



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

*Southern Hills*

## VISION STATEMENT

*As a Catholic Eucharistic community, inspired by the Gospel message, we strive to grow in faith, using our gifts to live out our love for one another.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

**26 April 2026**

### FIRST READING ( Acts of the Apostles 2: 14, 36-41)

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered, 'And every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM ( Ps 22: 1-6, R.v.1)

(R.) *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

### SECOND READING (St Peter 2: 20-25)

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you are called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there

had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 10:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL (John 10: 1-10)

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So, Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full'.



## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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### VESPERS

As advertised.

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### MASS TIMES

Monday 10.30am Rosary St. Paul of the Cross

Tuesday 9.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

Tuesday 11.30am Rosary and Mass 12pm Nativity

Wednesday 9.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

Wednesday 7.00pm Mass Our Lady of the Way  
and Exposition and Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 9.15am Mass Nativity

Friday 9.30am Mass and Reconciliation 10am -

10.30 am St Paul of the Cross

Friday Exposition and Adoration 11am - 12pm

and 12.00 p.m. Mass Nativity

Saturday 11am Rosary at Nativity

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45 pm Reconciliation at

Nativity

**Saturday** Vigil 6pm Mass at Nativity

**Sunday** 7.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

**Sunday** 9.00am Mass Our Lady of the Way

**Sunday** 11am Mass Nativity



## REFLECTION

The word “repent” means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news - we are not alone on our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

## POPE LEO’S INTENTION FOR APRIL

**For priests in crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

**Sick:** Anna Galkowski, Frankie (11Years), Elisha Nicolas, Sr Ljilja Muzic ASC, Pauline Carroll, Alicia Arthur, David Gardiner, Paul Watts, Marcel and John Baldacchino, Steven Carnell, Robin Collet, Anthony Horne, Ted Galkowski, Monique Crabb, David Graetz, Siegfried Encarnada, Roger Matthews, Leonata Griffiths, Debra Dillon, Wendy Walter, Cecilia Quinn, Krystina Lekstan, Gail Dante, Celia O’Shaughnessy, Henry, Denis Pfeiffer, Peter Watts, Vincent Ward, Jacqueline Harrison, Vinko Sokol, Helen Worthington (nee Ward), Marian Keam, Nicholas Naidu, Leonie Borda.

**Anniversary:** Phil Matalone, Tom Milburn, Pasquale Capurso (40th Anniversary), Albina, Magdalena, Harold Norman Henschke

**Recently deceased:** Stephen O’Regan (brother of Archbishop Patrick O’Regan), Ann Kenny, Trevor Davidson, Edward Alaguru

*Please contact the parish office to have names added to or removed from the prayer list.*



**Church of the Nativity**

26 Sunnymead Drive

Aberfoyle Park

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr Simla & Coromandel Pde

Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Road

Glenalta

## APRIL

### SUNDAY 26th

#### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

On Sunday 26 April, the Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

This is a special opportunity for our parish and school communities to pray that many people will listen to God's call and respond with generosity and courage. Vocations grow within families, parishes and schools where faith is lived with joy. On this day, we especially pray for those discerning a call to the priesthood and consecrated life, for our two seminarians and for the young people of our Archdiocese who are asking how God is calling them to serve. You are invited to:

- pray for vocations in your family and personal prayer
- encourage young people to remain open to God's call
- support those currently discerning their vocation
- learn more about local vocations initiatives through the Adelaide Vocations Office. Please keep vocations in your prayers this Good Shepherd Sunday. For more information or to connect with the Vocations Office: [vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

## MAY

### SATURDAY 2nd

#### World Development Committee

TRADING TABLE – Sat. 2nd MAY in front of Terry White Chemist, 248 Main Rd., Blackwood (Blackwood Pharmacy). TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LOLOTOE, TIMOR LESTE. Funds raised will assist the convent and attached school in Lolotoe. Cash only sales. Baked goods, produce, jams, plants, flowers, Mothers' Day gifts will all be on sale. Donations of all of the above gratefully accepted and may be delivered on the morning or contact Marta Cunningham 82786371 or Krys Sawon 83395408 to organise.

### TUESDAY 5th

#### Becoming a Catholic

If you would like more information about becoming Catholic, please come to our information session Tuesday May 5th at 6pm at the Nativity Parish office. 26 London Road Aberfoyle Park.

### SUNDAY 10th

#### SPECIAL MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA

In the Cottage after 9am Mass. You are invited to come and celebrate all those things mothers and women in general do for their families, our parish, their workplaces and in the community in general. Could the men of the parish who attend please bring a plate of food to share. Parishioners from all Mass centres are invited.

### TUESDAY 12TH

#### Many Paths, Shared Hope: An Interfaith Dialogue Day on personal Prayer and Spirituality

May 12, 10-4pm Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library & Community Centre) *"Interreligious dialogue is a necessary condition for peace in the world.— Pope Francis, June 2024* This workshop gives you the chance to connect with people of other faiths and to learn how to use dialogue to engage with others in meaningful conversation about what they

do. It is for ordinary people: no in-depth experience or knowledge is needed. It is designed to be enjoyable: for example, the reflection at the end is an art activity.

