

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE



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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A 8 / 9 AUGUST 2026

JESUS WENT UP INTO THE HILLS TO PRAY.

The prophet Elijah and Jesus both went up a mountain to pray. Many people have experienced the presence of God in the wonder and solitude of a mountain top. But God is also to be found at sea level, in the ups and downs of our daily lives. When we are swamped by troubles and cry out, 'Lord, save me,' we allow God to reach out and hold us.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 84:9-14

Response:

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

First Reading - 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

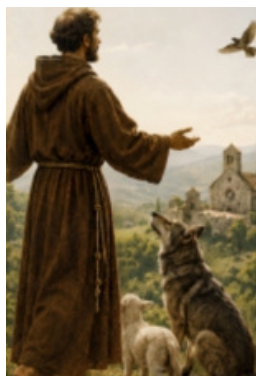
Second Reading - Romans Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation - Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!



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



Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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.

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

13th September **Safeguarding Sunday**.

Sunday 27th September is the **Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants**, and are encouraged to wear national dress, suitable hymns, special Morning Tea to which migrants will be encouraged to contribute ethnic specialities.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Loyola Press

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him.

In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

St. Joseph Prayer



St. Joseph, faithful guardian of Jesus and loving spouse of Mary, watch over our parish family. Teach us to serve with humility, work with integrity, and trust God's plan with courage. May your example inspire us to love Christ more deeply each day.
Amen.

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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

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 15 / 16 August 2026 20th Sunday in ordinary time

6.30pm Vigil	Edward Konieczny Fil Ciano Giulia Giuliani
9.30am	Bridgette Barret Antonetta Bartley Charlotte Bartley
Children's Liturgy	Anne Dudzinski Angela Mealey
Count Team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Francesca Ciano 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 1-8 Aug 2026
Open Plate	\$N/A
Planned Giving	\$N/A
Parish Total	\$N/A
Contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund	\$N/A
Direct Giving App Tranmere Parish Cashless, Convenient, Secure! Thank you for your donations! https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/parish/tranmere 	

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/>



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:

Jawad Aliw
Andrzej Szlasa

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.**

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.

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. events@adelaide.catholic.org.au
- **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/>
- **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](#) 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.

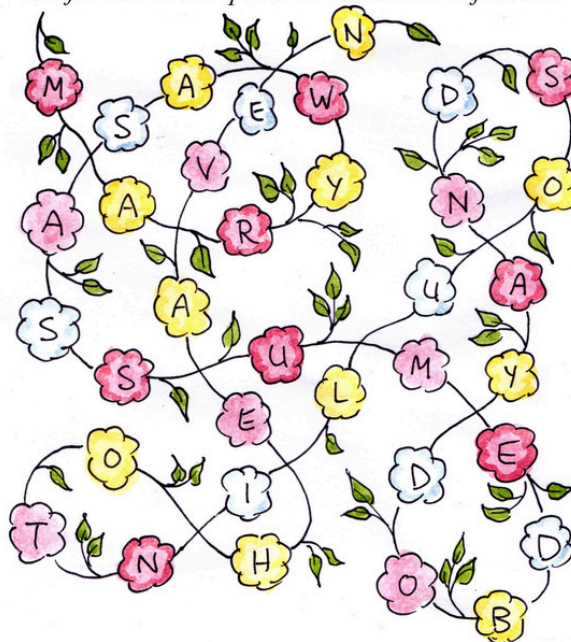
The Kids' Bulletin

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Flowers for Our Lady

This Saturday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady.
What are we celebrating?

Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.



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Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

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The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Throughout this month, Catholics are encouraged to ask for Our Lady's prayers and strive to imitate her faith, humility, and love for God.

