



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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

11 October, 2026

First Reading (Isaiah 25: 6-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22. R.v.6)

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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 Paul 4: 12-14, 19-20)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the

same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation (Eph 1: 17, 18)

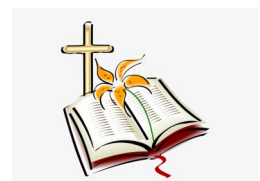
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 22: 1-14)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited: he said "That I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." so these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment and said to him, 'How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?' And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen.



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VESPERS

As advertised.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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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

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

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, Cathie Cairney, 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 Kean, Lina Matalone, Monica Joseph, Shyanne Wollogorang, Nick Papatheodorakis, George Kapetanakis, Nathan Claringbould

Anniversary: Mark Adams, Trevor Fuller, Trevor Boote, Ignazio Ērnie Germinario

Recently deceased: 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 14TH OCTOBER 1.30PM TO 3.30PM

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@hollyfamilyparish.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.

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

World Youth Day 2027 – Information Night

Curious about World Youth Day Seoul 2027? Join the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) for *First Steps to Seoul*, an informal evening to learn more about World Youth Day, hear about the Adelaide Diocesan pilgrimage, and connect with others interested in the journey. Whether you're considering attending or simply want to find out more, all are welcome.

Wakefield Hotel (76 Wakefield St, Adelaide South Australia 5000)

Tuesday 20 October 2026, 7:30pm

Light catering provided. Full meals available for individual purchase.

Registrations are essential via the URL or QR code.

<https://forms.gle/ifTr1kyoTouenb1i9>



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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Add some sparkle to your marriage - Your marriage relationship is a most precious jewel but after a few years it can need a polish to regain its sparkle. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend has the power to revitalise your relationship and reconnect you with your spouse and with God. Learn new communication skills and simple ways to keep your relationship a priority. Our next live-out weekend (where you sleep at home) is at Antonio Catholic School on **7-8 November 2026**. Call Jo & Jon on 049 3747 478 or email: sabookings@wwme.org.au. Alternatively, visit wwme.org.au and apply online today.

FORMED

A small group has been meeting to view and discuss the program "THE SEARCH" which is one of the 6 thousand offerings on FORMED

"The Search" has seven episodes of about 25 minutes and we have now watched four episodes. (two each time we meet). We found them very illuminating and extremely well presented.

We have agreed to reconvene on Thursday 8th October to watch further episodes.

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

SEASON OF CREATION

Sacred Space Installations At Each Of Our Churches

Have you noticed the installations near the altars at each of our three churches in the past few weeks? Some very creative women have been at work artistically displaying symbols of this year's theme 'Living Water.'

Inge Gaite and Marie Baker have been responsible for the representation of the theme at Nativity and Our Lady Of The Way respectively.

And there is a wonderful banner in St Paul of the Cross made by Helen Douglas Irving and her friend and neighbour Joan Beech (from the Uniting Church) reminding us of the elements of Wonder, Vision, Lament, Dignity, Stewardship and Action that are within Christian perspectives of Creation. And Jill Tierney has placed complementary symbols near the banner.

St. Paul of the Cross is open every day until 4 pm, so if you happen to be driving past, and don't normally go to this church, maybe go in and have a look at the banner and symbols.



Season of Creation Committee

PEOPLE FIRST COMMUNITY LOTTERY 2026

Thank you for your response. The latest sum raised is \$3238, which is 80% of the \$4000 target. We are only \$762 short to reach our target. Kindly support if you like. It looks like we stand a good chance to upgrade the old carpet at our Parish office.

VESPERS

In an effort to encourage greater participation in Vespers, the Vespers team has placed a banner on the fence at St Paul of the Cross indicating that Vespers will be held every third Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm.

The intention of the banner is also to encourage Vespers to become an opportunity for ecumenical prayer, recognising that Evening Prayer is likewise practiced within the Anglican and other Christian traditions.

Please let us know if there are any concerns regarding the banner or this approach, or if you feel there are ways we could improve how we promote and organise Vespers.

Thank you very much for your guidance and support.

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.

VINNIES BBQ FUNDRAISING

It was an amazingly successful day on Sunday 4 October at Bunning Edwardstown, raising \$2450. Thanks to the volunteers for their incredible effort, running off their feet. Imagine, they went through 24 trays of sausages!!! Well done.

2026 SEASON OF CREATION

A big thank you to all the volunteers who organised the celebration of the 2026 Season of Creation. A great deal of thought and planning went into the various activities, including the amazing banner at SPC and the beautiful tableaux at OLW and Nativity.

The highlight was the ecumenical event at Mercy Grove, Belair National Park, on Sunday, 4 October 2026. It was a very successful afternoon of prayer, a guest speaker, music from the choir, and the participation of church leaders from local churches. Many thanks to all the helpers who contributed to making the afternoon a success, including those who organised and provided the afternoon tea.

Our parish continues to take a central and leading role in the Archdiocese in embracing and promoting Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the message of *Laudato Si'*. For the past ten years, we have sought to raise awareness of our responsibility to care for the environment and our common home.

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 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**.



Next week's readings - 11 October 2026

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel Acclamation	Phil 2:15-16
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-21



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.

