

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your words, Lord, are sprit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to?  
You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Simon Peter confesses his faith that Jesus alone has the words of the eternal life.

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

Go and Make Disciples: An RCIA Process for Every Parish

To bring people to God is the most basic call of our baptism. It falls to every parish community to welcome and receive those who desire an encounter with Jesus and a life of faith. Attend these four short workshops – one for each period of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – for practical strategies to welcome inquirers and lead them through initiation into a lifetime of faith regardless of your parish resources. We will explore both the formational aspects and the liturgical steps that move people through each period.

Who: Priests, Deacons, Parish Secretaries, Pastoral Associates, Catechists, RCIA team members and parishioners interested in accompanying others in their journey of faith.

When: November 5 (Purification and Enlightenment); November 12 (Mystagogy), Time: 7pm-9pm. Where: Cathedral Hall, in-person or online. Contact Community Life and Worship 8210 8130 [worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au).



Parish Bulletin

Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 24/25 August 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 33:2-3, 16-23

Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. R

3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. R

4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. R

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless.

In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord

Lord, whom shall we go to?  
You have the words of everlasting life.

THE HOLY ONE OF GOD.

It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Safeguarding Sunday Art Competition



The important message for this year's Safeguarding Sunday Art Competition is that "every conversation matters". Entries are open from 1st September and will close on the 15th September 2024. Please submit entries to the parish office, me or Stephanie. Each parish's entries will be joined together to make a collage. I hope you and your child enjoy participating in this competition together. It is a good opportunity to engage in conversations around Child Safety.

Anne Dudzinski  
Child Safe Contact Person



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2024 COLOURING COMPETITION

Draw, colour or create your best artwork using the character above. Submit your finished artwork to your Parish/Catholic community and they will submit your entry for you.

The Parish/Catholic community with the most creative group of artworks will receive a prize!

Entries open: 1 September 2024

Entries close: 15 September 2024

PLEASE NOTE:

Parish/Catholic communities MUST submit their artwork(s) as photos ONLY. Photos DO NOT need to be original/physical entries. Entries can go on display at your Parish. Parish to please email ONE photo of all entries grouped together.

Submit your entries to: [childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:childprotection@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

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**Parish Office Hours**  
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Ph: (08) 8431 6932  
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**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**  
Tues to Fri 8:45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Wednesday after Mass

**St. Joseph's Primary School**  
Principal - Adrian Grbin  
Ph: 8217 8300

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Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Chair – Alan Tyson

**Parish Finance Council**  
Chair -Edward Konieczny

**Child Safe Contact Person**  
Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**  
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

**Rosters—31 Aug/1 Sep 2024**  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
<b>6.30pm Vigil</b>	Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio
<b>9:30am</b>	Alan Tyson Antonette Bartley Mikayla Bartley
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Tania Loro Montin Angela Mealey
<b>Count team</b>	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
<b>Altar and Flowers</b>	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	17/18 Aug 2024
Open Plate	\$381.65
Planned Giving	\$460.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$841.65</b>

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$534.70

The Adelaide Tamil Catholic Community warmly invites everyone to celebrate the feast of

**Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni**



Celebrated by  
Fr. Sahaya Ranjith  
at  
Annunciation Church,  
20 Montacute Road  
Hectorville SA 5073  
on  
Sunday 8th of  
September at 2:15 pm

Flag hoisting of Our Lady of Velankanni on 30th August at 7:00 pm followed by mass (Tamil) celebrated by Fr. Selva Raj

**Our Lady of Good Health Pray for Us**

*Let's pray together*

**Please remember in your prayers**


We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:

Death Anniversary:  
*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:**  
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.



**Pope Francis @pontifex**  
As misery, injustice, and violence deprive humanity of our daily bread, Jesus takes care of our greatest need. He always saves us, nourishing our lives with His own. It is thanks to Him that we can live in communion with God and each other.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

By The Knights of the Southern Cross after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 25 Aug 2024**  
We appreciate your support!

**\$3.00**



**PARISH NOTICES**

**Chinese Community Mass—1st September 2024**

The Chinese Catholic Community of South Australia is having their next monthly community mass on Sunday 1st September 2024. Mass starts at 12:30pm followed by shared lunch. Rosary prayer starts at 12:10pm. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Louisa 0422 079 534 (by text first).

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**Season of Creation Event: Mercy Grove**

The Holy Family Catholic Parish invites you for a prayerful and reflective afternoon at the Mercy Grove- Belair National Park, to celebrate the Season of Creation. The event will occur on Sunday September 22 at 2pm. For registration and further information, please access the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CULAQ>

**Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni - Tamil Catholic Community**

The Adelaide Tamil Catholic Community warmly invites everyone to celebrate the flag hoisting of Our Lady of Velankanni on August 30 at 7pm followed by Mass and the feast of Our Lady of Good Health Velankanni on Sunday September 8 at 2.15pm at the Annunciation Church, 20 Montacute Road, Hectorville 5073.

