

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE



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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 1 / 2 AUGUST 2026

GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT YOURSELVES

With the five loaves and two fish that Jesus had blessed, the disciples fed a vast crowd. Our acts of service and love towards others may often seem small but, blessed by Jesus, they too can have a great impact. We need Jesus to bless our work, and Jesus needs us to feed the hungry and comfort the lonely of our world. Together, we can do great things.

Responsorial Psalm 144:8-9,15-18

Response:

**The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is kind and full of
compassion, slow to anger,
abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due
time. You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **R**

First Reading - A reading from Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Second Reading - Romans 8:35,37-39

No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

CHILDREN CONFIRMATION
& FIRST EUCHARIST
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Celebration - Sunday 2nd August 2026, 11.00am
Celebrant - Archbishop Patrick O'Regan



Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21

The feeding of the five thousand

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Tranmere
We pray for the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. Archbishop Patrick will officiate at the ceremony this year.

Feast of St Mary MacKillop
The Feast of St Mary MacKillop will be celebrated with Holy Mass at 9.15 am on Saturday, 8 August 2026. All are welcome to join us for morning tea afterwards.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9.15 am on Saturday, 15 August 2026, for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Due to the Clergy reflection day on 4th August 2026, Morning Mass will begin at 8:30am

Next Sunday, after 9:30am Holy Mass we will hold our monthly Morning Tea. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for a cuppa and spend time connecting with our community.

SPECIAL APPEAL NEXT WEEK - August 8th & 9th - PROMOTION OF VOCATIONAL APPEAL Supporting the education and formation over several years for the people who are seeking to serve the Archdiocese of Adelaide as Priests and Deacons.

Background on the Gospel Reading Loyola Press

Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

Today we jump ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel to Chapter 14. Last week we heard Jesus conclude his discourse with the crowds about the Kingdom of Heaven. In Matthew's narrative, Jesus then leaves the crowds and returns to Nazareth, where he is rejected. Matthew then recounts the story of John the Baptist's arrest and execution at the hands of Herod. Today's Gospel reading begins at this point.

Upon hearing the news of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus seeks to withdraw, but the crowds follow him. Jesus reaches out to them in compassion and heals the sick. At the end of a long day, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away so that they might find provisions for themselves. Jesus again responds with compassion for the crowd. Jesus tells his disciples to provide food for the crowd. The disciples reply with a report of the meagerness of their own provisions—five loaves and two fish. The result is the very familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Matthew's Gospel tells us that 5,000 men were fed, and this number does not even include the women and children.

Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed and the yeast. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven.

We find the story of Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fish in each of the four Gospels. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus performs this same miracle on two separate occasions. The story of this miracle is an anticipation of the Eucharist in which we are fed by the abundant grace of God. The importance of the Eucharist has been a defining element of Christian life from the very beginning.

See more Archdiocese events information on church noticeboard:

- Feast Day Mass of St Mary MacKillop St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Sat 8/8/26 8am + 11.30am.
- Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026. 3+4/9/26
- Seeking Expressions of Interest for Diocesan Pastoral Council Membership.
- National Census – Tuesday 11 August 2026
- The Living the Joy of the Gospel
- Introduction to Living the Joy of the Gospel 5/8/26 7pm Online
- CHARIS SA Retreat 10am - 3.30pm.
- Chinese Mass on 2nd August - Children Confirmation at the Annunciation church of Hectorville at 12.30 p.m.
- Public Rosary for Peace and Vocations- Sat 1/8/26– 8.40am Mary MacKillop Plaza
- Men's Public Rosary - Sat 1/8/26 – 12.10pm
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
- Divine Mercy Monthly Devotion Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 3pm

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Parish Priest

Fr Janeesh Jose

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Fr Benny Lawrance SdM

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Roya Tonia Skubala-Szafir – Wed to Fri
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Sacristan

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& Roger Worth

Parish Office Hours

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Ph: (08) 8431 6932
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St. Joseph's Primary School

Principal - Adrian Grbin
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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

Dedication of the families to the

**Sacred Heart of Jesus
and Anointing of the sick**

First Friday of the Month
during 9.15am Mass

Chinese Community Mass

First Sunday of the Month 12.30pm

ROSTERS 8/9 August 2026 19th Sunday in ordinary time

6.30pm Vigil	Fil Cianco Michelle Page Chris Chua
9.30am	Sandy Mazzarolo Aloysius Achusiogu Ifeoma Achusiogu
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Jessie Yesudas P
Count Team	Andrew Gaal Gail Gaal Sandra Librandi Shane Foley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciancio Sarita Ingham and volunteers

Thanks to all participating volunteers. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass.

Sunday Collections	Week of 25-26 Jul 2026
Open Plate	\$337.60
Planned Giving	\$273.00
Parish Total	\$610.60
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$632.45
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Following the Journey of Francis

Jubilee Reflection Day

The Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi (800 years)

When: 10.00 am to 3.00 pm (Holy Mass 2.00 pm)

Saturday 15 August 2026

Where: St Francis of Assisi Church, Newton (59 Newton Road, Newton)

Facilitator: Rev Fr Robert Stuart OFM Cap

Morning Tea will be provided. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

All are welcome!

