



Father Paul writes – 11th of October 2026

Welcome to St Saviour's Glen Osmond and to our preacher today the Assistant Curate of Kidman Park/Mile End, Rev'd Jack Monaghan.

Jack joins us as part of Vocations Month in the Diocese of Adelaide following his ordination to the priesthood last year, but even more recently in being appointed as the Rector of the Parish of Enmore/Stanmore in the Diocese of Sydney.

Vocations Month during the month of October is an opportunity to give those either recently ordained or being ordained soon, the opportunity to gain experience in another parish in the Diocese. The month is also a chance for those exploring vocation, to ascertain whether they may have a calling from God to ministry, to attend a Seekers Day at St Barnabas College on the 24th of October. Details are in the pew sheet.

Paper and online forms for the National Church Life Survey for 2026 are now available over the next couple of weeks to fill out. St Saviour's along with 90 per cent of the parishes in the Diocese are taking part in the survey, which is run every five years. The survey will give us and the national church an opportunity to share their experiences, support research for church ministry and provide statistics about churches nationally. You are welcome to fill out the form today or to take it home with you and return it next week. The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. The church code for St Saviour's is ANA12401. You can also fill out the form online. Just type in attendersurvey.ncls.au and enter the church code. If there are technical difficulties filling it out, just use the paper form.

Next weekend, the Diocese of Adelaide will hold its annual Synod. It will start on Friday at 7 pm at St Peter's Cathedral with the Synod Eucharist and will continue at St Peter's College on Saturday and Sunday. The Synod is represented by Sue Lewis, Judy Bowyer and I from St Saviour's. It will be the first Synod with our new Archbishop, Brad Billings. There is some legislation to pass but also the opportunity for synod members to workshop the new vision statement for the diocese, along with its mission priorities for the next five years.

Thank you to all those who attended with their dogs at the Blessing of the Pets Service last Sunday. It was wonderful to have ten dogs to bless. As I discovered, some needed a blessing for one reason or another, which was reassuring for their owners. Next Sunday, we celebrate St. Luke, the evangelist and martyr who wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. He is also the patron saint of doctors and painters.

Your friend and priest, Paul