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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A | 21st - 22nd 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: First Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading: Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel: Mk 13:33-37

Today's Theme

CHRIST, THE KING

Christ is a King on the model of the homeric kings who called themselves 'shepherds of the people'. As a royal shepherd he is leading us to the Kingdom of his Father.

Entrance Antiphon: The Lamb who was slain is worthy to receive strength and divinity, wisdom and power and honour: to him be glory and power for ever.

Response to the Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

ROSTER FOR 28th - 29th NOVEMBER			
St Paul's		**St Raphel's**	
6:00pm	**R:** Chris W. **E:** Tom W.	**5:30pm**	**R:** Samuel C. **E:** Elizabeth D.
8:00am	**R:** Brian W. **E:** Amritha A.	**9:30am**	**R:** Irma S. **E:** Rosa F.
10:30am	**R:** Sue S. **E:** ***Volunteer req.***	**Altar Society**	Elizabeth
5:00pm	**R:** Emily T. **E:** Grant A.	**Count Team**	5

OFFICE CLOSURE - NEXT WEEK

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

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

This 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.

Let us remember to pray for each other

Sick: Elizabeth Tagbo, Peter McLoughlin, Isabella, Carmel Zammit, Anton Sylvester, Gloria Phillips, Yap CC, Amalie Leditschke, Chris Harwood

Recently Deceased: Cecilia Gall

Anniversaries: James & Sylvia Belton, Romilda De Angelis, Joan Coonan

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all those people who have donated cards or money to buy cards so our Christmas Card Crew could continue the task of handwriting a Christmas message to every resident in an aged care facility in our parish. (13 in all, of various sizes). That's nearly 1000 cards! Thank you everyone for showing the Christmas spirit!

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 - "You look divine!" - Feast of Christ the King

Our Feast this Sunday is "Christ the King'. In fact, a very recent feast liturgically. (In the Church, anything under 150 years is considered 'very recent').

Pope Pius XI declared this feast in 1925. It was seven years after the First World War, where death and destruction were industrialised on a scale impossible before and still impossible to imagine (August 22, 1914 - 27,00 killed in one day and July 1, 1916 - 19,000 killed). Pope Benedict XV, during the war itself, bravely declared this – 'senseless slaughter".

In the meantime, in 1925, Communism in Russia, Fascism in Italy, and Nazism beginning in Germany, all declared the beginning of a brave new world - or at least any number of brave new worlds – that would last forever. Governments and dictators wanting absolute power, wrote God out of the picture. They claimed the right to decide what was true, what was just and even who had the right to live. Justice, decency, basic humanity sacrificed whenever it interfered or interrupted. Countless deaths, inconceivable suffering, heartless cruelty, were a small price to create this new world to our liking.
And so, this feast, declared by Pope Pius and every Pope since, until Pope Leo's encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas – The Grandeur of Humanity – cried out "NO". There is no humanity where the mystery of God is lost, forgotten or deliberately crushed.

Where are Emperors and Pharaohs, and all the Pharaohs since? The Kaisers, Fuehrers, Generalissimos, il Duces? Just toppled statues, everyone! And, what of their eternal cities - burnt, bombed, turned to dust by desert winds, overgrown ruins in forests. "Behold my mighty works and despair', the greatest Pharaoh Ramesses II had inscribed in front of his colossal statue, thinking how overwhelmed onlookers would be. Despair he might!! It's a wonderful spot for tourist selfies. When we lose God, we lose any sense of our humanity, of our human dignity, of what it means to be human. The Book of Genesis describes: We are made in the Image and Likeness of God.

We are the first and most sacred sacrament of all.
In the Church we talk about the seven sacraments and how important they are. I sometimes think we talk about grace as though God were up in heaven and needed a pipeline to get his grace down to us. But the sacraments are the very presence of Christ here among us. Welcoming the newborn baby. Strengthening the growing adolescent. Nourishing every one of us with the bread of life. Understanding and forgiving us when we fail. Holding and caressing us as we leave this world to go home to God.

The sacraments are so sacred. And Humanity is the first and most beautiful of all the sacraments. To see anyone, anywhere, anytime is to catch a glimpse of the face of God. The God who comes to touch our lives.

