



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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

20 September 2026

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. R.
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. R.

SECOND READING Philippians 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 20: 1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: The Kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us," they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first."

So, those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last", they said, "have done only one hour and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?"

Thus the last will be first and the first, last."

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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

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centred" lives and not "self-centred" lives.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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 Keam, Lina Matalone

Anniversary: Mark Adams, Trevor Fuller

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



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

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 20th

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (Season of Creation)

Have you ever wondered how Caritas Projects are coping with climate change?

In this Season of Creation join us after the 9am mass in "The Cottage" or after 11am mass in the Nativity Church on **Sunday 20th Sept** to see how Living Water is key to the lives of so many. Enjoy a special morning tea after 9am, or a sausage sizzle after 11am.

SUNDAY 27th

40th Anniversary of the Consecration of Nativity Church.

There will be a short historic presentation after 11am Mass, followed by lunch. All parishioners are invited to attend and stay for lunch organised by the community group.

The Migrant & Refugee Sunday MULTICULTURAL MASS – 27-9-2026

Come and celebrate with us at Pooraka. We warmly invite everyone to join us for **Migrant and Refugee Sunday – 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Multicultural Mass: Sunday 27 September 2026 - 1.30pm** at Our Lady of the Boat People Church, Pooraka. (See attached flyer)

Join Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and our multicultural communities for a joyful celebration of our shared faith, followed by a **procession and fellowship**.

All are welcome. For more information about the Migrant Jubilee Cross, visit [ACMRO – Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office](#) or contact the **Justice, Healing and Inclusion Office** at jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

SUNDAY 27th

MUSIC PRACTICE for Mercy Grove Service. (SUNDAY 27 September at 10am) If you like singing and would like to be part of the group leading the music/singing on October 4 at Mercy Grove, join us for practice at Our Lady of the Way on Sunday 27 September at 10am – after 9am Mass. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY AND TIME OF PRACTICE.

This allows for AFL fans to watch the whole of the Grand Final!

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 3RD AND SUNDAY 4TH

HEALING WEEKEND

You are invited to the Healing Weekend on Saturday 3rd October 11am - 4:15pm and Sunday 4th October 9:30am - 4:15pm At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420

Seaview Road Henley Beach. Speaker: Fr Josy Sebastian MSFS. The Weekend will include: Talks given by Fr Josy,

What is healing? Inner healing, The healing power of forgiveness, The healing power of listening, The healing power of the Sacraments, General prayer for Inner healing, The Sacrament of Anointing, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Sunday Mass.

Please bring your own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 1st October. Cost by cash donation all Welcome

SUNDAY 4TH

VINNIES BBQ

We have been allocated Sunday 4th October as the day we can hold another sausage sizzle at Edwardstown Bunnings. This is a major fundraiser for Holy Family parish and contributes towards assisting many families locally. We are looking for volunteers to assist for a couple of hours on the day. We will need volunteers between 9.00 am until 4.00 pm. Parishioners can contact Michael Cogman on 0448867161 or Eleonora on 0416866894.

SUNDAY 4th

SEASON OF CREATION CELEBRATION SERVICE

TIME: 2 – 4pm

WHERE: Mercy Grove in the Belair National Park

Parking for the event is mainly available at the Upper Sturt Tennis Club, 140 Upper Sturt Road. Disabled parking is available along Cherry Plantation Road within the National Park. Entry is via Gate 15 adjacent to the Mercy Grove. (Mercy Grove appears on Google Maps) If the weather is inclement, the service will be held in Our Lady of the Way Church.

SATURDAY 17th

GENESIS Pregnancy Support 35th Birthday Dinner

Guest Speaker: Shaun Freeborn

Place: Adelaide West Uniting Church, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drv, Brooklyn Park. Men having a say: Please see Notice Board for further information.

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.

PEOPLE FIRST COMMUNITY LOTTERY 2026

We have been invited to join the People First Community Lottery this year and have decided to raise money to re carpet the Parish Office. Please take home a flyer for information on how to enter or click on the link below which will take you directly to the Holy Family Catholic Parish page. Thank you. [Holy Family Catholic Parish](#)

FORMED

On Thursday Sept. 10th a small group met 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 watched two episodes. We found them very illuminating and extremely well presented.

We have agreed to reconvene on Thursday 24th Sept. 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 two episodes. **(See QR code below.)** If you wish to join us please contact Terry on mobile 0419227655 or email: terrytierney@hotmail.com

PARISH PRIEST ON ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Mwaura arrives back in Adelaide this weekend. He will resume his normal duties from Tuesday 22 September.



CARITAS NEPAL APPEAL

A fundraising page in support of the relief efforts for those suffering from the catastrophe in Nepal.

www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/

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.

WDC MONEYS TO LOLOTOE

USD \$5,691.79 was sent to the Sisters at Lolotoe to meet their property and building plans fees for their proposed new Convent. Many thanks to the parishioners who made the extra effort this year.

SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Help make a difference to the lives of South Australians. In the month of September, we are promoting the Catholic Charities Appeal which supports the following agencies in South Australia: Hutt St Centre, Aboriginal Catholic

Ministry, Centacare Catholic Family Services, Our Lady of La Vang and St Patrick's Special Schools. Please take a leaflet with you to find out more about the September Appeal. Donations can be made via the reply-paid slip on the leaflet or online at <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or click the QR code.



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 Gaité 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



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Next week's readings - 27 September 2026

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading	Ezekiel 18:25-28
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading	Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel Acclamation	John 10:27
Gospel	Matthew 21:28-32



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

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

