

Information desk

The Covid-19 plan:

As communicated separately, the latest information provided by the Premier includes:

- **Places of worship** have a density requirement of **1 person per 2 sqm.**
- **Funerals** are capped at 200 people and **requiring 1 person per 2 sqm.**
- **Weddings** are capped at 200 people and **requiring 1 person per 2 sqm.** The digital contact tracing form is still required.
- COVID Safe Check-in is still required.

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping keep our communities safe.

Places of worship must be supervised by a COVID Marshal who must have a copy of their training certificate available when conducting COVID Marshal duties and be clearly identified as a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:

Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please write your name & phone number in the Register upon entry.
2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
3. Sit only in the designated numbered pews in the Church.
4. Except for families and household groups, people should be at least 2 meters apart.
5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
6. Ensure that there is the 1.5m distance between you and the person in front when processing for Holy Communion.
7. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.
8. Keep the social distancing requirement when leaving the Church after Mass.
9. Please don't go back to the entrance door. Entry and Exit rule must be followed for your safety.
10. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.
11. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Unless a grain falls to the ground and dies...



Jesus knew He was going to die soon. It made Him sad, but He knew that He had to do it. He told the apostles, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Because Jesus died, we can be freed from our sins and live!

Have you ever tried planting seeds? The little seeds are hard and dry and seem to be dead. We put them into some damp soil, and cover them up. After a few days you can see little sprouts coming out of the soil, and soon there are little plants growing! Maybe your Mom or Dad can help you plant some seeds this spring.

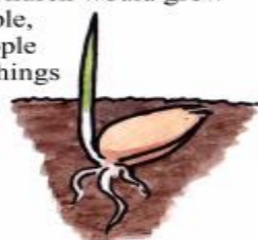


Our Lord was telling His friends that He had to be like a seed. He would die and be buried, and then after a few days, come back to life! And like a plant that grows and produces more seed, the Church would grow from Jesus and bring other holy people, saints, into the world. Saints are people that are ready to give up their good things and even their lives for love of God, just like Jesus.

Are you ready to be a saint?

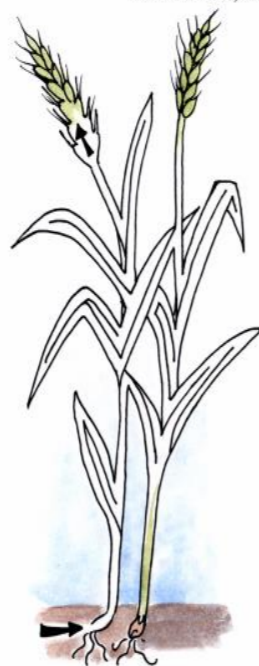
Answers to The Annunciation Puzzle: sent. Joseph, name. Lord, confided, angel, not, God.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21st, 2021



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Can you find your way from this grain of wheat to the new seeds at the top?

CWL NEWS

Tranmere CWL members are visiting the MacKillop Precinct on Monday 19th April. We will begin with lunch at the Cafe followed by a tour of the Museum. Everyone is very welcome to join us. Please contact Josie on 0422498472 for more information.

POSITION VACANT

Parish Office Manager (Part-time) - Morphett Vale Parish

A part-time position is available at the Morphett Vale Parish. Apps close Mar 29. Details at <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-people/employment-opportunities>

LENTEN RETREAT

The perfect opportunity to start, reboot or dial in your prayer & relationship with God, all while talking with a spiritual guide and looking ahead to Easter. Learn how to have a holy, prayerful & transforming Lent. Reflect on God's mercy and immeasurable love for us as He sent His Son to die for our sins. Slow down and reflect on your walk with Jesus, how you can strengthen your relationship with Him and get to know His word better. Deepen your faith and pray more this Lenten season. See notice board for the full programme.