**Save the Date: Migrant and Refugee Sunday (Multicultural Mass) at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral**

Everyone is invited to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral **2.30pm Sunday September 29**. All are welcome! Come dressed in cultural attire and enjoy an ice cream and coffee after Mass, as we celebrate the many cultures that make up our amazing church in Adelaide.

**The Adelaide Planetarium- Season of Creation Event**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide invites you for a 60-minute experience at the Adelaide Planetarium, to celebrate the Season of Creation. The event will occur on Friday September 6 from 7pm-8pm at the UniSA Mawson lakes campus. Places are limited so register early at <https://www.trybooking.com/CTENZ>

**Blessing of milestone wedding anniversaries Sunday September 15**

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries will be held on 15th September. Couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries will be presented a certificate. For nomination please contact Fr Roy or the parish office.

**Synod Instrumentum Laboris (Working Document)**

Please be advised the Synod of Bishop's Working Document has been released. It can be accessed via the following link: [The Instrumentum Laboris \(synod.va\)](https://www.instrumentumlaboris.va)

**Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh celebrates its Centenary Year - \*\*note change of date**

All who have celebrated weddings or baptism, first Communion or confirmation in our beautiful Sacred Heart Church are warmly invited to come and celebrate Mass with our community on **Sunday September 8** at 9am, followed by morning tea. Bring a photo to share!

**Date Claimer:** Mass to acknowledge our Centenary Year will be celebrated by Archbishop O'Regan on November 24 at 9.30am. Details to follow.

**The Kids' Bulletin**  
*We Choose to Follow Jesus*



Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

In today's first reading, Joshua told the people that they had to choose between the false gods and the true God. Joshua and the people chose to worship the true God.

In the Gospel today we hear that many people stopped following Jesus because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. But the Apostles chose to stay with Jesus. Like Saint Peter said, they knew that He was the Holy One of God.



Do you ever have a hard time understanding what Jesus tells us? We need to be like the Apostles and choose to follow Jesus even when it's hard, especially when other people don't follow Him.




Answers to Word Puzzle:  
twelve, you, Simon, answered, him, go, you, words, eternal, life, believed, come, HOLY ONE OF GOD.

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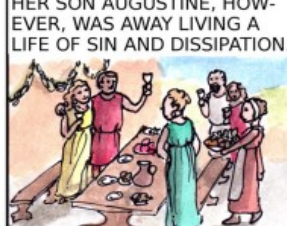
**Saints Monica and Augustine**  
August 27 and 28

ST. MONICA WAS BORN IN 332 IN NORTH-EASTERN AFRICA. SHE WAS RAISED IN A CHRISTIAN FAMILY BUT MARRIED A PAGAN. HE CONVERTED BEFORE HE DIED.



I do want to be baptized! Can you bring a priest?

HER SON AUGUSTINE, HOWEVER, WAS AWAY LIVING A LIFE OF SIN AND DISSIPATION.



AUGUSTINE WAS VERY SMART BUT STUBBORN. MONICA PRAYED AND WEPT FOR HIM.



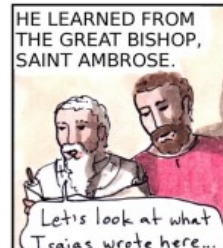
Lord, have mercy on my son!

Take up and read!



FINALLY AUGUSTINE CAME TO BELIEVE IN THE TRUE FAITH.

HE LEARNED FROM THE GREAT BISHOP, SAINT AMBROSE.



Let's look at what Isaiah wrote here...

SAINT MONICA DIED AT AGE 55 WITH HER SON AUGUSTINE AT HER BEDSIDE.



Here we speak evil of no one.



Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.

AUGUSTINE BECAME A PRIEST AND BISHOP. HE WAS GENEROUS AND DEFENDED THE CHURCH'S TEACHINGS. HE WAS ALSO A GREAT PREACHER.

SAINT MONICA IS THE PATRONESS OF MARRIED WOMEN AND MOTHERS BECAUSE OF HOW SHE HELPED HER HUSBAND AND SON COME TO GOD. SAINT AUGUSTINE WROTE SUCH IMPORTANT WORKS THAT THEY ARE STILL STUDIED TODAY. WE CAN LEARN FROM THESE SAINTS HOW MUCH PRAYER CAN REALLY DO!