

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.



# Parish Bulletin

19th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

12/ 13 August 2023

## GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 147:12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

*Command me to come to you  
over the water*



The prophet Elijah and Jesus both went up a mountain to pray. Many people have experienced the presence of God in the wonder and solitude of a mountain top. But God is also to be found at sea level, in the ups and downs of our daily lives. When we are swamped by troubles and cry out, 'Lord, save me,' we allow God to reach out and hold us.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Psalm 73:20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your  
poor ones for ever.  
Arise, O God, and defend your  
cause, and forget not the cries of  
those who seek you.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 84:9-14

*Response : Lord, show us your  
mercy and love, and grant us  
your salvation.*

I will hear what the lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

### SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.



**We the St. Joseph's Parish community Trarmer is extremely happy to welcome our Archbishop Patrick O'Regan to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion for our children.**



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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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## Rosters—19/20 August 2023 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Michelle Page
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Henry D'Assumpcao Clare Boyle
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	5/6 AUGUST
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$814.00
Open Plate	\$483.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1297.00</b>

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$649

### Understanding the Voice to Parliament

Organised by Churches Together SA, with Noel Pearson and Rev Tim Costello as guest speakers.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 5pm-6.30pm, Pilgrim Uniting Church, Adelaide

### Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries Sunday September 17

There will be a blessing of milestone marriage anniversaries on Sunday 17th September across the Archdiocese of Adelaide. If you and your spouse are celebrating a significant marriage anniversary this year please notify the parish office so we can acknowledge this event



### Please remember in your prayers

Fr. Peter Dunn who passed away peacefully on 3rd August 2023 afternoon. May his soul rest in peace.

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

### Anniversary of death:

Angela & Crescenzo Laudato  
Stefan Sciancalepore

*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

Our outlook changes when we place Jesus at the centre of our lives. And despite all our struggles and difficulties, we feel wrapped in His light, comforted by His Spirit, encouraged by His Word and sustained by His love.

### Kangaroo Island Parish Fundraiser

Adelaide Catholic Cathedral Parish invites you to a fundraiser for the Kangaroo Island Catholic Parish to watch the upcoming Hercule Poirot Film, *A Haunting in Venice*. There will be raffle prizes too.

Tickets \$25 (inc. movie, Choc Top, popcorn and bottle of water)  
Date: September 24, 2pm  
Location: Regal Theatre, 275 Kensington Road, Kensington Park.  
Purchase tickets: (08) 8210 8155 or [acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au).

## Parish Announcements

### Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at St. Joseph's Church Tranmere

On 13<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 a.m., young people of our School and Parish will be celebrating Confirmation and First Holy Communion. We ask that you keep them in your prayers at this time. Many of their relatives and friends may be coming to our Church for the first time and we want you to help us by simplifying the car parking process. If all of us at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August move from Mass promptly and drive out via either exit until 10:25am, then after that through the rear car park gate only, there should not be any issues with visitors wanting to enter from Magill Road at the same time. It will take a little time and care, but we should be able to manage it without too much trouble. There will be marshals to help you. Just look for the hi viz vests. Thank you



### Third Special Collection Vocations Appeal

On Sunday 13 Aug, we will have the 3rd special collection for supporting the education and formation of men who are seeking to serve the people of the Archdiocese of Adelaide as priests and deacons. We appreciate your generous donation.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalise your sacrament of service. It allows you to grow in your relationship with your spouse or community.  
What: Virtual weekend via Zoom  
When: August 18 – 20  
Time: Commencing at 6.30pm Fri, concluding at 4pm Sun  
Booking: <https://www.wvme.org.au>  
Enquiries and bookings: Joy and Charlie on 0411 289 462

# The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 13th, 2023

*In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.*

*What was it?*

*Use the code to find out!*

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## Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!