

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE



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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 15 / 16 AUGUST 2026

“WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH!”

The Canaanite woman in today's Gospel enjoyed no status in the eyes of the Jewish people of her time. She was someone to be scorned and ignored. Yet, in her deep love for her daughter and her great faith, she is a model of the true disciple of Jesus. She reminds us that what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally is our faith, our hope and our love.

First Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Second Reading - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8.

Response:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

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/>



**Saint Joseph, faithful guardian and humble servant of
God, guide our families in love, strengthen us in times of
difficulty, and help us to serve others with generous
hearts. Amen.**

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Toilets Renovation

As Fr Janeesh announced at Masses last weekend, renovation works on the church toilets will commence on Monday, 17 August 2026, and are expected to take approximately four weeks.

During this period, a temporary portable toilet will be available on the church premises for parishioners' use. In case of emergency, a toilet in the Sacristy will also be available.

We sincerely thank Frank Mazzarolo and Brendan Moran for generously supervising this important project.

New Hearing Augmentation System

We are pleased to announce that a new hearing augmentation system will also be installed in the church.

This system is designed to assist those who use hearing aids and is compatible with modern Bluetooth Auracast technology, an emerging standard that provides improved accessibility for people with hearing impairments.

Our sincere thanks to Peter Rees for his research into this technology and for presenting a detailed proposal to the Parish Finance Committee.

St. Joseph's School Tranmere

If you have a little one aged two or three & are enrolling for 2029, Next Saturday the 22nd of August at 9.30am St. Joseph's School Tranmere are have a Principal Tour. Scan the QR code in today's bulletin to book. Or call Rachel on 8217 8300.

Tuesday 1st September **World day of prayer for the Care of Creation** . Mass on Sunday 6th September to celebrate.

13th September **Safeguarding Sunday.**

Blessing of **Milestone Wedding Anniversaries**
Sunday 20 September 2026. Inform Parish office by 30th of August 2026. For more information email: events@adelaidcatholic.org.au

Background on the Gospel Reading

Loyola Press

Jesus heals the daughter of the Canaanite woman because of her great faith.

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.



**St Joseph's School
TRANMERE**





**9.30AM
SATURDAY
22 AUGUST**

**JOIN US FOR A
SCHOOL
TOUR!**

 **BOOK A TOUR**



Do you have a 2 or 3 year old?

We are now enrolling for 2029 and places are filling faster than most families expect.

Principal Tour
Saturday 22 August, 9.30am
8217 8300 | Scan to book

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE

Parish Priest

Fr Janeesh Jose

Assistant Priest

Fr Benny Lawrance SdM

Parish Secretary

Roya Tonia Skubala-Szafir – Wed to Fri
info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

Finance Officer

Christine Sullivan—Mon, Tue
finance@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

Sacristan

Sundays: Terence Yeow
& Roger Worth

Parish Office Hours

Tue 9.30am – 12.30pm
Wed to Fri 9.30am-1.30pm
Ph: (08) 8431 6932
info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

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

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 22 / 23 August 2026 21st Sunday in ordinary time

6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Chris Chua
9.30am	Stephanie Roach Grace Yeow Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Suanne Woidt Antonetta Bartley
Count Team	Ignatius Wong Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
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 8-9 Aug 2026
Open Plate	\$476.75
Planned Giving	\$438.00
Parish Total	\$914.75
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$685.60
Direct Giving App Tranmere Parish Cashless, Convenient, Secure! Thank you for your donations! https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere 	

Sunday Collections	Week of 1-2 Aug 2026
Open Plate	\$442.25
Planned Giving	\$317.00
Parish Total	\$759.25
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$505.40
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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:

Maria Skubala
Wally Skubala

Death Anniversary:

Carmen Frosco

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.**

Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject
Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

See more Archdiocese events information on church noticeboard:

