



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.

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

18 October, 2026

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.
4. Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonica which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our

Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

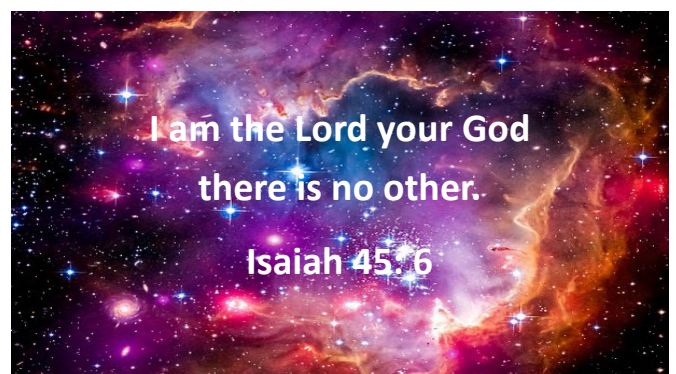
GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you.

Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied.

He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

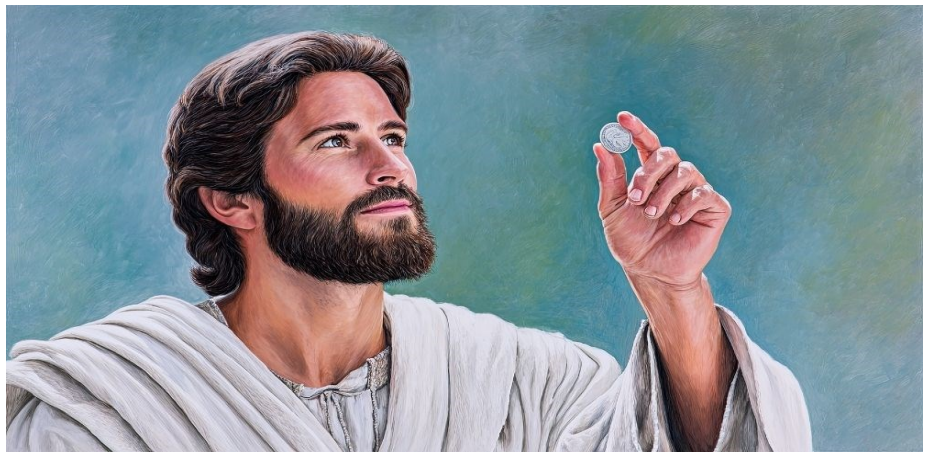
Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45 pm Reconciliation at
Nativity

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

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death to keep them alive in famine.

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, Baby Hugo, 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 Kearn, Lina Matalone, Monica Joseph, Shyanne Wollogorang, Nick Papatheodorakis, George Kapetanakis, Nathan Claringbould

Anniversary: George Hill, Estelle Wattchow, Mark Adams, Trevor Fuller, Trevor Boote, Ignazio Ērnie Germinario

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

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

OCTOBER

FRIDAY 9 - 21 OCTOBER

Deacon's absence

Dcn Tee Ping will be away from Friday 9 October to Wednesday 21 October 2026

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 7.30PM TO 9.30PM

The safeguarding training is the last element required by all volunteers.

- WWCC Working with children check which is valid for 5 years
- Signed Code of Conduct
- Safeguarding training which is valid for 3 years

The safeguarding sessions are for face to face training, you can of course complete the safeguarding training online at www.caasava.com username is Safeguarding 1231 if you have difficulty logging on call 8210 8150. Do send a copy of your certificate to admin@holyparish.org.au

For a place contact the office or send a message to Kay Conlon on 0421 227 233

SATURDAY 17TH/SUNDAY 18TH

Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Parish Appeals

Weekend of 18th October there will be a special collection for donations to Catholic World Mission Appeal. Catholic Mission provides project support to critical church run initiatives to remote dioceses within Australia as well as Africa, Asia, Oceania and South America. We thank you for your support and donations.

SUNDAY 18TH

VESPER

Join us in the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church, rooted in a rich tradition that has been passed down through generations long before our time.

Never prayed it before? All the more reason to come! We'll have a short introduction before we begin, so everyone is welcome, whether you're familiar with it or joining for the very first time.

Every third Sunday of the month 4pm at St Paul's of the Cross, Blackwood.

MONDAY 19th

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!

Join Palms International Volunteering for a special online session where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](#) suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events

Date: Monday 19 October 2026

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm ACDT

Venue: Online via Zoom

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



TUESDAY 20th

PARISH WALK

Time: 9.30 am

Meeting Place: Belair Railway Station Carpark off Upper Sturt Road 143 D.11 Come and join us on the day as there are still some orchards and turtles in the Playford Lake. For the Long Walkers, we could find the 'Belair Maze'. Coffee afterwards at 11ish at Sheoak Café.

Regards, Clem (0417 832 172).

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

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

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 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/beverages 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



Next week's readings - 25 October 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 22
Second Reading	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel Acclamation	Ephesians 1:17, 18
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-10



Please forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday 5pm to info@hollyfamilyparish.org.au

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

