

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
 happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

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The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus’ Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John’s Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke’s Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn’t recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today’s Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

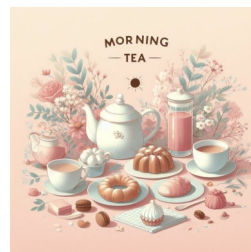
The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas’s doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus’ appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas’s human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are “blessed” because we believe without having seen.

**MORNING TEA**

**Sunday 12 April 2026  
 after Morning Mass**

*Please come  
 and join us!*



**RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE  
 BY CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S LEAGUE**

**\$1 tickets on sale at Morning tea Sunday 12 April, as well as on the weekend of 2nd—3rd May. The raffle will be drawn on Mother’s Day 10th May 2026. Proceeds will go to Vinnies . We thank you for your support!**



# Parish Bulletin

St Joseph’s Catholic Church Tranmere Parish, 484 Magill Rd, Kensington Gardens, SA 5068  
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**Second Sunday of Easter, Year A**

**11 / 12 April 2026**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:42-47**

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

**The word of the Lord**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God’s power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

**The word of the Lord**

*After eight days  
 Jesus came in  
 and stood  
 among them.*

**I AM SENDING YOU.**

When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

**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.

**WELCOME**

**Florence HARDIMAN**

**Sonny NGUYEN**

To God’s family through  
 Baptism on  
 12th April 2026



*Our prayers and blessings to them and their families!*

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Tranmere Parish

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**Parish Office Hours**  
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  
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 18/19 Apr 2026 Third Sunday of Easter	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Fil Ciancio Michelle Page Chris Chua
9:30am	Alan Tyson Grace Yeow Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	School Holiday
Count team	Ignatius Wong Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio 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	

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**Margherita Basso**  
At St Joseph's Church Tranmere  
Tue 14th April 2026, 11:00am  
May her soul rest in eternal peace

**Alpha @ Hectorville – Tranmere 2026**

**When:** Thurs. April 30, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Where:** Tranmere Parish Hall  
1 Birkinshaw Avenue, Tranmere  
**Cost:** Free

Alpha is an opportunity to explore faith in a fun, safe, welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal, watch a short video, and have a chat about what we think, feel and believe. At Alpha we encourage open and honest conversations and you can expect to laugh, share food, and journey together with people who are wondering about some of life's **BIG** questions.

**Please RSVP and more information:**  
For catering and dietary purposes, please complete the online RSVP form using the QR code or this link: <https://forms.gle/xVXXhReWW2tdCQ9B8> or contact Mark at [hectorville.alpha@gmail.com](mailto:hectorville.alpha@gmail.com) or 0421 617 244.




*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:  
**Margherita Basso**  
Death Anniversary:  
**Madeleine Marciano**

*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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	2-5 Apr 2026
Open Plate	\$1,228.85
Planned Giving	\$253.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,481.85</b>
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$2,312.25

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**Mass For New Catholics, Saturday May 16th 6pm**  
An invitation is extended to those newly baptised and received into full Communion in our church, together with their Sponsor and Families, to attend the Mass for new Catholics (Mystagogia Mass) with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan. 6pm Vigil Mass, Saturday May 16 at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wakefield Street. Followed by Tea/Coffee in the parish Hall.

\*Our new Catholics are asked to wear white, symbolising their new life within our church and making them easily recognisable by the community. Please register your attendance through the following link or scan the QR code. [Mystagogia Mass Registration Form](#)

**Marian Procession**  
The 77th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 17 May 2026 beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.  
For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au)



**Marian Procession Volunteering**  
The Archdiocesan Events Office is currently seeking volunteers to support at the Marian Procession in a range of roles. If you are available and willing to help, please contact [events@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:events@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or 8210 8220. Volunteer roles are needed for Saturday 16th May and Sunday 17th May (which is the date of the event and begins at 2pm).

**Men's Retreat – The Monastery 15-17 May 2026**  
*Life as Prayer, Prayer as Life*  
Take time away to deepen your relationship with God and discover how prayer can become part of everyday life. Led by Valerie De Brenni and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP  
For all details, head to our website: <https://themonastery.net.au/life-as-prayer-prayer-as-life-retreat-may-2026/> or check out our flyer.

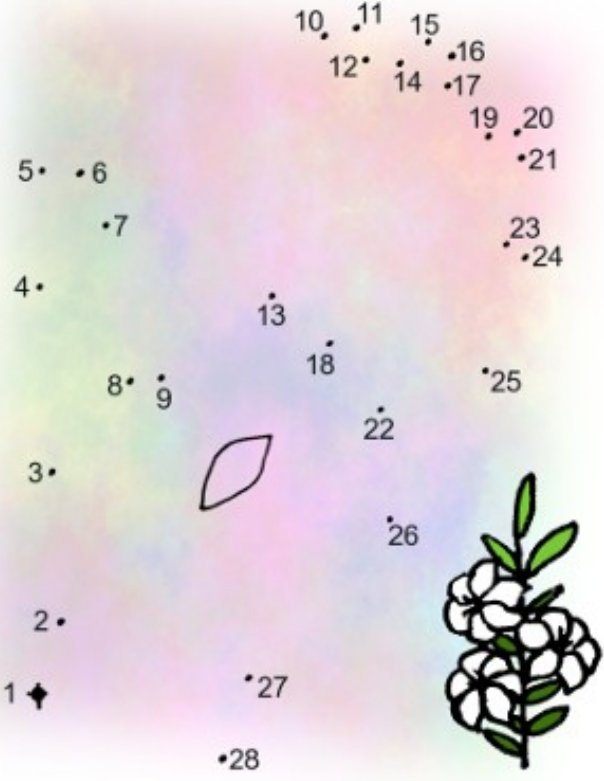
\*This retreat, together with a 1,500 word reflection paper, has CESA approval as a SAM day for teachers.  
**The Monastery, 15 Cross Road Urrbrae SA 5064 - Bookings essential - RSVP by 1 May 2026**  
[conference@themonastery.net.au](mailto:conference@themonastery.net.au) | 8338 8700

**Theology at the Bar**  
Faith, ideas & conversation. Come along, all welcome!  
**Interstate Guest speaker:** Fr Jerome Santamaria (from Melbourne).  
**Date:** Wed 15th April.  
**Location:** Ern Malley Bar, Magill Rd Stepney SA.  
**Time:** 6:30pm start, for 7pm talk.  
Snacks, toasties and drinks available at the bar

**Marist Brothers Alberton – 100th Anniversary**  
The Marist Brothers are celebrating 100 years since their move from Port Adelaide to Alberton. 1926 – 2026:  
A century of faith, education and community spirit. Friends and Old Scholars are invited to join us.  
The invitation is also extended in a particular way to Old Scholars of Mount Carmel Girls School, whose shared history and close association forms an important part of this story.  
The date: Tuesday 2 June 2026. The Venue: Alberton Hotel – 124 Port Road, Alberton. At 12 noon.

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



*Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive? Connect the dots to find out!*

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.

Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!

Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us!*  
*Jesus, I trust in You!*

