giving us the various talents and gifts we have and judging us on how well we use what we've been given. With that reading, the first two clever are the heroes. We call them servants, but they're just henchmen, hitmen and conmen.

The third servant is, in fact, the hero of the parable. He refuses outright to curry favour with the 'boss,' refuses to play the big man's game of inflicting misery for his own profit, with no sense of guilt or shame or remorse. That's the honest servant. Just buried it and then returned every penny to the master. This servant had a conscience and refused to be corrupted, refused to have any part in destroying homes and families lives and futures.

Oh, he knows he'll have to pay for it. But despite his fear, he is willing to speak the truth to power. Whatever that might cost. He names the theft, robbery, and violence exactly for what they are. "You are a hard man! You reap what you haven't sown and gather where you haven't scattered. And yes, I was afraid. But here it is. It's yours. Take it back." The other two servants were only too happy to receive their own five or two cities. They can now play God with people's lives. But not this man.

So, why did Jesus, who had left the temple and was spending his last day with his disciples before the horror of Calvary. Why now?

Perhaps he wanted the disciples to know what it was really going to cost them if they go down from the Mount of Olives and back to Jerusalem. At the end of the Beatitudes, Jesus says, "Happy are you when you are persecuted and insulted, and people speak all kinds of evil against you for my sake." Jesus is saying, "Be happy, because if you are upsetting people, obviously you're doing something right. That's how they treated the prophets before you." In the parable today, the poor servant who stood up for what he believed to be right is treated as garbage by the master, thrown out of his work, into the darkness.

Or perhaps for Jesus, this parable described who he was, the one willing to speak the truth to power. We know that at the very start of his ministry, in the desert, Satan was offering him all the kingdoms of the world and all their wealth and all their glory, if he just bowed down and worshipped and compromised himself. Jesus told Satan what he could do with that temptation, and he walked out of the desert. He walked out into a life accompanying the poor, searching for justice, healing the wounded, curing the sick, freeing people from all that demonised them, forgiving them for their failures, challenging them to be their best, bringing life to those who thought life for them was over, helping the crippled to stand up straight and hold their heads high.

Jesus, who refused all the glory, all the kingdoms of the world and all their wealth, then hung naked on the cross as he died. That's where we see real glory, real truth, real honesty, real power. Not in the palaces, not in the resorts, glamorous lifestyles, not in the private jets and luxury automobiles.

The real glory is a life worth living because it's a life lived for Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS *Everyone is welcome to attened any of the following events*	
20/11	Christmas Carols at St Raphael's School
21/1 - 22/11	Appeal for Br Michael Christmas Hamper Appeal begins
22/11	Devotion for the Solemnity of Christ the King St Raphael's Church
6/12	Christmas Carols at St Raphael's Church
13/12	Christmas Carols at The Monastery

CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Our next Conversation Café will be on the 19th of November at 10am in the Sebastian Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along to have a chat and meet new (or old) friends. We will have warm cuppas and a sweet treat (or two) to share as Christmas approaches.

CHRISTMAS CARD CREW

We're preparing to deliver Christmas cards to residents in care facilities across our parish — nearly 1,000 cards of Christmas cheer!

How you can help: **Volunteer on Friday 20th of November at 10am until 12noon in the Sebastain Centre*** to write, sticker, count and pack cards (morning tea provided). ***The Sebastian Centre is located at the rear of St Paul's church**.

Alternatively, you can donate unused Christmas cards - drop them at the Parish Office, in church boxes, or bring them along on the day. ***We are a little low on Christmas card donations this year.***

Contact Sue Schulz in the Parish Office to get involved!

