

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 9:38-43,45,47 48

John said to Jesus, ‘Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.’ But Jesus said, ‘You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today’s Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus’ name. John’s question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John’s question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus’ words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus’ name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus’ name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus’ name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus’ healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes “stumbling” or “causing scandal.” In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

Catholic Charities September Appeal 2024

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Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 28/29 Sep 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, ‘Look,’ he said, ‘Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.’ Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, ‘My Lord Moses, stop them!’ Moses answered him, ‘Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!’

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14

Response:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R**

3. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From bidden faults acquit me. **R**

4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **R**

SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart’s content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance. desires.

The word of the Lord

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

OPEN TO THE SPIRIT’S WORKINGS!

The spirit of God is present and active in the world. Wherever we see good we know that God’s Spirit is at work. The Spirit works in surprising ways. It is sometimes through the least important member of a community that the Spirit speaks. May bigotry and prejudice never blind us to the workings of God in our Church and in our world.

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.

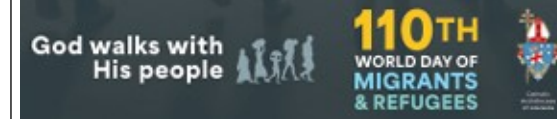
Multi-Cultural

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!



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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—5/6 Oct 2024
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Michelle Page
9:30am	Alan Tyson Henry D'Assumpcao Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
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	21/22SEP 2024
Open Plate	\$480.00
Planned Giving	\$368.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$848.00

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$649.35

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:

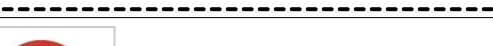
Death Anniversary:
Peter Catrall
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

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
The world is made up of many different realities that are diverse precisely so that they can assist and complete each other. When they are harmonized, all generations, peoples, and differences can reveal the wonderful splendour of humanity and Creation.

Next Week's Appeal
Supporting our Clergy Campaign



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 Brennan, Fr. Santhosh Nazareth, and Fr. Selva Raj. 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

Second Assembly of the Synod on Synodality
Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and John Lochowiak are headed to the Synod in Rome at the end of this month. The Synod will take place over the month of October. We ask that our communities pray for both of them and the process of the Synod. We pray that as a Church we will all better understand that we are invited to walk together and to listen to each other prayerfully. Information around the synod can be found here: www.synod.va/en.html

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
Guardian Angels

On October 2nd we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger. Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like people with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
From sinful state O keep me free,
and at death's hour my helper be.
Amen.*

Answer to Word-Find: (It is better) to suffer than to sin.
www.thekidsbulletin.com

Saint Therese of Lisieux
"The Little Flower"
October 1

Therese Martin was born to a middle class family in France in 1873. Her mother died when she was four, so she was raised by her father and sisters. Therese was shy and over-sensitive until she was fourteen. This is the last time we'll keep the presents a surprise. Wow! I'm not crying! Jesus cured me!

Therese decided to become a Carmelite nun like two of her sisters had. Your Holiness, I want to ask a favour! I could serve God with them! BUT SHE WAS ONLY 15, SO SHE WASN'T ALLOWED UNTIL SHE ASKED THE POPE! EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS YOUNG, THERESE WAS WISE AND DID EVERYTHING FOR GOD. Jesus, I'll pretend I'm washing your clothes!

She was humble and did the worst jobs and ate the worst food for love of God. That stinks! Get it out of here! If only you knew how much she suffers! BUT SOON ST. THERESE BECAME VERY SICK AND HAD TO STAY IN BED. SHE FELT THAT GOD HAD ABANDONED HER, BUT SHE KEPT HER FAITH. SHE DIED AT AGE 24.

BECAUSE SHE WAS A CLOISTERED NUN IN A CONVENT, SAINT THERESE KNEW THAT SHE COULD NOT DO ANY GREAT DEEDS FOR GOD. BUT SHE SAW ANOTHER WAY TO BECOME HOLY. BY THINKING OF HERSELF AS A LITTLE CHILD OF GOD AND DOING EVERY LITTLE THING FOR HIM, SHE BECAME A GREAT SAINT!