



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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

29 MARCH 2026

FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R.**
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Matthew 26:14 — 27:66

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

(PLEASE STAND)



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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

We are ourselves in the crowds who cried 'Hosanna to the Son of David' one day and 'Crucify him' just a few days later. Like Peter and the other disciples we can be fickle followers of Jesus. We should not, however, imitate Judas and despair at our infidelity. Rather, we should look to Jesus who allowed his blood to be poured out for many 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Let us praise him with grateful hearts.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Sick: 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: Colin Siebert, Tommy Cairney, Alek Henschke, David Andrew Fisher, Clare Doyle, Veronica Gohl

Recently deceased: Sue Moore, Arthur Finch, Clare Windwood-Smith, 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

MARCH

SUNDAY 29th

EASTER BRUNCHEON will be held in the Cottage after the 9am Mass starting at 10.30am. Parishioners attending all Mass centres are welcome to a shared meal as we celebrate Holy Week and the coming of Easter. Please bring a small plate of savoury or sweet finger/fork food to share. This is a great opportunity to share time with fellow parishioners in a more social setting. Wishing everyone a Happy and a Holy Easter.

APRIL

SATURDAY 4th

RCIA

At the Easter Vigil on 4th April 7:00pm at Church of the Nativity, our RCIA catechumens will receive the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church.

Afterwards we will have a celebration supper in the foyer of the church. You are invited to bring a small plate of food to share at the celebration. Please contact Maria Robertson Tel: 0410 043 159 to let her know what you are able to bring and if you are able to help serve the supper.

MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE

As there is no cathedral service at 11:30am on Holy Saturday - the **Men's Rosary Crusade** and the **Legion of Mary** have organised a combined rosary after the 8:00am Mass that day (about 8:40).

We would encourage all parishioners (men, women, children, families etc.) to join us at that time in the Mary Mackillop Plaza (same place as before) for a combined rosary.

WEDNESDAY 8th

Lunchtime social gathering for senior parishioners

You are warmly invited to attend a lunchtime social gathering, organised by the Holy Family Catholic Parish Care Group. Our venue this time will be the Hillview room at the Belair Hotel 141 Main Road Blackwood from 12:00 pm on Wednesday 8th April 2026. Please contact Vee Pols Tel: 0407 694 374 or Mary Cogman Tel: 0450 007 174 by Monday 6th April to book your place and if needed, to arrange transport.

SUNDAY 8th

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion and Benediction will be held at Nativity Church at 3.00 p.m.

MONDAY 13th

LENTEN GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Between 6 and 8 parishioners have enjoyed the Wollongong Lenten discussion program over the last 6 weeks of Lent. So much so, that some of us would like to continue focusing on the Sunday Gospels and the very early years of the Church, between the **13th April and 24th May**, Pentecost Sunday. Apart from reflecting on the Gospel reading each week, we will be reading and reflecting on the very early years of the "Jesus Movement": through studying the Acts of the Apostles, one or two chapters at a time. Feel free to join us from 7.00pm to 8.30 pm each Monday night at The Cottage. We are using a "peer leadership model" in the group with everyone taking a turn at leading the session. From Pauline, Judi, Barbara, Loreen, Rene 0499 788 847 and Julie 0412 639 106.

50th and final Annual Clergy / Laity golf day

The 50th and final Annual Clergy / Laity golf day was held

on Monday 23rd March. Holy Family entered a team and while we did not win a team event, John Lemm won the longest drive and highest score for C grade. Well done, John.

MAY

TUESDAY 12TH

Many Paths, Shared Hope: Interfaith Dialogue on Person Prayer and Spirituality. The purpose is to build relationships with other people of different religions and spiritualities by using dialogue and prayer. It will be held at Blackwood Library (Tiwi Kumangka) 2 Young Street, Blackwood from 10.00—4.00 p.m.

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 no later than the weekend after Easter it would be appreciated.*



PROJECT COMPASSION 2026

Thank you to those of you, who have already **donated online** or with the **QR code**. Please **return Project Compassion boxes and envelopes by Holy Thursday**, and place in the basket in the Church Foyer. They will be part of the **Offertory Procession, on Holy Thursday**, representing your **Lenten sacrifices of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. Alternatively, total up the contents and donate, scanning the **QR code** in the bulletin, on the boxes, envelopes and posters, or **online at: <https://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassionfundraisers/holyfamilycatholicparish>**



Parish Pastoral Council: FOCUS AREA TEAMS ACTIVITIES

Some key initiatives underway with our Focus Area Coordinating Teams include:

- **Connection**
Monday evening Lenten discussion group at OLV.
Lunchtime social gatherings for people supported by the Holy Family Care group
- **Community**
Planning the celebration of Church of the Nativity 40th anniversary in September.
Reviewing the Welcome Ministry activities to enhance opportunities for parishioners to get to know one another.
- **Formation**
Placed a poster in each church seeking ideas and offers from parishioners.
Meeting on 21st April to preview a potential renewal programme called "FORMED".
Identifying a possible resource each week in the Bulletin.
- **Communications**
Started adding new and removing redundant content from our website.
Developing processes to synchronise communications across our various channels.
- **Charity**
Investigating ways to provide transport assistance to mass and other parish events.
Funded a new banner for the World Development Committees upcoming trading table.

