

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and
 healed all who were sick.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH—SEPTEMBER 2024

Funds will go to special projects for charity agencies like Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in South Australia, Hutt Street Centre, St Patrick's Special School, Our Lady of La Vang Special School and Centacare Family Services. Envelops for donation and leaflets are available at each entrance. Thank you for your support.

Thank you!



Caritas Australia extends a heartfelt thank you to all the parishes, schools, and the broader community for your incredible response to **Project Compassion 2024**. An extremely generous **\$603,548** was raised in Adelaide and \$9.7m nationally! A special shout-out to St Francis De Sales College at Mount Barker for being the top fundraising school in Australia! **Your generosity and compassion are making a real difference, especially in these challenging times.** We deeply appreciate the dedication of Caritas Ambassadors, parish priests, secretaries, school principals, APRIMS, staff, students and their families and **every member of the parish community!** Your support helps uplift vulnerable communities and brings hope to those in need. During Project Compassion 2024 there was also wide-spread flooding and devastation in Kenya. Acting in solidarity, a special collection was held for our Kenyan brothers and sisters who have generously provided us with such dedicated and faith-filled clergy in our time of need. The Adelaide Church responded with love once again by generously donating **\$27,702** to this appeal. **Archbishop Patrick O'Regan would like to sincerely thank all the Parishes for their amazing efforts and ongoing support - together, we are truly making a difference!**

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

Jesus restores a man's hearing and speech.

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs. Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea. Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

Morning Tea

**This Sunday
 8th Sep 2024
 after 9:30am
 Holy Mass**

All are welcome!



Parish Bulletin

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B **7/8 Sep 2024**

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR!
 Imagine the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill it must be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sounds of birds, of the ocean breaking, of music, of a friend's voice. Many of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teachings of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness.

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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
 'Courage! Do not be afraid.
 'Look, your God is coming,
 vengeance is coming, the retribution of God;
 he is coming to save you.'
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 the ears of the deaf unsealed,
 then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
 for water gushes in the desert,
 streams in the wasteland,
 the scorched earth becomes a lake,
 the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145:7-10

**Response:
 Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R**

SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord



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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

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1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—14/15 Sep 2024
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Richard Dale Stephanie Roach
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woitd Anne Dudzinski
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	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	31 Aug/ 1SEP2024
Open Plate	\$362.00
Planned Giving	\$743.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,105.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$564.15



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:
Giuse Doan
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

No two drops of water are alike, nor are two brothers or sisters, not even twins are completely identical. Living out fraternity means welcoming each other, recognizing each other as equal in diversity.



Safeguarding Sunday 8 Sep 2024



Safeguarding Sunday forms part of National Child Protection Week, a national initiative to engage members of the community in supporting families and protecting children. The National Child Protection Week overarching theme is **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.**, which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

St Joseph's Church Tranmere and the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

All children. Let's join the coloring in competition!

PARISH NOTICES

Fr. Roy is on annual leave

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Greetings from Fr. Roy, hope these few words find you well. I wish to inform you that I will be away for my annual leave from Tuesday, 17 September 2024, to 23 October 2024. During this time, parish pastoral care will be in the capable hands of Rev. Fr. Leon Czechowicz, Fr. Michael Romeo, Fr. Charles Lukatti, Fr. Michael Bernan, Fr. Santhish Nazerath, and Fr. Selvaraj. I am deeply grateful to all these fathers for their kindness and love towards our community. Please keep me in your valuable prayers, as I will hold you in mine. Yours in Christ, Fr. Roy

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Colouring in competition

To celebrate Safeguarding Sunday (September 8), we are having a colouring-in competition. We invite children attending Mass today to draw, colour or create their best artwork. The Parish will submit the collage of entries which will be judged, and a prize awarded to the Parish for the most creative collage. So, get your pencils ready and join in the fun!!!

Car Boot Sale at the Monastery

The Monastery will be hosting another car boot sale on November 10. The event will be held on the oval 9:30am - 1:30pm. There will be a stall for our gift shop, a book stall for our parish library and a coffee van on the day. We welcome everyone to join us on the day! **If you would like to book a car space for \$25.00, please contact the office on 8338 8700.**

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: <https://www.trybooking.com/CULAQ>

Public Rosary - Praying the Rosary for Peace

First Saturday of every month, you are invited to join Our Lady and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace in Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All welcome. For more information contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod, Legion of Mary - 0414 769 635.

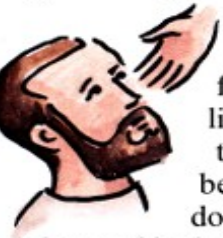
Migrant and Refugee Sunday (Multicultural Mass) at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

Everyone is invited to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral **2.30pm Sunday September 29**. 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.

Season of Creation - Christian Life Community Retreat Day

The Christian Life Community SA warmly invites you to an Ignatian Retreat Day at Saint Ignatius' College Senior School Athelstone on Saturday September 14, 10am to 3pm. The day will include talk, guided reflection, activities/resources for personal quiet time and a prayer session. Tea/coffee and snacks will be provided. Please BYO lunch. Donations will be gratefully accepted. Please register via email to clcsa.exco@gmail.com

The Kids' Bulletin
Jesus Gives the Gift of Hearing



Being able to hear is a wonderful gift from God. Imagine what it would be like if you couldn't hear anything! In today's Gospel reading, the people begged Jesus to heal a deaf man. What do you think it was like for that man when suddenly he could hear everything that was going on around him?

God has given us the gift of hearing to be able to talk with and listen to other people, and to appreciate the sounds of creation. We use this gift to hear God's Word at Mass and when we are being taught.



Think of all the things that we can do because we can hear: we can listen to and play music, we can sing and talk with people, we can hear birds and wind in the trees, and we can also be warned of things like barking dogs, or cars coming. Did you ever thank God for the gift of hearing? Thank Him today!



Answer to front page: He has done all things well!
Happy Birthday Mary!
Answer to Our Lady's Birthday Word-Find

Saint Peter Claver
September 9

PETER CLAVER WAS BORN IN SPAIN IN 1580. WHILE HE WAS STUDYING TO BECOME A PRIEST HE FELT A STRONG DESIRE TO BECOME A MISSIONARY IN SOUTH AMERICA. *I'm sure they will need many priests in the 'New World'...*

PETER WAS ORDAINED IN CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA, WHERE HE SAW HOW THE ARRIVING SLAVES WERE BEING TREATED. *This is horrible!*

FOR FORTY YEARS HE HELPED THE TERRIFIED AND SICK SLAVES WITH FOOD AND MEDICINE. *So Jesus died on a cross to save us...*

AND HE BAPTIZED OVER 300,000 PEOPLE! *I baptize you...*

FATHER PETER TOLD THE MASTERS TO TREAT THE SLAVES BETTER, AND DEFENDED THEIR RIGHTS AS CHRISTIANS. *They are Christian people. Give them their Sunday rest.*

HE TAUGHT THEM THE FAITH THROUGH INTERPRETERS. *Thank you!*

FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS OF HIS LIFE, SAINT PETER WAS SO SICK HE COULD NOT LEAVE HIS ROOM. EVERYONE FORGOT ABOUT HIM UNTIL HE DIED.

WHEN HE DIED, EVERYONE REALIZED HOW MANY PEOPLE SAINT PETER HAD HELPED AND BROUGHT TO THE FAITH. WE, TOO, SHOULD BE EAGER TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE BADLY TREATED OR IN NEED, EVEN IF NOBODY NOTICES WHAT WE ARE DOING. WHO CAN YOU THINK OF THAT COULD USE YOUR HELP?