All are Welcome – No Charge

Date – Wednesday 24th March 2021 Time – 5.00pm – 7.45pm

Venue – St. Joseph's Church, Tranmere

Preacher – Rev. Fr. James Valladares



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5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

20th / 21st March 2021

Parish Priest

Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Parish Secretary

Karen Taylor Tue – Fri

WHS/ Finance Officer

Divya Paul Monday

Police Checks Unit

Hiacinta Msoni Monday

Sacristan

Weekdays: Michael Pierce

Sundays: Terence Yeow, Clare Boyle, & Roger Worth

Mass Times

Sunday 9.30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6.00 pm

Rosary

Tuesday to Friday 8.45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Every Friday after Mass

School Principal

St. Joseph's Primary
Adrian Grbin
Phone: 8431 2834

Catechism

Sr. Mary Jasmine

Youth Representative

Nancy Ngure

Children's Liturgy

Anne Dudzinski

St. Vincent de Paul

Ph: 8112 8700, 1300 729 202

Knights of the Southern Cross

Michael Boyle
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Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9 – 12
Ph: (08) 8431 6932

LOVE HEALS

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Entrance Antiphon Psalms 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 50:3-4, 12-15 R. v.12

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God.
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Acclamation John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 12:20-30

Communion Antiphon John 12:24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PLEASE NOTE once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you to ensure we adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Kindly **DO NOT** leave it behind on your way out once Mass has concluded.



Sunday Collection	14/03/21
First Collection	\$523.40
Online Giving/Cash	
TOTAL 1st Collection	\$523.40
Second Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 869.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 55.00
Open Plate	\$ 431.75
Donation	
TOTAL 2nd Collection	\$1355.75
Special Collection	

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – Virtual Weekend

Love one another as I have loved you (John 15:12)

A weekend of discovery... a lifetime of love. Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalise your sacrament of service. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community. **What:** Virtual weekend via Zoom
When: April 30 – May 2 2021 **Time:** Commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding 4pm Sunday **Contact Julie and Zyg Staszyc:** : 0437 388 513 or E: sabookings@wwme.org.au. For all other enquiries for enrichment, programs and events contact Thomas and Maria on E: wwmecentral@gmail.com. Visit: <https://www.wwme.org.au>

PPC New Members & AGM

The AGM for the Parish Pastoral Council is on 29th April 2021 at 7.00pm. Nominations are open for the 4 vacant positions which are for a Term of 2 years. If you wish to Nominate, please add your name to the list at the rear of the church. Some information about the PPC is available on the table next to the Nomination Sheet.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our sincere thanks goes to some special people this week. We have a new picture in our Church of "The Divine Mercy". The print was kindly donated by, "The Divine Mercy Ministry, Newton" and the Framing was generously sponsored by Michael Pierce. We also have 4 new Candle Stands and a Cruet Set for Holy Mass and these were generously sponsored by Antonietta Tronnolone. We thank these benefactors and all the wonderful sponsors we have in our Parish.



Palm Sunday Peace Walk

SA Council of Churches and Churches Together SA invites your community to share in the Palm Sunday Peace Walk on Sunday March 28th 2021. Starting at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), down to (Tarntanya Wama) Elder Park, where there will be three short presentations and an invitation to all to stroll in prayerful presence along the banks of the Karrawirra Pari (Torrens River). Please see the flyer on the notice board.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 29 in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Limited spaces will be available to attend Mass. Book now at <https://www.trybooking.com/BJYNQ>. Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available for this Mass. For more information on this event, please call 8210 8287.



Fifth Sunday of Lent
21st March 2021



Halima is raising her two children in a refugee camp in Bangladesh while caring for her mother, who has a disability. Widowed at 21, Halima fled violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State and arrived at the camp with nothing.

Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, helped Halima out with a shelter, cooking equipment, hygiene and sanitation training. She took on the role of community trainer herself, organising the cleaning of washrooms, wells and toilets.

Halima aspired to 'Be More'. She is proud that she is now able to earn a small income while maintaining the health of her family and the cleanliness of the camp community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Easter Ceremonies - Glen Osmond/Parkside

If you wish to attend any ceremonies, in particular Stations of the Cross in the Sacred Garden at the Monastery, please refer to the website for bookings (themonastery.net.au) or contact Carmela on P: 8338 1277



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversary:

Birthday:

Departed souls: Filippo Calasante

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 of our Parish



St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (19/03/2021)

2 Sam: 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Rom: 4:13-14, 18-22; Mt: 1: 16, 18-21, 24

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Introduction: Pope Francis has proclaimed 2021 as "The Year of Saint Joseph": December 8, 2020-December 8, 2021. St. Joseph in the holy Bible: We have the description of St. Joseph only in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. They present him as Joseph, the just man, the dreamer, and the silent saint who was the custodian and protector of Jesus and Mary, always doing the will of God.

