

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE



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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 25/26 JULY 2026

FINDING A TREASURE

A treasure is not something we earn but something we find. We can spend a lot of our lives wishing and hoping that some treasure will come our way. We can forget that we already possess a wonderful treasure in our loved ones and in the gift of life itself. And the greatest treasure of all is the kingdom of heaven which Jesus freely offers to us. May we have the wisdom to seek our treasure in God, and not in the glittering goods of a passing world.

Responsorial Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Response:

Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more
to me than silver and gold. **R**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall
live
for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your
precepts:
I hate false ways. **R**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R**

First Reading - Kings 3:5, 7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Second Reading - Romans 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

CHILDREN CONFIRMATION
& FIRST EUCHARIST
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE

Rehearsal at Church - Sunday 26th July 2026
(after 9.30am Holy Mass)
Celebration - Sunday 2nd August 2026, 11.00am
Celebrant - Archbishop Patrick O'Regan



Gospel - Matthew 13:44-52

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Fr Benny on Annual Leave 19 June - 29 July 2026

Weekend and Weekday Masses will continue as normal throughout Fr Benny's time away.

We welcome and extend our gratitude to the visiting priests who will be celebrating Masses with our parish community during this time.

We look forward to welcoming Fr Benny back next week and wish him a safe and refreshing remainder of his trip.

Chinese Mass on 2nd Aug 2026 - 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.

A BIG THANK YOU from VINNIES

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Winter Appeal. \$3,628 was raised and will certainly help those in need, as did the donations of food from our St Joseph's Parish Schools, Rostrevor College and yourselves. Your continued supply of long life goods in the plastic container at the main entrance helps maintain Vinnie's ability to provide food parcels for each home visit. Additionally, your donations in the Poor Box continue to provide the deserving with a "hand up." The need is great. Could you even consider becoming a member?

Again, THANK YOU and God bless.

Background on the Gospel Reading ***Loyola Press***

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

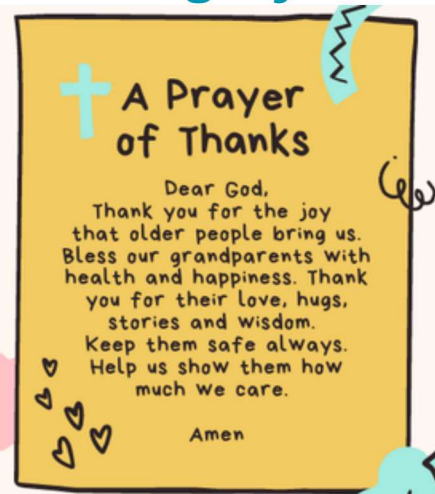
Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

"I will never forget you."

Isaiah 49:15

**Sunday
26 July 2026**

**WORLD DAY
FOR
GRANDPARENTS
AND
THE ELDERLY**



ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE

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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

Solemnity of

the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Friday of the Month

during 9.15am Mass

Chinese Community Mass

First Sunday of the Month 12.30pm

ROSTERS 1/2 August 2026 18th Sunday in ordinary time

6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9.30am	Alan Tyson Henry D'Assumpcao Thilini Silva
Children's Liturgy	Antonetta Bartley Charlotte Bartley
Count Team	Julie Priem Leo Priem Anne Dudzinski George Dudzinski
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 18-19 Jul 2026
Open Plate	\$593.45
Planned Giving	\$413.00
Parish Total	\$1,006.45
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$685.80
Direct Giving App Tranmere Parish Cashless, Convenient, Secure! Thank you for your donations! https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere	



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:

Antonio Calabrese

Death Anniversary:

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.**

\$3.00 Sausage Sizzle

**by The Knights of
the Southern Cross**

**See you on Sunday
26th July 2026
after 9.30am Mass**



Code of Conduct Update for ALL Volunteers

We are grateful for the generous support of all our volunteers, and we thank you for your commitment to the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct has recently been updated, and is now displayed on the notice boards at each entrance of the church. All volunteers are required to read and sign the updated document. Please return the signed page to the collection box located in the church foyer by **Sunday 26 July 2026**.

If you have any questions, please contact our Safeguarding Contact Person — Anne Dudzinski 0418 847 804.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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



ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

St Carlo Acutis Relic Pilgrimage

The major relic pilgrimage of St. Carlo Acutis is coming to Adelaide 6 – 9 August 2026. Scan the QR code.



The Living the Joy of the Gospel website is now live.

