

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. .

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023**  
**10 SEPTEMBER**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church’s work in this area at:

[www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

**BACKGROUND ON**  
**THE GOSPEL READING**

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, which is sometimes called the “discourse on the Church” or the “church order” discourse. In this part of Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today’s reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew’s Gospel. In Matthew’s record of Jesus’ teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the “discourse on the Church” (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community’s concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples’ question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these “little ones” astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those “little ones” who have strayed.

In today’s Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God’s assistance.



# Parish Bulletin

**23rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A**

**9-10 September 23**

***If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.***



Every Christian community experiences difficulties in one form or another. Misunderstandings occur, divisions arise. Today’s Gospel reminds us that Christ is present in our communities even when they are broken, when only two or three meet in his name. Healing occurs when we seek to embody in our communities the qualities of Christ, especially forgiveness and mutual love.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Psalm 118:137, 124**

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9**

***Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.***

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work. **R**

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 13:8-10**

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: *You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet*, and so on, are summed up in this single command: *You must love your neighbour as yourself*. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**The word of the Lord.**

**MORNING TEA**

This Sunday after 9:30 Mass. Please join us for this community event.





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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**

Principal - Adrian Grbin  
Ph: 8431 2834

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Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Chair – Alan Tyson

**Parish Finance Council**

Chair -Edward Konieczny

**Child Safe Contact Person**

Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**

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

**Rosters—16-17 Sept 2023**

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Richard Dale Stephanie Roach
Children's Liturgy	Nickie Palumbo Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
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	2/3 Sept
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$825.00
Open Plate	\$345.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1170.00</b>

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$552

**FUNDRAISER**  
FOR THE KANGAROO ISLAND CATHOLIC PARISH  
WATCH THE UPCOMING HERCULE POIROT FILM  
**A HAUNTING IN VENICE**  
24 SEPT 2023 • 2 PM • REGAL THEATRE  
TICKETS \$25 - INCLUDES MOVIE, CHOC TOP, POPCORN & BOTTLE OF WATER. THERE WILL BE RAFFLE PRIZES TOO.  
REGAL THEATRE, 275 KENSINGTON RD  
To purchase tickets: (08) 8210 8155  
acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au



**Please remember in your prayers**

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

*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 housebound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.**

**Pope Francis @pontifex**

It is not necessary to be wealthy to do good. Rather, it is almost always common people who devote their time, skills and heart to caring for others.



**Parish Announcements**

**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24**

You are invited to the Archdiocesan Migrant and Refugee Sunday – Multicultural Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 11am . Featured will be stories from local communities, reflections, primary and secondary schools' prayer rituals .

**JOURNEY TO THE SYNOD**

Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm. Festival Function Centre, 292 Findon Road, Findon. The third of three gathering with Archbishop O'Regan as we journey towards the Synod: exploring communion, participation and mission.

Bookings via: <https://www.trybooking.com/CKKUV>  
Enquiries: Sarah Moffatt: smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au or P: 8210 8110

**HEART ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE**

October is Mission Month and Catholic Mission Appeal for 2023 will be held on October 22. Over the coming weeks Diocesan Director, Tony Johnston, will be calling out to meet with every parish administrator or parish priest to discuss parish needs and appeal details. During his visit he will provide all items required for the appeal from speakers notes to summary forms, posters and flash drives. If you have any concerns, please contact Tony Johnston, Diocesan Director Adelaide on (08) 8210 8199 or E: tjohnston@catholicmission.org.au

**NEW AUDIO-VIDEO SYSTEM**

Good news for us that we have installed new Audio- Video system in the church. Everything is professionally set by the sound engineer, no need of doing any adjustment or handling the system. What we need to do only put the switch ON and OFF. We sincerely thank our WHS officer Angela Girolamo.

**FRIDAY ADORATION**

Due to Fr Roy's annual leave, we will not have Friday Adoration from 15th September to 13rd October 2023.

**FR ROY ON ANNUAL LEAVE**

My brothers and Sisters, I will be out of the office for an annual leave from 11<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and will not have access to my emails during this time. If your message is urgent, please contact Pat (the Parish secretary) on Phone: (08) 8431 6932

Email: [info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au) who will be able to assist you. Otherwise, I will respond promptly when I return. I also acknowledge and sincerely thank Fr. Michael Romeo, Fr. Leon Czechowicz, Fr. Paul McCormack and Fr. Swamy Nadan who are kind and generous in supporting our community in my absence. May I earnestly request your valuable prayers on me and my family, be sure of my love and prayer always with you.

**Yours in Christ,**  
**Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM**

**WELCOME**

**Zachary Reyes**

To God's family through Baptism  
Our prayers and blessings to you and your family

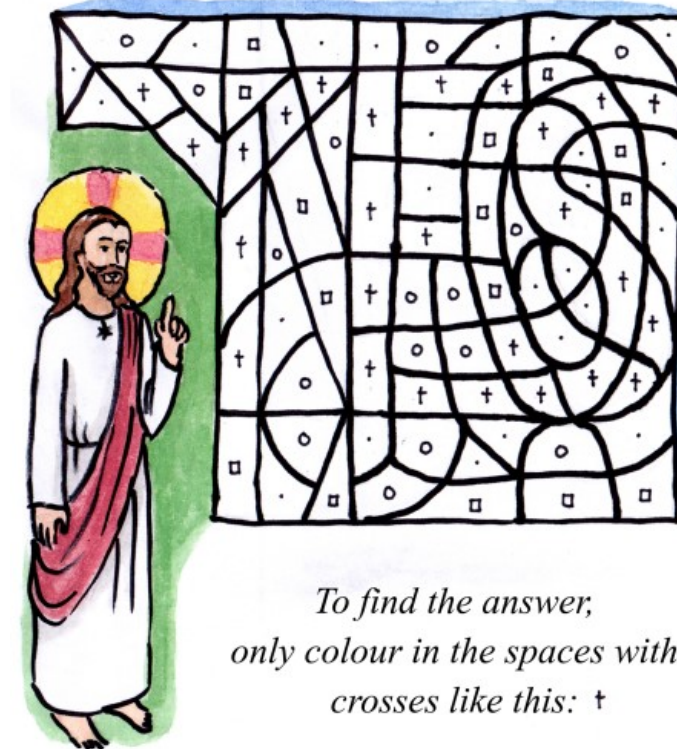


**The Kids' Bulletin**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 10th, 2023

*Sometimes we see other people doing things that we know are wrong.*

*When we see other people doing sins, does Jesus want us to talk to them about it?*



*To find the answer, only colour in the spaces with crosses like this: †*

*What should I do when somebody else sins?*

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us, we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing, we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!



Answer to puzzle on front: yes!  
Answer to word-find puzzle: Pray with others.  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)