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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A **25th October, 2026**

First Reading (Exodus 22: 20-26)
A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.
" If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 17: 2-4, 47, 51. R.v.2)
***(R.)* I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading (*St Paul 1: 5-10)*
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation (John 14: 23)
Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew *22: 34-40)*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



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3rd Sunday of the Month

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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

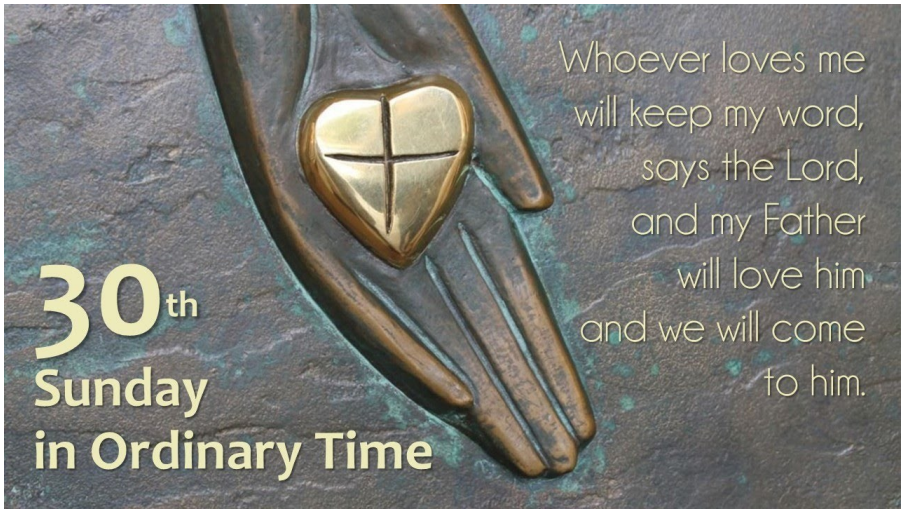
Wednesday 9.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross
Wednesday 7.00pm Mass Our Lady of the Way *and* Exposition and Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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
Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are, is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
We will ring out joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER
For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Sick: Judi Betros, Peter Shepherd, Sharyn Reid, Raul Arcilla, Lynette Little, Matthew Vance, 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, Gail Dante, Celia O'Shaughnessy, Henry, Denis Pfeiffer, Peter Watts, Vincent Ward, Jacqueline Harrison, Vinko Sokol, Helen Worthington (nee Ward), Marian Keam, Lina Matalone, Monica Joseph, Shyanne Wollogorang, Nick Papatheodorakis, George Kapetanakis, Nathan Claringbould

Anniversary: George Hill, Estelle Wattchow, Trevor Boote, Ignazio Ërnie Germinario, Luz Inaldo, Alex Fisheries

Recently deceased: Peter McGinity, John Paul Otrebski (brother of Anna Galkowski), Laura Ann Coloma, Deborah Guise

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

Church of the Nativity	St Paul of the Cross	Our Lady of the Way
26 Sunnymeade Drive	cnr Simla & Coromandel Pde	4-6 Laffers Road
Aberfoyle Park	Blackwood	Glenalta

OCTOBER

MONDAY 26TH

All are invited to celebrate the work of our Pastoral Care Workers.

Monday 26 October @ 4.00pm in the Cottage behind Our Lady of the Way.

Fr. Paul Mwaura will lead the celebration to be followed by afternoon tea. The Pastoral Care Workers are a Christian presence in our State Schools, often described as the "hands and feet of Christ" Their work is very much appreciated by the staff and families of our local schools."

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 6TH

TGIF (Thank God it's Friday) (youth event)

Friday 6th November.

It's the final one for the year, 5pm-8:30pm, 9-12 year olds.

$5 towards dinner

Pls contact Adam and Eva for more info on 0430 151 496.

FRIDAY 6TH

A GRANDFATHERS AND OLDER MENS GROUP is being formed in the parish, hopefully from parishioners from all 3 mass centres. It is mainly for retired and semi retired men as all activities will be in daylight hours and on weekdays.

These days as we get older it is common to feel a bit isolated and out of place, so it will be good to sit and chat with men who were boys when we were a boy. This is the main aim, to enjoy each others company and support each other, and hopefully find ways to pass on our faith to our children and especially our grandchildren, who face pressures and dangers of an intensity we never confronted.

Venue: The Cottage, Glenalta Time: 1pm

SATURDAY 7TH

ADELAIDE WALK FOR RESPECT 2026

Gather from 9.00 am – Victoria Square South

Walk commences at 10.00 am

Victoria Square to Elder Park

Guest speakers at Elder Park following the walk

Participation is free. Churches and congregations can register as a group here:

https://reg.planetreg.au/2026-Rotary-DV-Walk-Group-Registration

We encourage participating churches to bring their church, parish or congregation banner, wear purple if they wish, and walk together as a faith community.

Further information is available at:

www.WalkForRespect.au

Together we say YES to Respectful Relationships.

Together, let's make South Australia a State of Peace.

