



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.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD YEAR A

5 April 2026

FIRST READING Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

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

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

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GOSPEL John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,' she said, and we don't know where they have put him.

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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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

The empty tomb and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR APRIL

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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:

Recently deceased: Ann Kenny

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



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
What a beautiful joy fills our hearts this Easter!

With deep faith and gladness, we proclaim: Christ is Risen—truly Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! And in that truth, we find a hope the world can never take away. Even as we look around and see so much pain—wars, injustice, suffering, and uncertainty—we are reminded today that darkness never has the final word. The Resurrection of Our Lord assures us that life will always overcome death, love will always be stronger than hatred, and peace will rise above every division.

We do not ignore the struggles we carry. Many of us are walking through difficult moments—grief, fear, loss, or uncertainty. Yet Easter meets us right there. The Risen Christ comes into those very places, into the quiet and even the broken parts of our lives, and gently says, *“Peace be with you.”* This is not just a comforting phrase—it is a living promise. It is the assurance that God is with us, walking beside us, lifting us up, and holding us close, even in our hardest days. And so, with trusting hearts, we continue to pray for peace in our world and for an end to all wars.

As one loving parish family, gathered across our three Mass centres in the Adelaide Hills, we are called to live out this Easter hope. In simple, everyday ways—through kindness, generosity, and compassion—we become witnesses to the Resurrection. Each small act of love becomes a light that shines in the darkness, a sign that Christ is truly alive among us.

I also want to take a moment to thank each one of you. Your care, your service, and your generosity have made this Easter celebration so meaningful. From those who prepared and decorated our churches, to our choirs, our volunteers, and everyone who took part in our liturgies—your love and dedication have brought such beauty to this sacred season.

May the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and your homes.

May His peace rest within you and remain with you always.

And may His hope guide you, today and every day.

Wishing you and your loved ones a truly blessed and joyful Easter.

Fr Mwaura

APRIL

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 12th

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.

MAY

SATURDAY 2nd World Development Committee TRADING

TABLE – Sat. 2nd MAY in front of Terry White Chemist, 248 Main Rd., Blackwood (Blackwood Pharmacy). TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LOLOTOE, TIMOR LESTE. Funds raised will assist the convent and attached school in Lolotoe. Cash only sales. Baked goods, produce, jams, plants, flowers, Mothers' Day gifts will all be on sale. Donations of all of the above gratefully accepted and may be delivered on the morning or contact Marta Cunningham 82786371 or Krys Sawon 83395408 to organise.

TUESDAY 12TH

Many Paths, Shared Hope: An Interfaith Dialogue Day on personal Prayer and Spirituality

May 12, 10-4pm Tiwu Kumangka (Blackwood Library & Community Centre) *“Interreligious dialogue is a necessary condition for peace in the world.— Pope Francis, June 2024* This workshop gives you the chance to connect with people of other faiths and to learn how to use dialogue to engage with others in meaningful conversation about what they do. It is for ordinary people: no in-depth experience or knowledge is needed. It is designed to be enjoyable: for example, the reflection at the end is an art activity.

For further details and registration contact Pauline Webster 0412230653 pauline@cracklingsmarts.com

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.*



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 OLW.
 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>

Project Compassion

[Donate to Holy Family Catholic Parish website](https://www.holyfamilyparish.org.au)

You can still support Project Compassion 2026 either through the website or by scanning the QR code **online at:** <https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/holyfamilycatholicparish>

Please return boxes and envelopes ASAP in your church baskets.

Thank you for your Generous Support.



Discover Your Spiritual Gifts: The Fire 50 Easter Challenge

Do you know the specific gifts God has given you to serve the Church? Join other members of our parish in Fire 50, a 50-day journey beginning Easter Sunday (April 5) through to Pentecost (May 24).

This online formation program features incredible Catholic speakers and teachers dedicated to helping you widen your understanding of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life.

Spend this Easter season stretching your faith and expanding your concept of what God can do through you. Connect online with others via the Fire 50 Collective Community. We are all better off when we use the gifts God gives us! Learn more and register today at: manypartsministries.com/fire-50



PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER - 12 April, 2026		
	St Paul of the Cross Sunday 7.30 am	Our Lady of the Way Sunday 9.00 am
SACRISTAN	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
WELCOMERS	Helen O'Loughlin Terry Tierney	Tony Ward, Barb Ward
COMMENTATOR	Tony Conlon	Louise Sortino
READERS	Peter Donovan	Anton F-R Jurgen Sawon
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Kit Stevens Peter Shepherd	Clem Colla Corrie Frosco
MUSIC	Jill Tierney	Georgian Singers
CANTOR	Kay Conlon	
FLOWERS	Clare Jennings	Inda Gaide
	Nativity Saturday 6.00 p.m.	Nativity Sunday 11.00 a.m.
GATES/SACRISTAN	Paul Ridings	Rene Pols
WELCOMERS	Loretta Ward Mary Procter	Steven Carnell Tanis Reeves
COMMENTATOR	Asmitha Devanand	Maria Robertson
READERS	Ann Donnelly Michele Lamb	Olivia Padilla Orozco Brian Schumacher
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Nadia Procter Peter Hammer	Mary Royal, Ewa Starrs, Sharyn Black, Rita Chiappini
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Siow Family
CUPPA		
FLOWERS		
CLEANERS		

Next week's readings - 12th April, 2026

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER YEAR A

First Reading Acts 2:42-47
 Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
 Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9
 Gospel Acclamation John 20:29
 Gospel John 20:19-31



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