GARRATT PUBLISHING'S VIRTUAL ADVENT TALKS 2026

Join three Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union for a series of four online Advent talks, exploring the Sunday Scripture readings and helping you enrich your Advent journey.
Presenters: Prof Mary Coloe PBVM, Dr Mary Reaburn NDS and Dr Chris Monaghan CP.
Dates: Tuesdays, 24 November and 1, 8 and 15 December 2026
Time: 7.00pm – 8.00pm (AEDT)
Cost: Free (or $26 for teachers seeking professional development accreditation).
For registrations and further information, please visit https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1677098

BROTHER MICHAEL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

The Brother Michael Christmas Hamper Appeal has been helping those in need at Christmas since 1983. Hundreds of individuals and families are assisted with groceries, vouchers and presents for children. Organisations helped include Catherine House, VRASS, Louise Place, Coolock House, Centacare, St. Vincent de Paul Noarlunga, Kilburn, Glen Osmond and Pooraka and Our Lady of La Vang school. This assistance is only possible thanks to the valued generosity of our parishioners through financial donations, groceries and through assistance with gift wrapping, hamper packing and delivering of hampers.

The appeal will commence on the **21st/22nd November, and collectors will be available after Masses up to and including the 5th/6th December.**

Grocery donations for 21/22nd November:

- Spreads, Instant Coffee

Boxes for grocery donations will be available at both Churches.

2026 Diary Dates:
Gift Wrapping: 7pm Wednesday 18th November, in the Brereton Room, St. Raphael's Church, Parkside.
Hamper packing: 7pm Thursday 10th December, St. Raphael's Church, Parkside.
Hamper deliveries: 11am - 1pm Sunday 13th December, St. Raphael's Church, Parkside.



ABOUT AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Founded in 1947, ACN is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects, religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by conflict and poverty. For many years we have partnered with parishes to share news of our work in bulletins to let parishioners know about these projects. ACN operates solely on benefactor donations, with no funding from Church or State. Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org

Red November: Pray for persecuted Christians
Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to pray, support and act for persecuted Christians throughout Red November. Register today and receive a free prayer card and complimentary pair of Rosary beads, handmade by Christians in Syria. To join us in prayer, scan the QR code, or visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

Only 1 more week to complete your application for the World Youth Day 2027 Adelaide Diocesan Pilgrimage. A friendly reminder that applications close at the end of Sunday 22 November 2026. If you (or someone you know) are thinking of joining us on the diocesan pilgrimage, NOW is the time to take action!

Pilgrimage Package (summary)
Costing: $6600 (price to be finalised end of November 2026)
Dates: 28July 2027 (depart Adelaide) until 11 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

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 and Deposit:

- To apply, visit the website and follow the links: Heading
- Applications are now open and require a $410 deposit
- Applications close at the end of Sunday 22 November 2026
- As places are limited, applicants will be asked to participate in an interview. Acceptance of the applicant's place on the pilgrimage will be confirmed soon after. On acceptance, a further $410 will be required to secure the place.
- Please note should a place not be offered the deposit will be refunded.

Full details can be found here: https://www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/wyd27

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN OUR COMMUNITY

ST RAPHAEL'S SCHOOL - COMMUNITY CAROLS AND MARKETS

Our Parish school will be having carols and markets on the 20th of November 6-9pm. Enjoy Christmas songs, food trucks, soft play for children, fun activities, a Giving Tree and stalls from local craftspeople.

Bring along your family and friends and enjoy a lovely evening of community, Christmas cheer and celebration. Everyone is welcome!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH

Singing of Christmas Carols with Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Sunday 6th December at 4.00pm. Supper in the Brereton Room will follow. Let's come together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST PAUL OF THE CROSS CHURCH/ THE MONASTERY

Join us on Sunday 13 December for a wonderful evening of Christmas celebrations at The Monastery! We'll begin with a family-friendly Mass in St Paul's at 5:00pm, followed by an evening of live carols on the beautiful front lawn.

There will be plenty of festive fun for the whole family, including face painting, a Christmas gift stall, bake sale and sausage sizzle

Bring a chair or picnic rug, gather your family and friends, and enjoy the magic of Christmas together in our beautiful garden setting.

Everyone welcome!