The solemnity of Christ the king, is not about exalting Christ in regal splendour. As the gospel reminds us, we see our King coming dressed in rags. We are a Channel of Grace whenever we offer acts of kindness, healing, attention, compassion. And we experience His touch whenever we are offered these gifts in our need. And when we see his rags of homelessness, hunger, grief, abandonment, how can we not reach out and help. Sadly, many do.

Power, possessions, my convenience, need for adulation aren't what makes us human. Dante, in his poem *The Divine Comedy*, describes the deepest layer of hell as being not fierce fire, but ice-cold frozen humanity unable to be touched by anything remotely human.

This feast, and our gospel; of the Great Judgement tell us that to change the world, to be kings and queens, it is all very simple really. Just be human.

Take-away Activity
The gospel and feast go hand in hand: each day do choose a person, an opportunity, and do something kind, thoughtful and simple. And do it anonymously.

Music
If you are feeling religious: Duruflé's 'Ubi Caritas' – where there is charity and love.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxT_NWNBZLU

Or perhaps folksy; Glen Campbell's 'Try a Little Kindness' https://youtu.be/r3u86akEurY?si=2bDt4Z4QK5K_Y-sM

Or The Seeker's 'This Little Light of Mine' https://youtu.be/yNneGmj81zk?si=JV-dCHa7axPh6b3b

UPCOMING EVENTS *Everyone is welcome to attened any of the following events*	
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

CAKE STALL

On the night of our "Carols on the Lawn" we will be holding a cake stall to satisfy the sweet tooth in all of us. If anyone would like to bake and donate some biscuits, cakes, honey joys, or slices it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Sue in the Parish Office to organise delivery.

BROTHER MICHAEL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

The committee of the BMCH Appeal is working towards this year's distribution of food, vouchers and gift hampers to individuals and families in need this Christmas. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners through financial support, grocery donations and help with packing and delivering hampers, the Appeal has been providing assistance for over 40 years. This parish involvement demonstrates a spirit of care and concern for those in need in our wider community.

Collectors will be available after all Masses from this weekend 21st/22nd Nov. until Dec. 5th/6th to receive financial donations and names of volunteer drivers to deliver hampers on Sunday Dec.13th from St. Raphael's Church, between 11am and 1pm.

Grocery donations for 28/29th November:

- Tea bags, Rice, Pasta, UHT milk, tinned vegetables.

Boxes for grocery donations will be available at both Churches.
Donations can also be made to the Appeal bank account:
Bank SA/BSB 105-125/Account Number: 030176240

2026 Diary Dates:
Hamper packing: 7pm Thursday 10th December, St. Raphael's Church, Parkside.

Hamper deliveries: 11am - 1pm Sunday 13th December, St. Raphael's Church, Parkside.



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:
Our next Volunteer session is on Thursday the 26th 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.

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, 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

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Facilitator Formation Workshop 7 December.
Thinking about formation for 2027? It's not too late to register for the final facilitator formation workshop for 2026.
Join us for our final workshop of the year, offered in person (location TBA) and online. Bookings are essential to secure your place and assist with workshop planning.
Please note that in person and online times differ.
Register: https://livingthejoyofthegospel.au

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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

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027 – APPLICATIONS OPEN!

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.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BRUNCH – 25 DECEMBER 2026

Spending Christmas Day alone? Join us for a free Community Christmas Brunch at The Monastery Function Centre, Glen Osmond. Enjoy a festive morning of delicious food, Christmas cheer and friendly company, hosted by volunteers from the City of Mitcham and St Paul of the Cross Parish.
10am – 12pm | Christmas Day
Places are limited to 60 guests and bookings are essential. Transport assistance may be available.

To book, phone 8372 8884 or visit the link below before Thursday 17 December.
https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/city-of-mitcham-community-christmas-brunch-tickets-2003590079864

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN OUR COMMUNITY

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!

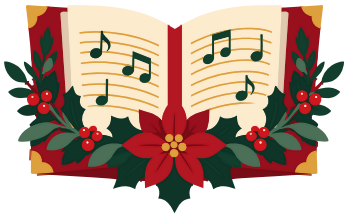
CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST PAUL OF THE CROSS CHURCH/ THE MONASTERY

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!



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