

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom,  
 and healed all who were sick.  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested, Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

*'Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
 Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
 Galilee of the nations!  
 The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;  
 on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
 a light has dawned.'*

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Chinese Catholic Community  
 45th Anniversary Celebration**

The Chinese Catholic Community of South Australia (CCCSA) will celebrate its 45th anniversary at **Mass with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan on Sunday the 1st of February, 2026 in St. Joseph church, Tranmere at 12:30 p.m.** Begin with a mass with the Archbishop, follow by shared lunch in the community hall. All are welcome to join.

Contact: Louisa 0422 079 534 (by text first)

**Birthline Pregnancy Support  
 Volunteer Opportunities**

If you have a few hours to spare and would enjoy offering practical help to local families, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at [birthline@birthline.org.au](mailto:birthline@birthline.org.au) or 08 8331 1223 .

**BACKGROUND ON  
 THE GOSPEL READING**

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Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.



# Parish Bulletin

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**24/25 January 2026**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*He went to  
 Capernaum,  
 that the prophecy  
 of Isaiah be  
 fulfilled.*

**JESUS, OUR LIGHT**

At times we can find ourselves 'walking in darkness.' We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. As with the first disciples, he calls us to follow him. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

**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.

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 8:23, 9:3**

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light;  
 on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
 a light has shone.  
 You have made their gladness greater,  
 you have made their joy increase;  
 they rejoice in your presence  
 as men rejoice at harvest time,  
 as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
 the bar across his shoulders,  
 the rod of his oppressor –  
 these you break as on the day of Midian.

**The word of the Lord**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17**

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ.' Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

**The word of the Lord**

**Australia Day Mass**

Monday 26th January 2026 9:15am

**Candlemas  
 The Feast of**

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

**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**

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Enter from Pennington Tce

**Free Tickets**

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Gates Open 9am

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 and remember to slip, slop and slap!

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 Love Adelaide will provide official signs.  
 Please follow the direction of the marshals  
 & police and walk peacefully with love.

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Tranmere Parish

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Tue to Fri 9:30am – 12:30pm  
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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  
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Michael Boyle Ph: 8337 3270

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Anne Dudzinski Ph: 0418 847 804

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

ROSTERS— 31 Jan/ 1 Feb 2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Henry D'Assumpcao Thilini Silva
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	17/18 Jan 2026
Open Plate	\$522.25
Planned Giving	\$323.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$845.25</b>
<b>Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund</b>	<b>\$663.80</b>

*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:  
Death Anniversary:  
**Berenice Foley**  
**Joseph Chinh Khuc**

*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.**

SPECIAL APPEAL NEXT WEEK

**7/8 Feb 2026 Day of the Unborn Child**

**CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE PARISH**

**RECONCILIATION**

Workshops—

- Monday 16th February at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 16th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

**Celebration— Tuesday 24th March at 7.00pm**

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST**

Workshops—

- Monday 18th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall
- Monday 15th June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall

•Rehearsal at church— Sunday 26th July after parish mass  
**Celebration— Sunday 2nd August 11:00am**  
**Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan**

If you have children who would like to enrol in the sacramental program, please contact the Parish Office: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

**ENROLMENT CUT-OFF 10 FEB 2026**

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**Celebrating 20 Years of Impact – ACRATH**  
ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) is celebrating 20 years of impact in combating human trafficking and modern slavery with a special community event on **Thursday February 12, 6pm–8pm** at **St Ignatius Church Hall, Norwood**. The evening will feature guest speakers Sarah Puls SGS, Professor Marinella Marmo, and Catherine Edwards, who bring extensive experience in advocacy, research and global action against modern slavery. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. To register for a free ticket go to <https://events.humanitix.com/acrath-20-years-of-impact>.

**Lend a Hand with Project Compassion 2026**  
Caritas is looking for local parishioners to help promote Project Compassion in their church this Lent. This includes setting up displays, handing out boxes/envelopes and sharing stories. If you think you can help, check first with your parish secretary/priest and then get in touch with Caritas Kaz on 8210 8204.

**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Saturday February 14 at 10am in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.** Each year, on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on February 11 and will be celebrated on the Saturday after (February 14). All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information please contact Archdiocesan Events on (08) 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

**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 pre-view 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.wmme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.

**The Kids' Bulletin**  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

**G H F N V**  
**E O D I T**  
**H M E A**  
**N E O K**

What did Jesus say as He began to preach by the sea?  
Sort out the letters by their numbers to fill in the blanks.

Repent, for...  
... is at hand.

**Jesus Tells us to Repent**

Today we hear about Jesus beginning His mission of preaching and healing the sick. The very first thing He tells the people is that they should repent from their sins.

Why do we need to repent of our sins? Why don't we just stop thinking about the bad things we did and start trying to be good?

Well, pretend your soul is like a garden. When you sin, it's like making a big hole in the ground. You can't grow flowers in a hole, and someone might trip on it and make the hole bigger. That's what can happen with sins too- little sins can cause bigger ones.

When you are sorry for your sins and go to confession it's like filling in the holes and planting flowers where they used to be. Keep your soul like a good garden and make sure you don't have any holes in it!