

Alleluia, alleluia!
 God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory
 of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging. Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all. Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.



Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

21/22 Sep 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves:

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all..

THE BATTLE WITHIN

Today's readings highlight the battle between good and evil. The virtuous person in today's First Reading, and Jesus in the Gospel, both suffer greatly at the hands of the godless. But as James notes in today's Second Reading, and as we see in Jesus' disciples, the battle between good and evil is waged within each one of us as well. While we give thanks to God for the good within us, we also acknowledge the part of ourself that is drawn to evil and humbly seek God's mercy.

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 53:3-6, 8

Response:

The Lord upholds my life.

- O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **R**
- For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **R**
- But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **R**

SECOND READING
James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord

Catholic Charities
September Appeal 2024

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.



Multi-Cultural

TRANMERE PARISH MORNING TEA

29TH SEPTEMBER SUNDAY

In celebration of migrant and refugee Sunday, our parish is sponsoring a special morning tea after the 9:30am mass. This is in recognition of the diverse community we have built in St. Joseph's Parish and also an opportunity for parishioners of all cultures and origins to meet, recognise, celebrate and share the richness of our individuality.

This is an event for all ages and ethnic groups. Please join us to celebrate this auspicious day, whether it be bringing culturally significant foods to share or even wearing cultural clothing! This is a great opportunity for us parishioners to further enrich our community. We look forward to hearing from you!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross after 9:30am Mass on **Sunday 22 Sep 2024**

Thank you for your support!

\$3.00

Celebrating the Season of Creation
 A Resource for Parishes

St Joseph's Catholic Church
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Parish Office Hours
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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
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Parish Pastoral Council
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Chair -Edward Konieczny

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

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

Rosters—28/29 Sep 2024 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	
SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	14/15SEP 2024
Open Plate	\$480.25
Planned Giving	\$388.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$868.25
ELECTRONIC PLANNED GIVING	
August 2024: \$4,673.00	



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

When we make space for the Lord, we are able to open ourselves to all of Creation and to every creature. We then understand that life is a gift from the Father, who loves us deeply and desires that we belong to Him and to one another.

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$628.50

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.

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

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.**

Feast of St Daniel Comboni Mass. All Welcome!
You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Daniel Comboni Eucharistic celebration Mass on Sunday October 13, 2024, at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome to this cultural celebration of a saint who stood up for injustice and promoted care for the marginalised. For more information, please contact the Justice Healing and Inclusion Office on E: jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

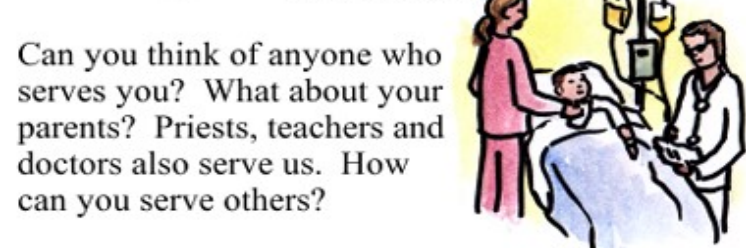
Tranmere Parish Direct Giving App

Direct Giving via the Archdiocesan App is cashless, fast and secure. Download the Adelaide Archdiocese app. Find a mass on your mobile phone and set up Direct Giving to the first and second collections as well as special appeals. Or contact the Parish Office to set up Direct Debit or Direct Credit. The following website provides a direct link to Tranmere Parish. Thank you for your donations!

<https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere>

The Kids' Bulletin
Who is the Greatest?

In the Gospel reading today the disciples were arguing with each other about who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He told them that whoever wanted to be great must serve others.



Can you think of anyone who serves you? What about your parents? Priests, teachers and doctors also serve us. How can you serve others?



What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to serve people then?

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN
SEPTEMBER 26

COSMAS AND DAMIAN WERE TWIN BROTHERS IN THE 200'S AD. THEIR FATHER DIED WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG. THEY WERE RAISED BY THEIR MOTHER WHO WAS A CHRISTIAN.

BOTH BROTHERS WERE VERY GOOD STUDENTS. THEY BECAME GREAT DOCTORS.

THEY HEALED PEOPLE'S BODIES

God will give you strength!

COSMAS AND DAMIAN WOULD NOT TAKE ANY PAY FOR THEIR WORK.

AND CARED FOR THEIR SOULS TOO.

WHEN A PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS BEGAN THE BROTHERS WERE ARRESTED AND TORTURED.

BUT THEY WOULD NOT GIVE UP THE FAITH. THEY WERE THROWN IN THE WATER, BURNED AND CRUCIFIED, BUT DID NOT DIE UNTIL THEY WERE BEHEADED.

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN IMITATED JESUS IN HIS CARE FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING PEOPLE. THEY ARE PATRON SAINTS OF DOCTORS AND SURGEONS. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM TO CARE FOR OTHERS LIKE JESUS DID. WE SHOULD ALSO IMITATE THEIR PERSEVERANCE IN THE FAITH IN SPITE OF PERSECUTION.