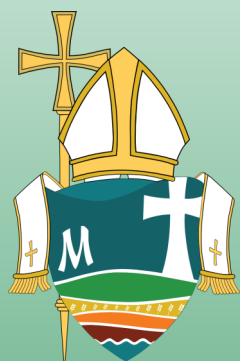


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FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102-1-4, 9-12. R. v. 8

**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. For as the heavens are high above the
earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, Lord, how must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times? Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.

Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt.

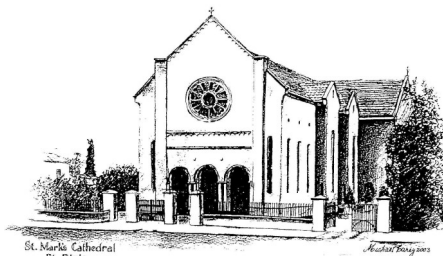
His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?"

And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

* *THE MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS * *

**The pilgrimage of the Cross visits the
Diocese of Port Pirie from 8 September to
21 September 2026.**

- * **Saturday, 12** September, 6pm Mass in St Mark's Cathedral
- * **Sunday, 13** September, 10:30am Mass, 5pm Benediction
- * **Monday, 14** September, St Mark's College
- * **Tuesday, 15** September, Crystal Brook, 9:30am Mass



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Deacon Gary Stokes

Pastoral Associate: Claire Conaghty

Sr Kerry Keenan rsj (Redhill)

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE SUNDAY MISSAL 'HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE?'

There is much truth in the proverb, 'to err is human, to forgive divine.' We all make mistakes. We all do or say things we later regret. And yet, when others wrong us, we can find it beyond our human strength to forgive. As we celebrate the mystery of Christ's love today, let us ask Jesus to heal our divisions and fill our hearts with his spirit of forgiveness.

HOLY DAYS THIS WEEK — SEPTEMBER

12: The Most Holy Name of Mary

13: Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor

14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross *FEAST*

15: Our Lady of Sorrows

CATHEDRAL HOLY HOUR AND EXPOSITION

Please come and sit for a while with Jesus on Friday mornings, 10:45—11:45am prior to 12 noon Mass.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: St Mark's Cathedral	—	6:00pm
Sunday: Holy Trinity, Crystal Brook	—	8:30am
St Martin's, Redhill (Mass/Liturgy)	—	10:00am
St Mark's Cathedral	—	10:30am
St Mark's Cathedral	—	5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday: St Mark's Cathedral	—	8:00am
Tuesday: St Mark's Cathedral	—	8:00am
Holy Trinity Crystal Brook	—	9:30am
Wednesday: St Mark's Cathedral	—	9:10am
Thursday: St Mark's Cathedral	—	7:30pm
Friday: St Mark's Cathedral	—	12noon
Saturday: St Mark's Cathedral	—	11:00am

Please forward all notices for inclusion in the Bulletin to the Parish Office by **12 noon on Thursdays**. Thank you.

BISHOP KAROL'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS 2026

SEPTEMBER DIOCESAN PRAYER: *Season of Creation*

For God's creation and our common home.

May we strengthen our care for the earth and God's creation which provide us with vital resources to sustain our life.

CARITAS NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL—CAN YOU HELP?

Donations: <https://www.caritas.org.au/nepal-floods>

CATHEDRAL PRAYER INTENTIONS IN SEPTEMBER

We pray, during the Season of Creation (1 Sept—4 October), giving thanks to God for his gift to us of our 'common home'.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sally Johns, Sr Teresa Lanigan sgs, Mary Hunter, Dawn Monaghan, Sr Helen (Thecla) Ryan sgs.

THE SICK: Samantha Introna, Sr Elizabeth Royan (Port Augusta), Rebekka Berecz, Richard Wilson, Stephen Jesson, Sabina DeGioia, Frank Stigwood, Yvonne Warne, Ian Trimbell, Roy Bellifemini, Gloria Hellyer, Jean Hobby, Sr Theresia Hiranabe Sgs, Nella Germinario, Sr Veronica McDougall sgs.

