

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him to become  
the children of God.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**John 1:29-34**

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**BACKGROUND ON  
THE GOSPEL READING**

**Loyola Press**

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.



# Parish Bulletin

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**17/18 January 2026**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** **Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**The word of the Lord**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

**The word of the Lord**

*This is  
the Lamb of God  
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the sins of the world.*

**THE LAMB OF GOD.**

Jesus is the servant of God who brings salvation to the ends of the earth.

He is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

He reveals the compassion of God who stoops down to hear the cries of those in distress.

**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.

**LOVE ADELAIDE - WALK FOR LIFE**

Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion

Human from Conception

Saturday 7th of February 2026

10am - 12noon

Pennington Gardens

Opposite St Peters Cathedral, North Adelaide

\$5 Donation Parking

Free Tickets

Adelaide Oval parking

[trybooking.com/DGGPU](http://trybooking.com/DGGPU)

Enter from Pennington Tce

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Gates Open 9am

Don't forget to bring a drink bottle; and remember to slip, slop and slap!

**PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT**

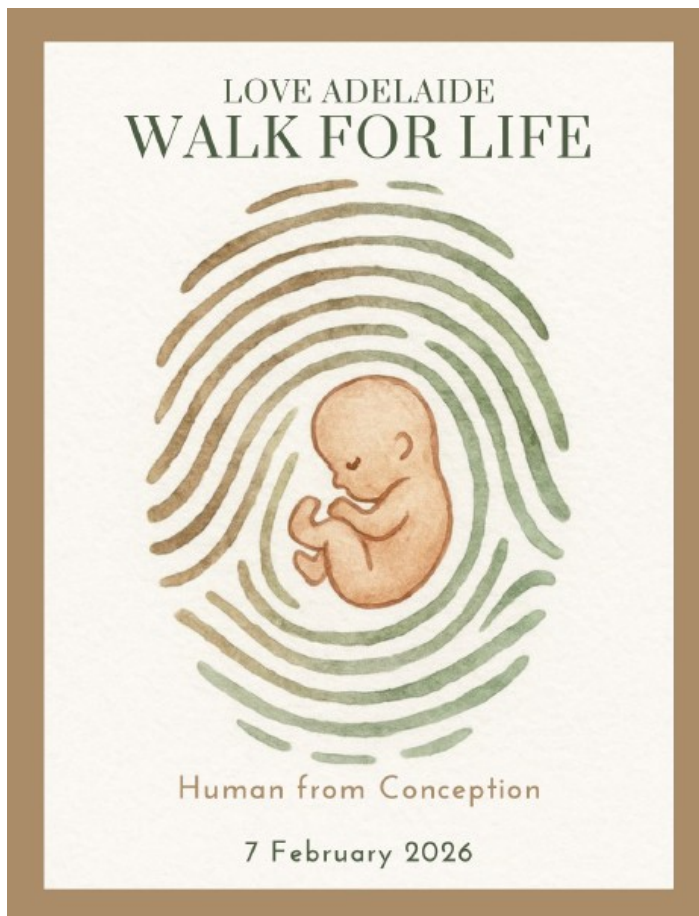
NO megaphones or personal signs, Love Adelaide will provide official signs. Please follow the direction of the marshals & police and walk peacefully with love.

Free Tickets [trybooking.com/DGGPU](http://trybooking.com/DGGPU)

Please follow the event guidelines.



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**Australia Day Mass**  
Monday 26th January 2026 9:15am

**Candlemas  
The Feast of  
The Presentation of the Lord**  
Monday 2nd February 2026 9:15am

St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Tranmere Parish

**Parish Priest**  
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**Parish Office Hours**  
Tue to Fri 9:30am – 12:30pm  
Ph: (08) 8431 6932  
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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: 8217 8300

**Knights of the Southern Cross**  
Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Chair – Alan Tyson Ph: 0412 389 875

**Parish Finance Council**  
Chair— Brendan Moran

**Safeguarding Contact Person**  
Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

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

ROSTERS— 24/25 Jan 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Fil Ciancio Edward Konieczny Chris Chua
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Grace Yeow Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Count team	Ignatius Wong Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
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	10/11 Jan 2026
Open Plate	\$693.50
Planned Giving	\$468.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,161.50</b>
<b>Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund</b>	<b>\$985.40</b>

**MUSICIANS WANTED SATURDAY NIGHT MASS CHOIR**

The Saturday Night Mass Choir is seeking **musicians** (guitar, piano, bass guitar, etc.) and **singers** to join our team and support the music ministry at the Saturday evening Mass.

