

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being." Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross. We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.



Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B **14/15 Sep 2024**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

*I gave my body to those who struck me.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?*

The word of the Lord

*YOU ARE THE CHRIST...
THE SON OF MAN
WAS DESTINED TO
SUFFER MUCH.*

WHO DO PEOPLE SAY I AM?

In modern parlance, we could say that Jesus was seeking some feedback from his disciples about himself, especially how he was perceived, when he asked this question. If we were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?', what feedback do you think he might give? How do you think a non-believer might describe the Christian community?

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 114:1-6, 8-9

Response:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R**
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

SECOND READING

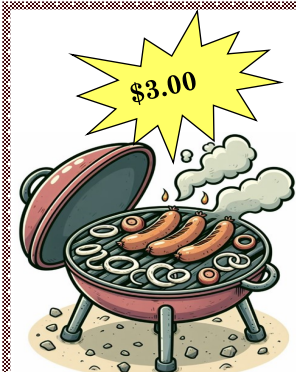
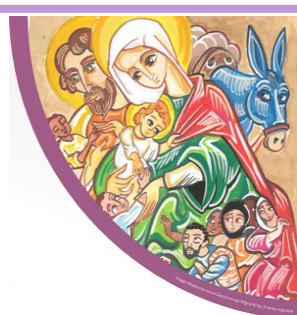
James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord

**Morning Tea
Migrant & Refugee Sunday—
29th September**

On Sunday 29th September after 9.30 am Morning Mass, morning tea will be held to celebrate Migrant and Refugee Sunday. Migrant groups are encouraged to provide their favourite finger foods and dress in national costume if they wish. For further details contact Stephanie Roach or Alan Tyson.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 22 Sep 2024**
We appreciate your support!

Catholic Charities September Appeal 2024

The annual Catholic Charities Appeal for 2024 is being held throughout September. Parishioners are welcome to take leaflets home to find out more about the September Appeal. Donations can be made via the Reply-Paid slip in the Appeal leaflet or online by clicking here: [Catholic Charities September Appeal 2024](#) or via the QR Code.



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

Rosters—21/22 Sep 2024
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Fil Ciancio
9:30am	Paul Halliwell Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
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	7/8SEP 2024
Open Plate	\$483.45
Planned Giving	\$620.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$1,103.45

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$687.20

Alpha @ Hectorville & Tranmere

When: Thurs. October 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Where: Tranmere Parish Hall
1 Birkinshaw Avenue, Tranmere
Cost: Free

Alpha is an opportunity to explore faith in a fun, safe welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal, watch a short video, and have a chat about what we think, feel and believe. At Alpha we encourage open and honest conversations and you can expect to laugh, share food, and journey together with people who are wondering about some of life's BIG questions.

This is an Alpha for adults (i.e. 18 years and older). We intend to run a Youth Alpha (13 to 17 years) in 2025.

Please RSVP and more information:
For catering and dietary purposes, please complete the online RSVP form using the QR code or this link: <https://forms.gle/VgKor6xaYcuP3wx2A> or contact Mark at hectorville.alpha@gmail.com or 0421 617 244.




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



Let us not be afraid to make ourselves small before God and each other. May we give our lives, spend our time, and make sacrifices to help our brothers and sisters live better and be happy!

Starting on Thursday, October 3, an Alpha Course will again be run in the Parish Hall. Alpha runs weekly for 9 weeks between 7 and 9 pm. Alpha is a powerful tool for those who don't know who Jesus is, but also for those who want to grow deeper in their relationship with Him. Alpha starts each week at 7 pm with a free meal, and participants then watch an inspiring video about faith, followed by an opportunity to discuss the topics presented in the episode. Alpha is a safe place to have honest and open conversations. Why not come along on Oct 3 and try Alpha out? Encourage a relative or friend to come along. Alpha gives each one of us an opportunity to live out our call to be missionary disciples. Information is available in the Parish Bulletin, as well as leaflets by the doors.