Living the Joy of the Gospel is a new parish-based faith formation program from the Archdiocese of Adelaide. To learn more about the program, register your interest, or RSVP to the following upcoming events below - visit <https://www.livingthejoyofthegospel.au/>

Upcoming Events:

Introduction to Living the Joy of the Gospel – New Parish Faith Formation Resource - 5 August 2026 | 7pm | Online

This online introduction session will present aspects of the program, resources, and support from the archdiocese. Attendees will be able to interact with the program, ask questions, and sign up for training and further information. This session is intended for parish leadership and those interested in facilitating groups.

Living the Joy of the Gospel – Facilitator Training

Multiple Sessions | In-person or online

Be equipped with practical tools and pastoral awareness to feel encouraged and supported to run Living the Joy of the Gospel sessions in your parish. This training is intended for all interested in hosting Living the Joy of the Gospel sessions.

RSVP: <https://www.livingthejoyofthegospel.au/>

Power Up 2026 – Presented by COYYA

Power Up will facilitate an afternoon of workshops on a variety of topics with opportunities to experience contemporary prayer and spirituality, participate in spiritual reflection and formation, and hands on activities that are grounded in faith, ecology and social justice. Following the workshops, Vigil Mass will be celebrated before moving into dinner and live music. The evening will close with a praise & worship session. Organised by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), young people are invited to Power Up 2026.

Who: Young People aged 16–35. Individuals under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

When: Saturday, 25 July 2026 from 2pm to 9pm

Location: St Ignatius College, Athelstone (2 Manresa Ct, Athelstone)

Cost: Free (includes food & drinks) – bookings essential

Scan the QR code or visit

<https://www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/powerup2026>

for more information and to register!

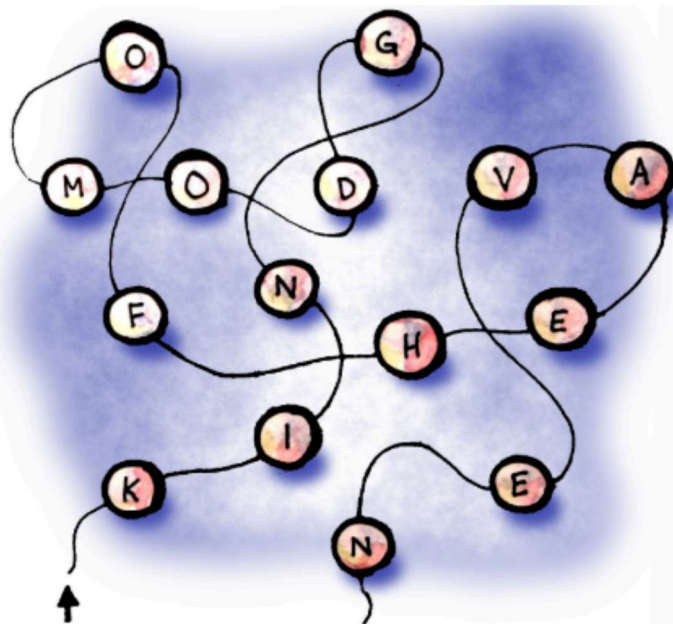


See more Archdiocese events information on church noticeboard:

- Public Rosary for Peace and Vocations - 1 Aug 2026 - 8.40 am
- Men's Public Rosary - 1 Aug 2026 - 12.10pm
- Men's Retreat 2026 - "Called. Changed. Sent" - 25 Jul 2026 - 2-6pm
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend - 7-8 Nov 2026
- Divine Mercy Monthly Devotion - First Sunday of the Month - 3pm
- First Saturday Mass & Devotions in Honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - 1 Aug, and First Saturday of each month - 12pm
- 160 Years of Josephite Education - 7 Aug 2026 - 2pm
- Vocations Holy Hour - 4 Aug 2026 - 6pm
- Beyond the Collar and Veil - 7 Aug 2026 - 6pm
- Children's Liturgy of the Word - Training Opportunity for Catechists - 31 Aug, 7 Sep 2026
- Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries - 20 Sep 2026
- Being Woman: A Gift to the World - 6 Aug 2026 - 7-8.30pm
- Everyday Sanctity: A Retreat Day with the Schoenstatt Sister of Mary - 8 Aug 2026 - 9am-3pm
- National Census 11 Aug 2026

The Kids' Bulletin

www.thekidsbulletin.com



What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure or a pearl of great price?

Use the letters on the string of pearls to fill in the blanks and find out!

The _____
_____.

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is

hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!

