

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Mary MacKillop Precinct Programmes for 2026

The Precinct, located on the site in Kensington where Mary lived for eleven years, is a place of inspiration, pilgrimage, hospitality, and education. Our programmes, which include retreats and reflection days, personal and professional development workshops are open to everyone. Attached are an e-brochure containing our full 2026 programme and a quick-reference summary of our late April, May and June events. There's something for everyone. Please note that the Mary MacKillop Fund is available to ensure that no-one is prevented from attending a retreat or other event due to cost.

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 <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 | 8338 8700

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 two weekends planned for 2026 – July 3-5 Royal Coach Motel and a live-out weekend at Antonio School, November 7-8. More details are available at <https://www.wmme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.

St Vincent De Paul Society – HELPS PEOPLE

The Vinnies Winter Appeal is on next week - May 16/17.

Your help makes it possible for the Society's volunteers to **add a little hope; add a little dignity; add a little smile** when we visit people in need.

Let's all exercise our power to make goodness happen.

Take an envelope today and bring it back next week.

There will be a special collection.

Donations can also be placed in the Poor Boxes at each entrance.



St Joseph's Church Tranmere

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

9/10 May 2026

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

The early Christian community could not remain as enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers,
through whom you bring life, love, and care into the world.
Bless all mothers in our community today—
those who are with us, and those who rest in your eternal peace.
Strengthen them in their vocation of love,
and fill their hearts with your grace and patience.

We remember also those who long to be mothers,
those who have lost children,
and those who carry the quiet burdens of motherhood.

Wrap them in your compassion and comfort.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your Son and our mother,
be their guide and example,
and may all mothers be blessed with joy, peace, and enduring faith.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20

Response:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: "How tremendous your deeds! **R**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **R**

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love for me. **R**



MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

10th May 2026
after 9.30am Holy Mass

Treat Mom to a morning of
faith and fellowship.

After mass, stay for tea, coffee, and
light refreshments as we celebrate
our mothers together.

St Joseph's Church Tranmere
484 Magill Road, Kensington Gardens

St Joseph's Catholic Church
Tranmere Parish

Parish Priest
Fr Janeesh Jose

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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

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

ROSTERS 16 /17 May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Fil Ciancio Edward Konieczny Chris Chua
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
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	
SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	Week of 2-3 May 2026
Open Plate	\$439.75
Planned Giving	\$343.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$782.75
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$680.30

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:
Bernadette Mullen-Davey
Sheila Mary Cotton
Chris Thomas
Verica Klarich

Death Anniversary:
Giovanni Froscio
Joseph Thomas

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.

MONTH ENDED APR 2026

Electronic Giving: \$3,755.00
Tap and Go: \$472.00

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Sheila Mary Cotton
At St Joseph's Church Tranmere
Friday 15th May 2026, 11:00am
In loving memory

PARISH NOTICES

Annual Mass Count—Month of May 2026
Mass attendance counts are being conducted for four weekends in May: 2-3 May, 9-10 May, 16-17 May, and 23-24 May. Information collected will be useful to the Archdiocese office and to our pastoral planning. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Marian Procession Car Pooling
The Liturgy Committee is organising a car pool for the Marian Procession, if there is sufficient interest. Anyone wishing to be transported to & from the procession, or anyone able to offer someone a lift to / from the parish church, please write down your name and contact details on the sign-up form posted at the Eastern entrance.

Planned Giving Envelopes
Thank you for your continuous support to the parish. The new batch of planned giving envelopes are now available for pick-up on the bench top at the main entrance of our church. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

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

Upcoming Synod Liturgies - all are welcome.
Ecumenical Taizé Prayer on the Eve of the Synod
19 May 2026, 7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral
All are welcome to join in a special ecumenical prayer service in the Taizé style. The service will include scripture, songs and reflections as we prepare for the Synod.

Opening Mass of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod (Amended)
29 May 2026, 5:45pm at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
All are welcome to join in the opening Mass of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod. A simple meal in the hall will follow.

THE SHEPHERD'S CALL 2026 - A DAY FOR MEN OF FAITH
Men of Adelaide - you are invited to: **The Shepherd's Call 2026.** This is the annual one-day Catholic men's conference hosted by YMG Adelaide.
Saturday 6 June 2026 at Cardijn College - Marian Campus.
This powerful day brings men together from across the Archdiocese for:


- Brotherhood
- Prayer
- Faith formation
- Encouragement for everyday Christian life

Whether you are deeply involved in parish life, exploring your faith more intentionally, or simply looking for connection with other Catholic men – this day is for you. Come and be renewed. Come and be strengthened. Come and answer the Shepherd's call.

Date: Saturday 6 June 2026
Location: Cardijn College - Marian Campus
Details & registration: <https://www.ymgadelaide.org.au/shepherds-call>

Mass For New Catholics, Saturday 16 May 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](#)


The Kids' Bulletin
www.thekidsbulletin.com




And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.

What did Jesus say to the disciples to prepare them for His departure? Look at this page in the mirror to find out!



Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit Through the Sacraments





In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples that He is going away, but the Father will send the Holy Spirit to help them.



We can't see Jesus on earth any more, because His body went into Heaven at the Ascension. We can't see the Holy Spirit either, because He doesn't have a body. The Holy Spirit really is in the world, though. He is working in the Church and in people who obey and love God.

The Holy Spirit comes to us mainly through the sacraments. We get grace, which is God's life in us, when we receive the sacraments. Jesus gave us the sacraments to help us on our way to Heaven. Do you know the seven sacraments? Here is a list to help you to remember:

- Baptism**
- Confession**
- Confirmation**
- Holy Communion**
- Marriage**
- Holy Orders**
- Sacrament of the Sick**