- **Mass of Creation- 2026 Season of Creation Event.**
Saturday, 5 September (10am start) at St. Helens Park (39 Prospect Rd, Prospect 5082). Registrations are essential at: <https://www.trybooking.com/DNMIM>
- **Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026.**
Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act, a national online event on 3-4 September 2026. The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home. Parishioners can register individually for \$20. Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering
- **Job Vacancy:** Communications Manager - Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Permanent FT Applications close 9am Tuesday 18 August 2026.
- **Job Vacancy:** Sacramental Coordinator - Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Permanent Part Time (24hrs per week). Applications close 9am Friday 21 August 2026.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word - Training Opportunity for Catechists.** Join us for an upcoming children's liturgy 31 August link - <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-6737352> 7 September link - <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-6737367>
- **Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries Sunday 20 September 2026.** Inform Parish office by 30th of August 2026. For more information email: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au
- **Women's Retreat: A Story of Homecoming 4-6 September 2026** Last chance to Book. RSVP by 20 August 2026. Ph# 8338 8700 conference@themonastery.net.au
- **The Southern Cross Newspaper** The August issue of The Southern Cross newspaper is now in parishes as well as online at [The Southern Cross | South Australia's Catholic News](http://TheSouthernCross.com.au) There are interviews with renowned Jesuit priest Fr Frank Brennan, Aboriginal rights activist John Lochowiak and four pages devoted to the upcoming Vocations Awareness Week. Plus, a look-back at July's hugely successful NAIDOC week.
- **Our Lady of Good Healthy (Velankanni) Feast Day Mass - Sunday 13 September, 2026 at 2.15pm** The Adelaide Tamil Community warmly invites everyone to celebrate the feast of Our lady of Velankanni (our Lady of Good Health) on Sunday 13 September at 2.15pm celebrated by Fr James McEvoy, at the Annunciation church, 20 Montacute Road, Hectorville SA 5073

\$3.00
Sausage
Sizzle

**By The Knights of
the Southern Cross**
See you on Sunday
23rd August 2026
after 9.30am Mass

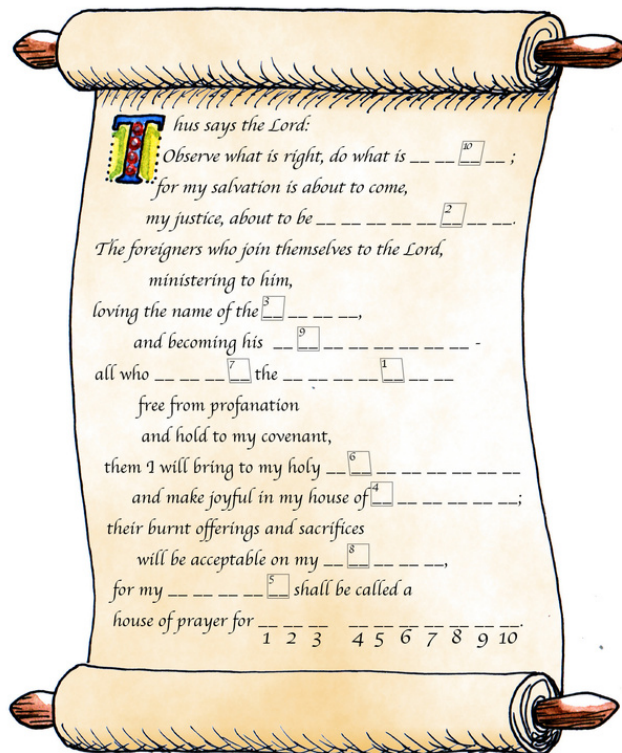


The Kids' Bulletin

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Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.
Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.

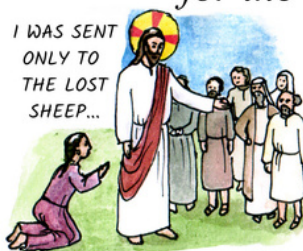


ALTAR
HOUSE
PRAYER

REVEALED
MOUNTAIN
SERVANTS
SABBATH

KEEP
JUST
LORD

Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



Dot to dot: dogs. Fill-in-the-Blanks: just, revealed, Lord, servants, keep, sabbath, mountain, prayer, altar, house, ALL PEOPLES.

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