If you have a passion for music and would like to contribute to our parish liturgy, we'd love to hear from you. Contact: Thomas Zollo 0403164365

*Let's pray together*

**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:  
**Sr Angela Morrison (Patricia)**

Death Anniversary:  
**Bill Browne**

*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.**

**REMEMBERING Sr Angela Morrison (Patricia)**

We pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Angela, who passed away peacefully at Eldercare The Lodge on Friday 9th January 2026.

Sr Angela grew up in Tranmere, with her home backing onto our church carpark. To save her the long walk around, parishioners made a gate from her property to the carpark - a gesture she fondly referred to as 'private entrance' to the church.

Sr Angela has been a long-time parishioner serving with generosity and dedication. We hold her, her family, and the Sisters in our prayers, entrusting her to God's loving care. May she rest in peace.

**LOST & FOUND**

A number of items have remained unclaimed in the Lost and Found cabinet (near the main entrance). Any items not collected by **Sunday, 1 February** will be donated to charity.

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**Theology at the Bar**  
Faith, ideas and conversation. Come along, all welcome!  
**Guest speaker:** Fr Olek Stirrat **Date:** Wednesday January 21  
**Location:** Ern Malley Bar, Magill Road, Stepney SA.  
**Time:** 6.30pm start, for 7pm talk.  
Snacks and drinks available at the bar.

**Cathedral Light Show - Adelaide Fringe**  
St Francis Xavier's Cathedral is set to be illuminated like never before as part of an immersive light experience to be staged during the 2026 Fringe. Titled 'Cathedral Chiaroscuro', entry to the event will be from 8.30-9.30pm nightly (except Mondays), with architecturally mapped projections accompanied by a classical and choral music soundtrack. Audience members can move around the Cathedral to view the projections from different angles and expected 'dwell time' is about 15 minutes.  
Tickets range from \$10 for preview nights to \$15 (February 20-March 22). To book, visit [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 2026**  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a worldwide synodal Movement dedicated to the renewal of our Catholic Church through empowering couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships. Our Church today has the belief that Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of relationship and that we are called as couples and priests to be a living sign of God's love to the world, and to love one another as Jesus loves us all. This takes hard work, and a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples and priests the tools and support they need to live this sign in today's busy life.  
Worldwide Marriage Encounter has three weekends planned for 2026 - February 20-22, Lyndoch Motel; July 3-5 Royal Coach Motel; and a live-out weekend at Antonio School, November 7-8. More details are available on the website at <https://www.wwme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.

**New Online Adult Formation Program**

Monica Brown, the renowned Australian liturgical composer, teacher, facilitator, storyteller and community animator, has recently worked with a team to produce of new online adult formation program, which they have called *Thresholds of Transformation for Seekers and Searchers (TTSS)*. TTSS is a unique and timely integration of Laudato Si, the Universe Story, our Catholic/Christian Story and the Gospel values of Jesus. Its objective is to offer personal and communal spiritual enrichment and transformation. Gatherings commence: Tuesday, 24 February 2026, continuing on a Tuesday every 3 weeks until 15 December. For further information, please visit: <https://ttss.thresholdsoftransformation.org>


**The Monastery 2026 Retreat Program and Retreat Mornings**

Step away from the noise and into the quiet beauty of The Monastery. Our 2026 retreat program offers a restorative space for reflection, renewal and spiritual nourishment. Check out our flyers for full details on our different retreats and how you can register.


# The Kids' Bulletin

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## John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?

**Repent!** 


Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus. 

John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

 Hm... Maybe I should go too!

What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?



What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?  
Use the code to figure it out!

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