(A) Joseph, the just man: (Matthew. 1:19). In the Biblical sense, a just man is one who faithfully does his duties to God, to lawful authorities and to his fellow human beings. **(1)-Joseph did his duties to God faithfully** by obeying His laws revealed through Moses, through his king and through his foster son Jesus. **He obeyed the Mosaic laws: i)** by circumcising and naming Jesus on the 8th day, **ii)** by presenting Mary with her child in the Temple for the purification ceremony, **iii)** by making Jesus "son of the Law," bringing him to the Temple of Jerusalem for the feast of Passover at the age of twelve. **He obeyed his King's law** by taking his pregnant wife Mary to Bethlehem for the census ordered by the Emperor. **He obeyed Jesus** by respecting his desires and opinion. (Lk.2: 49) **(2)-Joseph did his duties to others faithfully: a) to his wife** by giving her loving protection in spite of his previous suspicion about her miraculous pregnancy. He could have divorced her. Pope St. John Paul II: St. Joseph protects Mary "discreetly, humbly and silently, but with an unfailing presence and utter fidelity, even when he finds it hard to understand." **b) to Jesus** by training him in his trade, in the Law of Moses and in good conduct (Lk. 2:52). **c) to his neighbours** by being an ideal carpenter and good neighbour.

(B)- Joseph, the dreamer (like Joseph in the O.T.) receiving answers to his fervent prayers as dreams. Joseph raised his heart and mind to God in all his needs and dangerous situations in life, besides praising and thanking Him. *Dreaming* in the Old Testament was one way God used to communicate His will to men. Joseph received instructions from God through four dreams: **i)** "Do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife" (Mt.1:20); **ii)** "Get up, take the Child and his mother and escape to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you to leave" (Mt. 2:13); **iii)** "Get up, take the Child and his mother, and go back to the land of Israel" (Mt.5:20); **iv)** as a confirmation of Joseph's prudent thought of taking Mary and Jesus out of Jerusalem (where a worse ruler might endanger them), and back to Nazareth, a small, out of the way village in the country.

(C) As a silent saint, Joseph always did the will of God and protected and provided for Jesus and Mary. Hence, he continues to protect the mystical body of Christ, the Church. How did Joseph provide this protection and provision? By his unfailing presence and committed fidelity. He did it silently, justly and doing the will of God. He is a silent saint in our noisy world, giving himself to others. He continues to protect those who protect and take care of elderly parents, the aged and the sick in nursing homes. He courageously did his protective role starting with his receiving his wife into his home at the angel's command in a dream and continuing through the flight to Egypt with Mary and the Child and their sojourn there, all the way to Nazareth and their life there, where, at some point, he died peacefully in their presence.

Message for life: 1) We need to lead saintly lives by becoming faithful in little things, as St. Joseph was. "Bloom where you are planted" was the favourite advice of St. Francis de Sales. Let us love our profession and do good to others. 2) We need to consult God daily in prayer to know His will and to do it. 3) We need to be just, as St. Joseph was, by "giving everyone his or her due." 4) We need to raise our families in the spirit of the Holy Family and to be responsible, God-fearing, ideal parents like Joseph and Mary. 5) Let us become protectors like St. Joseph, by keeping watch over our emotions, over our hearts, because they are the seat of good and evil intentions: intentions that build up and tear down! We must not be afraid of goodness or even tenderness!"

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Sunday after Easter 11th April, we celebrate The Divine Mercy Sunday, after having experienced the Risen Lord in our Parish we will have special prayers and devotion to Divine Mercy.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

1. Thursday – Mass of the Lord's supper: 7:00pm
2. Friday of the Passion of the Lord: 11: 00am -Stations of the Cross 3: 00pm - Good Friday service
3. Holy Saturday (Vigil Mass): 6.30pm
4. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - 8.30am & 10.30am

Bookings required for Easter Sunday.

Please use the links below to book your seats

8.30AM – <https://www.trybooking.com/BPQHN>

10.30AM – <https://www.trybooking.com/BPRCZ>

Rosters for 27 / 28 March 2021

Palm Sunday

Time **Commentator / Reader**

6:30 pm Anne Marie Platten

Fil Ciancio, Giulia Giuliani

9:30am Alan Tyson

Ann Mary Kollarackal, Jake Kollarackal

Children's Liturgy: Evangelin Achusiogu and Sarah Shanahan

Count Team No: 4

Andrew Gaal, Gail Gaal

Nick McCabe, Shane Foley

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