MEMORIALS:

Erny Yudawati, Eddy Kristanto, Chiarina Introna, Antonio & Jackamina LaForgia, Lina & Tony Spadavecchia, Jack Carn, Michael, Leigh & James Camporeale, Lina & Dennis Owens, Onofrio Corrado, Angela Bellifemine, Lorenzo Palma Farinola, Brian Johnston, Emil Pellegrini, Vic Caputo, Angelo Mezzini, Giovanni, Antonetta, Norm and Peter Bellifemini, Tommy Hunter, Rosa Mezzini, Leo, Anna & Steve Rubini, Pierre Hellmanns, Gennaro Turci, Roy Mezzino, Tony & Lina Spadavecchia, Salvatore Caputo, Maurie Capurso, Sebastian Mezzino Snr., Jessie Armenio (2 Yrs), Frank Porcelli (7 Yrs), Mauro Turci, Frank Sgherza, Michael Capurso, Phillip, Vincenzo & Rosaria DeGioia, Nick Capurso, Mauro Mezzino, Frank Gadaleta, Michael Corrieri.



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Special Envelopes can be placed in the second collection bag.

CPort Pirie Ministry Roster

	Commentator	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Welcomer	Counters
Sept 19/20					
6.00pm	C. Conaghty	Maurie Capurso	P. Munday / F. & J. Hackett	A. Bailey / B. Johnston	R. & V. Palumbo
10.30am	K. Pole	G. Campbell	M. & T. Preece / L. Halfacre	R. Kumar/L. Rich/C. Cox	M. & L. Palumbo
5.00pm	Marie Capurso	B. Nugent	M. Capurso/ B. Nugent/ M. Bartlett	M. Palumbo	
Sept 26/27					
6.00pm	T. Preece	K. Ganley	K. Raftery/ F. Maynard/ M. Preece	A. Brustolin	W. & M. Brooks
10.30am	W. Brooks	L. Halfacre	C. Kumar / C. Cox / F. Sanchez	S. Sulivan/C. Voce/C. Cox	L. McLaughlin
5.00pm	D. Willson	B. Nugent	M. Bartlett / B. Nugent / J. Willson	I. Caldarella	

It is important to let Claire know if you are unavailable to fulfill your rostered time/date * 0412 61 7 440

EVENTS — NEWS — NOTICES

POPE LEO XIV — SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS 2026

For the care of water.

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship — everything we have and everything we are, is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

THE SEASON OF CREATION 2026:

1 SEPTEMBER — 4 OCTOBER,
THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

Celebrating a new form of the Catholic Mass "for the care of creation", Pope Leo XIV urged Catholics to contemplate nature as well as the ways they have shirked their responsibility to care for it. (NCR Online)



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



On Sunday 20 September at 10.30am Mass, Kelsey Brown, Sheri Nichols, Mari-lene Fourie and Jess Uern will be received into the Catholic Church after recently completing the RCIA program. Please pray for them at this important time in their faith journey.

FAITH THE NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY

During September, every Sunday and Tuesday at 7:30pm, in the Chapter Hall, St Mark's Cathedral.

Anyone, young or adult will benefit. We hope to see you! Francesco & Antonella Trentin, Fr Noè Navarrete, Luca O'Sullivan.

MONTHLY PRAYER AFTER 10:30AM MASS TODAY

This prayerful initiative is offered on the **Second Sunday** of each month for all who feel in need of personal prayer. "It is an open invitation for all who seek it".

Fr Jimmy and the Divine Renovation Team.

* * ST MARK'S CATHEDRAL — ADVANCE NOTICE *

In the next few weeks scaffolding support at the north and south archways inside the body of the cathedral will be erected. This is essential in the construction engineer and builders' determination and rectification of the cracking in that area. **Please be vigilant and adhere to safety signage.**



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND

Owen Sean Barrett

will be presented for baptism during the 6pm Vigil Mass in St Mark's Cathedral today, **Saturday 12 September.**

The Sacrament of Baptism will follow after Mass.

Let us keep Owen and his family in our prayers.

EVANGELISATION CORNER

It is the Holy Spirit who, today just as at the beginning of the Church, acts in every evangeliser who allows himself to be possessed and led by him. (Evangelii Gaudium Page 75)

* PUBLIC ROSARY IN THE PARK *

Rosary dates for the month of September 2026:

Saturday, 12 September at 2:00pm opposite the Memorial Gates and **Thursday, 24 September at 7:00pm** under the shelter opposite the Cathedral (prior to 7:30pm Mass).

All welcome to join in saying the Rosary together!

* SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY TODAY — 13 SEPTEMBER *

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September each year—at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. This year the Theme chosen is:

'LOVE PROTECTS' (1 Corinthians 13)

The readings today show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.

We pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities.

Holy Spirit, guide our hearts and minds to have the courage to 'speak up' if ever the occasion should arise.

* * AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING LIMITED * *

The above-named Company (ACSL) has provided a course for our Volunteers that is easier and more simple to complete.