For an overview of the Focus Areas identified for action by the parish in 2026 please check out the PPC page of our website by following the link below or scanning the QR code.

<https://www.holyfamilyparish.org.au/ministries-1>



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil, 28 March 2026, 6:00pm - Church of the Nativity, Aberfoyle Park

No Sunday Mass at St Paul of the Cross, Blackwood

Sunday, 29 March 2026, 9:00am - Our Lady of the Way, Glenalta

Sunday, 29 March 2026, 11:00am - Church of the Nativity

Holy Thursday - 2 April 2026

7:00pm - Our Lady of the Way, Glenalta

Please note: This will be the only Holy Thursday Mass in the Parish

Good Friday - 3 April 2026

Stations of the Cross (one version of prayers for the whole Parish)

9:30am Stations of the Cross (in Church and Garden) - Church of the Nativity, Aberfoyle Park

10:00am Stations of the Cross - St Paul of the Cross, Blackwood

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

3:00pm - Church of the Nativity, Aberfoyle Park

3:00pm - Our Lady of the Way, Glenalta

Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) - 4 April 2026

7:00pm - Church of the Nativity, Aberfoyle Park

Please note: This will be the only Easter Vigil in the Parish

Easter Sunday - 5 April 2026

7:30am - St Paul of the Cross, Blackwood

9:00am - Our Lady of the Way, Glenalta

11.00 a.m. Church of the Nativity, Aberfoyle Park

HOLY WEEK PRESENTATIONS AT SCHOOL OF THE NATIVITY

Our students warmly invite parishioners and members of our wider community to journey with us through the story of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday will be presented by our **Year 1/2 students** on the **Nativity Oval** at **9:15am on Monday 30 March**. Our **Year 3/4 students** will present **The Washing of the**

Feet, The Last Supper, and The Garden of Gethsemane in the **Performing Arts Centre** at **2:15pm on Wednesday 1 April**.

The **Stations of the Cross**, presented by our **Year 5/6 students**, will take place at **9:15am in the Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 2nd April**.

Following Easter, our **Reception students** will share **Joy Day – The Resurrection of Our Lord** in the **Performing Arts Centre** at **9:15am on Tuesday 7 April**.

We look forward to sharing this sacred journey with you.


EASTER SUNDAY ROSTER - 5TH APRIL 2026			
	HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	
	Our Lady of the Way	Nativity	Our Lady of the Way
Sacristan	Barb B	Nadia Procter	Barb B
Welcomers	Tracey Tessitore	Mary Procter, Loretta Ward	Barb Ward Tracey Tessitore
Altar Servers	Lucas and Evan	Lucas, Aaron, Ethan	Joseph Borda, Mario Frosco
Commentator	Paul Ridings	Vee Pols	Tony Egan
General Intercessions		Allan Rebello	Louise Sortino
Reader 1	Ann Donnelly	Fiona R-R	Ellie Rowe
Reader 2	Barb Colla	Rene Pols	Terry Tierney
Passion-Jesus		Fr Mwaura	Dcn Tee Ping
Passion-Narrator		Rochelle D'Souza	Catherine O'Dea
Passion-Other		Golda Cruz	Tony Conlon
Passion-Pilate		Mark Black	Peter van Leeuwen
Passion-Crowd		Kellie Matalone	Congregation
Eucharistic Ministers	Terry Tierney, Sharyn Black	Geo Joseph, Mary Anand, Asmitha Devanand	

EASTER SUNDAY ROSTER - 5TH APRIL 2026				
	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday		
	Nativity	St Paul of the Cross	Our Lady of the Way	Nativity
Sacristan	Paul Ridings, Sharyn Black	Vicky Davies	Mary Anne Koh	Sharyn Black
Welcomers	Tanis Reeves, Marina Chua, Mary Procter	Trish Fuller, Tracey Tessitore	Brendan O'Leary, Annette Harrison	Loretta Ward
Cuppa	Maria, Vee, Rosemary,			Margerite, Lydia, Belinda
Altar Servers	Lucas, Aaron, Ethan	Joseph Borda		Aaron, Lucas
Commentator	Maria Robertson	Kit Stevens	Jurgen Sawon	Mark Black
Reader 1	Gilda Gaufo	Tony Conlon	Chris Baggoley	Golda Cruz
Reader 2	Peter Smailes	Catherine O'Dea	Barb Ward	Ann Donnelly
Reader 3	Barb Colla			
Reader 4	Peter Donovan			
Reader 5	Kellie Matalone			
Eucharistic Ministers	Dev Elias, Inga Gaio, Amanda Devanand, Sharyn Black	Helen Douglas-Irvin, Peter Shepherd	Tony Ward, Barb Baggoley,	Geo Joseph, David Diggins, Mary Royal

Next week's readings - 5th April, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A

First Reading	Acts 10:34, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 5:6-8
Gospel Acclamation	1 Corinthians 5:7-8
Gospel	Matthew 28:1-10



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