CHRIST the KING

NOVEMBER 22ND

All are invited to our Holy Family Catholic Parish Feast celebration including Multicultural Lunch after Mass under the Nativity School Shelter. Our Mass will be at **Nativity Church at 10am**, followed by a cuppa in the foyer. All other Sunday Mass times will not occur. The 6pm Vigil at Nativity will remain as usual.

There is a flyer available in the foyer of each church with additional information of how you can help and what to do when bringing food to share for the lunch. PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME.

Sign up sheets are also available in each Church foyer. This Feast is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a large Parish community to celebrate Christ the King of the universe, including our Parish musicians gathering from the 3 Churches to come together as one.

The oval and playground are available for use, tables and chairs will also be available for seating. Please note children are required to be supervised at all times and the classrooms are strictly out of bounds.

Toilets will be unlocked at the school for convenience. We hope you can all attend, thank you.

PARISH NEWS

FORMED

Formed Recommendation ~ October

Adults: The Search

Ideal for people questioning faith, returning to the Church or simply wanting to explore life's meaning. Our strongest recommendation for all parishioners.

Children (aged 2-8 years): Little Liturgies ~ Pray the Holy Rosary

Little Liturgies invites children into an experience of prayer. Each episode follows a gentle sequence:

- **Listen** to the Gospel
- **Wonder** about what Jesus is teaching.
- **Pray** through guided reflection.
- **Sing** in response to God's love.

We are meeting at the home of Jill and Terry Tierney Thursday 29th October at 7.00pm and we have room for more people to join us. It might help if those wishing to join us if they can log on to FORMED and view the first four episodes. If you wish to join us please contact Terry on mobile 0419227655 or email: terrytierney@hotmail.com

ALL SAINTS DAY

This year the Solemnity of All Saints falls on **Sunday 1st November**, so all weekend Mass times will remain as usual with the Feast celebrated within Mass.

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls commemorates the Souls of the Faithful departed. We will celebrate Mass **Monday the 2nd**

November at 9:30am at St Paul of the Cross and **7pm at Church of the Nativity**. The book of remembrance for all intentions of those who have departed will be available at each Church from this day. Envelopes also available for Mass intention.



OCTOBER IS THE MONTH CATHOLICS DEDICATE TO THE HOLY ROSARY. We encourage all families and parishioners to engage in prayer by offering a decade a day. We will continue each weekend Mass by also offering a decade prior to Mass to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Holy Eucharist.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

As we approach the Christmas period our Vinnies group will begin to accumulate food to be used in our Christmas Hampers for distribution to families in need within our local community.



Collection baskets will be present in the foyer of all three Mass Centres. We ask for donations of soft drink (bottle or cans) and lollies during the month of October.

Thank you for your continued support of Vinnies.

PPC

Based on considerable parishioner input across 2025, the parish Pastoral council identified five key Focus Areas. Coordinating Teams were established to seek out and promote practical actions within the Areas of: Community, Communication, Connection, Charity and Formation.

Work has been underway for several months, with some outcomes already delivered and some behind the scenes at this stage. To continue moving our parish forward in 2027 we are looking for additional parishioners to nominate to join a Focus Area Team where you may have skills and interests.

For more information, please scan the QR code or follow the link below https://forms.gle/KT7yCmaJHaygzK4AA

Alternatively, you can view the poster in the church foyer. Nominations may be made online or on the paper form in the foyer by **Sunday November 1st.**

UNSUNG HEROES

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has long recognised that we have many parishioners who go about their daily lives giving great service to our parish and our church. They don't seek accolades or rewards, but they are the people who keep our church and our community vibrant and caring.

We would like to give these people a simple thank you in recognition for the time, effort, caring and love they dedicate to our parish and our community. If you know someone you think fits this description, please take a few moments to let a member of the PPC know who that person is and why you think their contributions deserve to be acknowledged. We have already received several nominations including the following:-

- Trish Fuller who has been a sacristan at St Paul's for numerous years, has done morning teas for numerous years and has provided hospitality for generations of parish priests.
- Maria Marwade who has also served countless years as a sacristan and over 40 years on St Vinnies.
- Marta and Robert Cunningham who have had numerous roles maintaining the garden at OLW, serving on numerous committees and more.
- Mary Royal who has washed the linen for many years.
- Donna Arcilla who has prepared the PowerPoint slides at Nativity for many years

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – DATE ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are delighted to share with you that the dates for the 54th International Eucharistic Congress ("Eucharist28") have now been confirmed. Eucharist28 will be held in Sydney from **24 September to 1 October 2028,** preceded by a **Theological Symposium from 20 to 22 September 2028.**

Eucharist28 is a special opportunity for the Church. The coming years of prayer and preparation offer us a significant opportunity to deepen devotion to the Eucharist, strengthen the faith life of our communities, and help people rediscover the joy and transforming power of Christ's presence among us.

Next week's readings - 1 NOVEMBER 2026

ALL SAINTS

First Reading	Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 23: 1-6
Second Reading	John 3: 1-3
Gospel Acclamation	Matthew 11: 28
Gospel	Matthew 5: 1-12



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We are committed to the safety of children and vulnerable adults.