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

A Quiet Day of Silence, Stillness and Simplicity – Saturday September 14, 10.30am-3pm
In a Day of Silence, we will listen to the wisdom of John Main OSB, founder of The World Community for Christian Meditation, with an attitude of contemplation. For experienced meditators and retreatants. At St Ignatius Church Hall, Queen Street, Norwood. Please bring your own lunch (not for sharing) and your own cup. Tea, coffee & morning tea supplied. Suggested Donation \$15. For more information, or to register please email chr.med.southaust@gmail.com

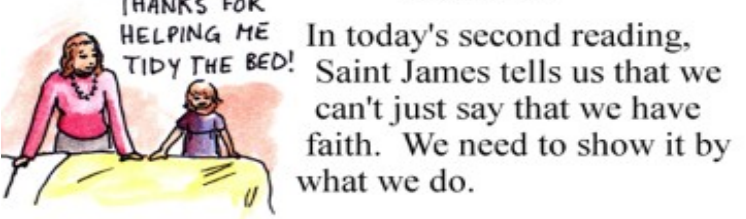
Inner Healing - Silent Retreat by Fr Stephen Howe LC. For men and women 18+
Saturday September 28, 9.30-3.30pm.
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14 Barker Road, Prospect. Fr Stephen is currently Parochial Vicar, St Peter - St Denis Roman Catholic Church in New York. We appreciate him giving his time whilst visiting Australia to lead this retreat. For bookings and inquiries please call: Jenny 0410 036 952 or Grace 0413 380 833

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.

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, please access the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CULAQ>

The Kids' Bulletin
Show that You Believe in Jesus!
James 2:14-18

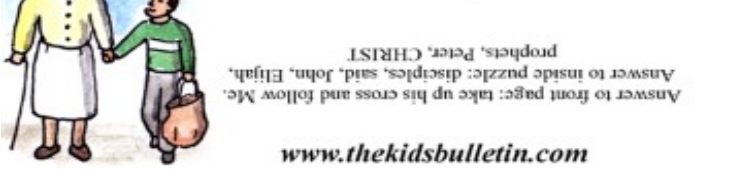


Being a follower of Jesus means believing in Him, and also doing what He wants us to do.

Do you know what God wants you to do? He wants you to obey His commandments. That means He wants you to listen to your parents and teachers, and not steal or lie or be mean to other kids.



You can also show your faith by doing good works, like being nice to other people. What are some kind things you can do for someone today and tomorrow?



Saint Joseph of Cupertino
September 16



JOSEPH WAS BORN TO A POOR ITALIAN FAMILY IN 1603. HE WAS ABSENT-MINDED AND ANGRY. HIS MOTHER TREATED HIM HARSHLY. "What are you doing, you foolish child? Come home at once!"

JOSEPH COULDN'T DO ANYTHING WELL. HE TRIED TO JOIN MONASTERIES, BUT WAS SENT AWAY. "Joseph?"

FINALLY HIS MOTHER GOT HIM TO BECOME A SERVANT AT A FRANCISCAN MONASTERY. "You are only fit to be a servant."

Look how happy the donkey is! JOSEPH BECAME HAPPY AS HE LOOKED AFTER THE DONKEY.

HE WAS ALLOWED TO BECOME A MONK, AND THEN A PRIEST, EVEN THOUGH HE COULD HARDLY STUDY. "I can't even read this!"

JOSEPH WOULD BECOME SO ABSORBED IN GOD THAT HE WOULD FORGET EVERYTHING ELSE. SOMETIMES HE WOULD EVEN RISE IN THE AIR! "When! Look at Father Joseph!"

HE ALSO BEGAN TO DO MIRACLES. HE BECAME SO DISRUPTIVE TO THE MONASTERY THAT HE WAS EVENTUALLY SENT TO A SMALL PLACE BY HIMSELF. "He only had a crust of bread!"

JOSEPH KNEW THAT HE WAS NOT VERY GOOD AT ANYTHING. HE WAS HUMBLE AND ACCEPTED HIS POSITION. BECAUSE OF THIS GOD COULD WORK MIRACLES THROUGH HIM. HE ALWAYS KNEW THAT IT WAS GOD WORKING AND NOT HIMSELF. WE SHOULD REALIZE THAT EVERY GOOD THING WE DO COMES FROM GOD.