

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE



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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 18/19 JULY 2026

WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS.

The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

Responsorial Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Response:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous
deeds,
you who alone are God. **R**
3. But you, God of mercy and
compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R**

First Reading - Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

Second Reading - Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

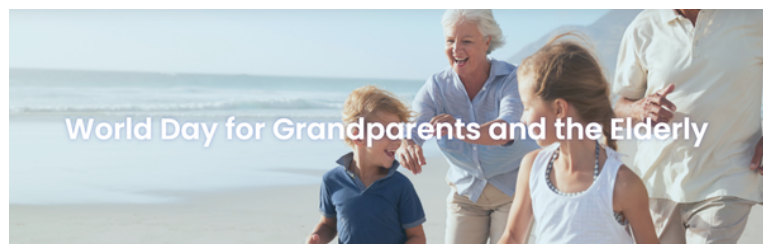
Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.
Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

Sunday 26 July 2026
"I will never forget you."
Isaiah 49:15

Background on the Gospel Reading Loyola Press

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed—the smallest of all seeds—will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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.

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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 25/26 JULY 2026
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Chris Chua
9.30am	Antonetta Bartley Maureen Fernando Ian Aitchison
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count Team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarolo Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
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 11-12 Jul 2026
Open Plate	\$775.45
Planned Giving	\$333.00
Parish Total	\$1,108.45
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$1,094.15

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National Census – Tuesday 11 August 2026

Every five years, the Australian Bureau of Statistics counts every person and household in Australia. The next Census is on Tuesday 11 August, 2026. The census form asks questions about your age, country of birth, cultural background, living situation, work and education. The census data is used by the government and others to inform decisions about transport, schools, health care, infrastructure and business. It also helps plan local services for individuals, families and communities. From an Archdiocesan perspective **it is important that you identify yourself as Catholic** in the census. This information contributes to the parish social profiles and assists with pastoral planning for the future. Your assistance is appreciated.



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:

Lilian Riley

Tim Jovanovich

Petar Perisic

Anthony Mazzei

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



**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 joining us to
celebrate Masses with our parish
community.

We wish Fr Benny a safe, joyful,
and relaxing trip!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Antonio Calabrese

St Joseph's Church Tranmere
Wednesday 22nd July 2026, 11:00am



ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

The Living the Joy of the Gospel website is NOW LIVE!

JeLiving 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/>

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.

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

160 Years of Josephite Education.

Past students and staff of St Joseph's Schools are invited to celebrate on 7 Aug at St Joseph's Convent Kensington at 2pm.

Launch of book outlining 100+ Josephite schools in SA since 1866, roll call, afternoon tea. Bring memorabilia. RSVP by 31 July: 0417 871 904 or

bbedson@stjk.catholic.edu.au

Vocations Holy Hour

Tuesday 4 August 2026 | 6pm | St Francis Xavier's Cathedral

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.

Beyond The Collar And Veil

Vocations Event - Friday 7 August 2026 | 6pm | Wakefield Hotel

As part of National Vocations Awareness Week, the Vocations Office warmly invites you to Beyond the Collar and Veil — an evening of fellowship, dinner and insight at the Wakefield Hotel on Friday 7 August at 6pm.

Guests will hear a special interview with Fr Anthony Beltrame, Priest in the Hectorville Parish, and Sr M Olivia, Australian religious sister with the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary, as they share their vocation stories — how they were called, their journey of discernment, and their experience serving in the Catholic Church in Australia today. TryBooking registration is essential — see QR Code to register. For more information, please contact the Vocations Office at vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au.



Hallett Cove Presents: Mario Trinidad in Conversation

7pm, Thursday 23 July 2026 Hallett Cove Catholic Church
Mario will share insights from his lived experience of faith – personal, relational and professional and his future vision.

Sponsor: Hallett Cove PPC

More information: Flyer in the foyer or contact Helen Thompson, Chair PPC. 0413 561 655. helenthom@internode.on.net No registration required.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Training opportunity for Catechists

Are you passionate about sharing the Gospel with children in a meaningful and engaging way? Join us for an upcoming children's liturgy of the word training, designed to equip catechists with practical skills, confidence, and fresh ideas to bring scripture to life for young people.

This session will explore age-appropriate approaches to proclaiming and breaking open the Word, creating prayerful spaces, and nurturing children's participation in the liturgy. Whether you are new to the ministry or seeking to deepen your practice, this training offers a welcoming and supportive environment to learn, reflect, and connect with others. Come and be inspired to help children encounter God's word with wonder, joy, and understanding. All catechists and those interested in supporting Children's Liturgy of the Word are warmly invited.

31 August link - <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-6737352>

7 September link - <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-6737367>

Women's Retreat: A Story of Homecoming

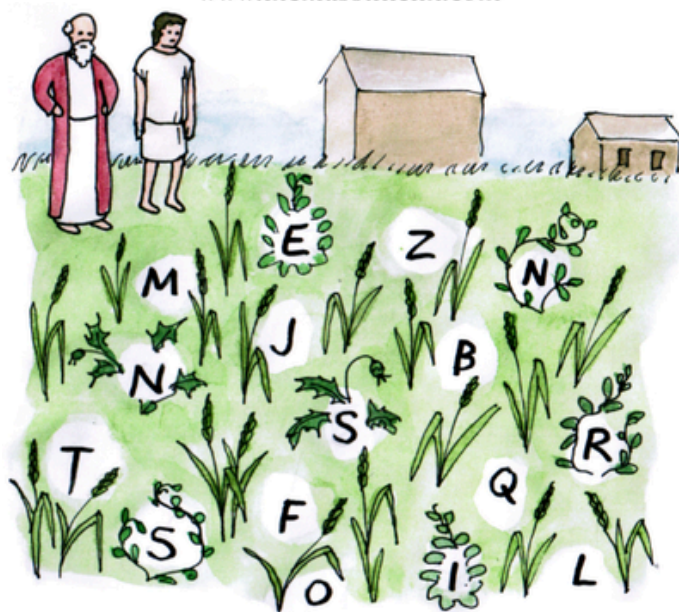
4 – 6 September 2026

Take time away to rest, reflect, and reconnect at our Women's Retreat at The Monastery. Through prayer and reflection, we will journey together through the story of the Prodigal Son, discovering the invitation to "come home" to ourselves and to God. Led by Ms Val de Brenni and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP.

This retreat, together with a 1500-word reflection paper, has CESA approval as a SAM day for teachers. Places are limited. RSVP by 20 August 2026 to reserve your place. Call 8338 8700 or email conference@themonastery.net.au

The Kids' Bulletin

www.thekidsbulletin.com



What did the weeds in today's parable represent?
Find all the letters that are in the weeds and unscramble them to find out.



The weeds are any plant that doesn't look like this.

Sort Out the Pictures: The Weeds and the Wheat

What happened in today's parable? Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes to show the order in which the story went.