If you have any queries, please contact the Parish office at (08) 8337 3849 or email to admin@newtonparish.com



Apology for Last Saturday

Although a priest from the Cathedral had been arranged to celebrate Holy Mass last Saturday, due to an unforeseen mix-up in the Cathedral clergy roster, the priest was unfortunately unable to attend, and the Mass could not be celebrated as planned.

The Dean of the Cathedral, Fr Lancey, extends his sincere apologies for this unfortunate incident and regrets any disappointment it may have caused.



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:

Barbara Skubala

Death Anniversary:

Gino Stracci

Jack Foley

Special Intentions:

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.**

Chinese Community Mass - temporary change of location

Due to the Children's Sacramental Ceremony at St Joseph's Church on 2nd Aug 2026, the 12.30pm Chinese Mass will be relocated to: **Annunciation Church, Hectorville** at 18/20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073. The rosary prayer will still be prayed before mass. However, there will be no shared lunch afterwards. Thank you for your attention.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Seeking Expressions of Interest for Diocesan Pastoral Council Membership.

DEADLINE for EOIs: 10 August

The Archbishop is currently seeking Expressions of Interest for the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) is a major diocesan body made up of women and men, laity, religious and ordained — from various areas and aspects of the Archdiocese of Adelaide and has been a significant feature of the Archdiocese since the early post-Vatican II years. The DPC provides consultation to the Archbishop on pastoral matters of the archdiocese while exercising synodal leadership in their own right. The DPC will have a significant role in the implementation of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod outcomes.

For more information about the DPC visit:

<https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-works-and-community/diocesan-pastoral-council>

To put in an Expression of Interest, go to:

<https://forms.office.com/r/bLeJrvpgae>

St Carlo Acutis Relic Pilgrimage

The major relic pilgrimage of St. Carlo Acutis is coming to Adelaide

6 – 9 August 2026.

<https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/>

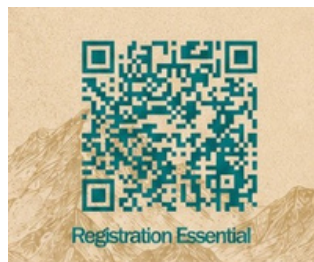


Vocations Holy Hour

Tuesday, 4 August – Adoration for Vocations, Cathedral, 6.30pm

Friday, 7 August - “Beyond the Collar & Veil”, a panel discussion with Fr. Anthony Beltrame and Sr. Olivia Lukaszewicz at The Wakefield Hotel, 76 Wakefield St, Adelaide

As part of National Vocations Awareness Week, the Vocations Office warmly invites you to gather in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour dedicated to vocations in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. Please join us as we give thanks to Our Lord and pray that He may guide each of us in discerning what God is asking of us today. Light refreshments, including hot chocolate and cookies, will be served after the Holy Hour in the Cathedral Hall. Flyer Attached. For more information, please contact the Vocations Office at vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au.



Welcome to New Parish Secretary at Tranmere Parish

Roya Tonia Skubala-Szafir commenced her role as the **Parish Secretary** of our parish on 29 July 2026.

She will be working in the parish office from Wednesday to Friday, 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. We warmly welcome Roya to our parish team and wish her every blessing in her new role.

We also extend our thanks to **Pat Kwok** for her dedicated service to the parish and wish her God's blessings for the future.

The Kids' Bulletin

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In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns five loaves and two fish into enough food for over 5000 people! On top of all that, they collected baskets full of leftovers.

To find out how many baskets they filled, colour in only the loaves and fish that are marked with crosses.

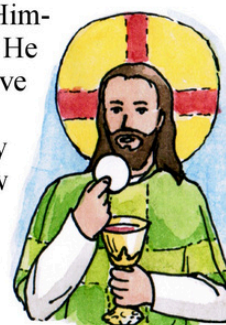
Jesus Feeds Five Thousand with five loaves and two fish



In today's Gospel reading, the disciples see all the hungry people who had come to listen to Our Lord and to be healed. They know that they can't feed them all, so they ask Jesus to send them to the towns to buy food. But Jesus isn't limited by nature, because He is God. He blesses a bit of bread and fish and it becomes enough to feed over five thousand people!

Our Lord was showing us that He will provide for all our needs if we listen to Him, just like it says in today's reading from the prophet Isaiah. In this story He was providing for the people's bodily needs, but He also provides for our spiritual needs.

In Holy Communion, Jesus gives Himself to us for spiritual food. Just like He could do the miracle of feeding the five thousand, He works the miracle of turning bread and wine into His Body and Blood for us at every Mass. Now He feeds millions of people all over the world with Himself!



Top: 6, 1, Middle: 2, 4, Bottom: 3, 5.
Answer to the Transfiguration puzzle:
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