For further details and registration contact Pauline Webster 0412230653 [pauline@cracklingsmarts.com](mailto:pauline@cracklingsmarts.com)

### SUNDAY 17th

#### Marian Procession 2pm

The 77th Marian Procession will begin at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Deacon Tee Ping. <https://www.holyfamilyparish.org.au/ministries-1>

## JUNE

### SATURDAY 6th

#### The Shepherd's Call 2026 – A Day for Men of Faith

Men of Adelaide – you are invited to: **The Shepherd's Call 2026**. This is the annual one-day Catholic men's conference hosted by YMG Adelaide.

#### Saturday 6 June 2026 at Cardijn College – Marian Campus.

This powerful day brings men together from across the Archdiocese for:

- Brotherhood
- Prayer
- Faith formation
- Encouragement for everyday Christian life

Whether you are deeply involved in parish life, exploring your faith more intentionally, or simply looking for connection with other Catholic men — this day is for you. Come and be renewed. Come and be strengthened. Come and answer the Shepherd's call.

**Date:** Saturday 6 June 2026

**Location:** Cardijn College – Marian Campus

**Details & registration:** <https://www.ymgadelaide.org.au/shepherds-call>

## PARISH NEWS

**Parish Registration 2026** All parishioners are invited to complete the Parish Registration 2026 which is available in all our churches. You can also access the form through the Parish Website <https://www.holyfamilyparish.org.au> or access the form using the QR code. *If you could return your form as soon as possible it would be appreciated.*



## ANNUAL COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCES

As required by the Archdiocese, the annual count of mass attendances will be conducted at Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses commencing next weekend, continuing for the four weekends of May. Appointed Counters will enter a tick on a record sheet for each attendee according to gender and broad age group as estimated by the Counter.

Parishioners will not be approached and will have no need to supply any information.

The data from the counts assists the Diocese in long term planning.

## MASS MINISTRY REFRESH

We will shortly be running a Liturgical Ministries “refresh” program. This is an opportunity for those on current rosters make changes, and importantly an opportunity for anyone wishing to join the rosters to do so. All parishioners are encouraged to deepen their connection with Holy Mass by volunteering according to their own gifts. Please give this some thought and be ready to be involved.

**Discover Your Spiritual Gifts: The Fire 50 Easter Challenge** Do you know the specific gifts God has given you to serve the Church? Join other members of our parish in Fire 50, a 50-day journey beginning Easter Sunday (April 5) through to Pentecost (May 24). This online formation program features incredible Catholic speakers and teachers dedicated to helping you widen your understanding of the Holy Spirit’s presence in your life. Spend this Easter season stretching your faith and expanding your concept of what God can do through you. Connect online with others via the Fire 50 Collective Community. We are all better off when we use the gifts God gives us! Learn more and register today at: [manypartsministries.com/fire-50](http://manypartsministries.com/fire-50)

## Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.



To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit [www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal](http://www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal)

## Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you’ll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)

April Session: Discover Palms Online! Scan this QR

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026

Time: 6:30 pm – 8 pm ACST

May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Scan here-

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 3:30 pm – 5 pm ACST

02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)



## Synod Formation Session 7: Communion and Co-Responsibility in a Fragmented World

Presenter: Qwayne Guevara

**Wednesday 6 May 2026, 7pm**

Catholic Education Office Conference Centre, 116 George St, Thebarton

RSVP <https://www.trybooking.com/DLBI>

How do we live a life of communion when the world is polarised and divided? Is unity even possible when people live in fear of the other? Could we really be open to trust one another in any process if relational trust has been eroded by the

actions and leaders of our Church? Mary did not walk away from suffering she stayed. Synodality asks us to do the same to remain with each other in times of tension, uncertainty, and hurt.

This session explores communion and co-responsibility as shared endurance and faithfulness, inviting us to hold the weight of the Church while trusting the Spirit is at work even in fragility.

Qwayne Guevara is the Facilitator for Formation and Young People at the National Centre for Evangelisation of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. All are welcome.

For more information contact Peter Bierer

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## Nativity School

We welcome back Teachers and students for the start of Term 3.

PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER - 3 May, 2026		
	St Paul of the Cross Sunday 7.30 am	Our Lady of the Way Sunday 9.00 am
SACRISTAN	Helen Douglas-Irving	Annette Harrison
WELCOMERS	Jill Tierney Peter Donovan	Mario Froschio Julie Langman
COMMENTATOR	Kit Stevens	Jenny Horne
READERS	Damian Borda	Peter Smalles Peter van Leeuwen
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Terry Tierney Tony Conlon	Mary Ann Koh Louise Sortino
MUSIC	Choir	Loreen Tomas
CANTOR	Choir	
FLOWERS		
	Nativity Saturday 6.00 p.m.	Nativity Sunday 11.00 a.m.
GATES/SACRISTAN	Javin Chua	Rene Pols
WELCOMERS	Gemma Roberts Mary Procter	Steven Carnell Tanis Reeves
COMMENTATOR	Amanda Devanand	Adam Starrs
READERS	Bev Cusack Brian Schumacher	Golda Cruz Rochelle D’Souza
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Michele Lamb Nadia Procter	Kim Lawless, Ewa Starrs, Rita Chiappini, Sue Lawless
CHILDREN’S LITURGY		Kiara Ryan
MUSIC	Immaculate Conception Choir	Linsell Family
CUPPA		
FLOWERS		
CLEANERS		

## Next week’s readings - 3rd May, 2026

### 5th SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR A

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Gospel John 14:1-12



Please forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday 5pm to [info@holyfamilyparish.org.au](mailto:info@holyfamilyparish.org.au)