'ACSL Safeguarding Essentials' is offered by them on the ACSL Website. This needs less than an hour to complete.

In order to be of assistance to those who have found it difficult, tiresome and very confusing to become compliant as a Volunteer, Tracy and Michael Preece are able to offer them, through ACSL, the opportunity of attending group sessions in which they can be supported to obtain their Certificate, along with other parishioners who are experiencing the same difficulties, without fear of failing.

We will advise you as soon as a session has been arranged.

GRATEFUL THANKS TO . . .

- * Tracy and Michael Preece for their generous service as our Parish Safeguarding co-ordinators;
- * Lenny Halfacre and Anne Trimbell for their assistance with Safeguarding Records and administration;
- * For everyone who attended our PPC Annual General Meeting. All reports have now been collated and are now available from the Parish Office.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE RIVERLAND NEXT WEEK

SATURDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER: Final call for anyone who may be considering the trip to the Riverland. There are still seats left on the bus for those who may be interested. Lunch menus are available on the tables in our churches for you to pre-order your lunch at the Terminus Hotel/Pub in Morgan. Write down your order on the Name List and pay at the pub.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

As we welcome many visitors, families and guests to our parish and city, we are reminded of the importance of creating a community where everyone feels safe, respected and valued.

Fr Jimmy Pantin, St Mark's Cathedral Parish, Port Pirie.

* * * SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN * * *

In our churches, **ALL children under 12 years** of age must be accompanied by an adult if they need to use the toilet

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS:

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WORK, HEALTH AND SAFETY TEAM: Fr Jimmy Pantin, Will Brooks, Tracy Preece.

PARISH INFORMATION

ST MARK'S PARISH INFORMATION

COLLECTIONS: 5/6 September

First: \$1,562:90 | **Second:** \$ 1,680.85

Father's Day \$1,685:50

Direct Debits not included

Religious, devotional and commemorative items are available to be purchased from the Parish Office.

Parish Office hours:

Monday: 9:30am — 1:30pm

Tuesday : 9:30am — 1:30pm

Wednesday: 9:30am — 5:00pm

Thursday: 1:00pm — 5:00pm

Friday (afternoon): 1:30 — 3:30pm

Let us continue to pray for Deacon Anthony Duns, as the date set for his priestly ordination, 3 October, is now only three weeks away. You can still email him at: anthony.duns@pp.catholic.org.au

WEEKLY RECONCILIATION TIMES IN OUR PARISH

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) is available each week as follows:

Thursday: St Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie:
7:00—7:30pm.

Saturday: St Mark's Cathedral, Pt Pirie
10:30—11:00am.

Sunday: Holy Trinity, C/Brook: Prior to 8:30am Mass.
Fr Kevin Matthews is readily available for Confessions.
You can contact him on 0428 282 189

PARISH NOTICES

CRYSTAL BROOK NOTICES

HOLY TRINITY PRAYER INTENTION

The Sick: Jesse Frick, John Curtis, Margaret Collins.

Memorial: Please remember and pray for June Michalanney.

* * FRIDAY EXPOSITION AND MASS * *

Every Friday at 9:30am Exposition, Benediction and Mass.

Special Intention: "Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life".

MONTHLY MASS IN WILLOCHRA HOME

On the **First Tuesday** of each month, Mass will be celebrated in the Willochra Home at 10:00am. **Next Mass: 6 October**

MONTHLY MASS IN CRYSTAL BROOK HOSPITAL

On the **Last Wednesday** of the month Mass will be celebrated in the Hospital (Roseview) at 2pm. **Next Mass: 30 September.**

CHRISTMAS BOXES 2026

Thank you very much to everyone who has given goods and money so generously for the 2026 boxes. The Christmas boxes will be blessed at Mass on Sunday 13 September.

* * FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATE * *

Oscar Kupsch is preparing for his First Holy Communion in Holy Trinity Church. The Rite of Election for Oscar is scheduled for 13 September and the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be received on the 27 September. The Commissioning for Oscar's First Holy Communion is scheduled for 11 October.

This is a special time for the Holy Trinity Church Community and for the Kupsch / Arbon and extended families.

Let us keep them all in our prayers.

Crystal Brook Ministry Roster

8.30am	Commentator	Reader	Welcomer	Offertory	Acolyte	Grounds
Sept 13 20	M. Wells F. Duffield	L. Gleeson J. Fogarty	E. Haggerty G. Slattery	Ellie & Denis O'Dea J. & G. Slattery family	J. O'Dea G. Frick	John Kirchner

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