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MASS TIMES

Monday 10.30am Rosary Our Lady of the Way

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 and

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

VESPERS

As advertised.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Pastoral Associate for further
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Holy Family Catholic Parish

Southern Hills

Integrating the Catholic Communities of Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood in the
Archdiocese of Adelaide

VISION STATEMENT

*We strive to be a welcoming, growing and vibrant Catholic Community that
embraces the diversity of people and culture through our love of God.*

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FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



REFLECTION

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



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

*We acknowledge the Kurna people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which
we gather today, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1st/2nd

Visit of a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Over the weekend of February 1 to 2 a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be present at St Rose of Lima Church, Kapunda. Blessed Carlo can be considered the first millennial saint and will be canonised later this year as part of the celebrations for the Year of Jubilee.

There will be Mass at 9.30am on Saturday February 1 - the church will be open until 5pm. Reconciliation will be available.

Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am on Sunday February 2, again followed by the opportunity to venerate the relic until 5pm.

This is part of a Vatican International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles which Blessed Carlo put together between the ages of 11 and 15.

If groups or individuals are planning to visit, for planning purposes, please contact the Northern Light parish – P: 8566 2064, E: nlparish@adam.com.au or www.northernlightparish.com.au

MONDAY 3rd

The funeral Mass for Sister Carita Higgins RSJ will be celebrated in St Joseph's Convent Chapel at Kensington next Monday, 3rd February at 10.30am.

Sr Carita has been an important member of the Blackwood and Nativity communities over the years. Her warmth, humour and deep connection with others will be remembered during her years of ministry within our parish community.

WEDNESDAY 5th AGM FIDELIS

You are invited to the AGM at St. Ignatius College Junior School Hall, 62 Queen Street, Norwood. RSVP: Friday, 31 January, Monica Klingberg—0403 508 904 or email: fidelis@ignatius.sa.edu.au

SATURDAY 8th

Bishop Michael Odiwa of Homa Bay Diocese, Kenya, will be celebrating 6pm Mass at Nativity Church

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Each year on World Day of the Sick a Mass is offered for those who are of ill health. This year Lourdes Day falls on a Tuesday therefore, it will be celebrated on the Saturday prior at **10.00 am**. All are welcome to receive a blessing and anointing. For more information, please contact the Archdiocesan Events – P: 8210 8220 or E: events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

ADELAIDE WALK FOR LIFE

Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion. Love the next generation 10am—12noon Pennington Gardens opposite St. Peter's Cathedral, North Adelaide on 8th February. \$5 donation Parking Adelaide Oval, enter from Pennington Tce. Free tickets via trybooking.com/CVHLE.

Please forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday 5pm to parishpriest@nativityparish.com.au

All the notices to go in our bulletin are sent to the Parish Priest for approval who in turn forwards them to the editors for publication.

SUNDAY 9th—FEAST OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA MASS

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Josephine Bakhita Eucharistic celebration on Sunday February 9 at 2.30pm, in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. All are welcome.

MARCH

Monday 31st

The Annual Catholic Clergy-Laity Golf Day will be held at Westwood Ho GC, Glenelg on Monday 31st March 2025.

There is a 12.30pm shot gun start followed by a presentation dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the club rooms. In addition to the coveted Parish trophy, teams of four will compete for the Reverend Robert J Rice Team Trophy. The best three individual scores are used to decide the Parish trophy, therefore the more parishioners we have entered the better the chance we have of winning.

Blackwood Parish won the trophy several years ago and it would be appropriate for the new Holy Family Parish to win it this year. Ladies are most welcome to compete in all trophies and a separate ladies competition is held also. All golfers in the Holy Family Parish are asked to contact our Coordinator who this year is Bob McEvoy 0412 310 947

PARISH NEWS

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR OUR CHURCHES

Our Parish is grateful for your financial support. This QR code works with any smartphone, safely linking you to the Holy Family Catholic Parish on the Giving page of the Adelaide Archdiocese website. You can then select and make a one-off contribution or set up a regular amount which we can then acknowledge as part of the Parish's Planned Giving program. You can also contribute to the first collection and special appeals using the app. For further details of our program or using the QR code, contact the Parish office or email either bwoodpar@gmail.com or pfc@nativityparish.com.au. Alternatively, you may call 0407613749.



New Holy Family Parish website

The parish now has a new website address <https://www.holyfamilyparish.org.au/>

Special thanks to our parishioner Jason Cecchin (Director, Abyte Computers and Networking) for making the transition so seamless. While we will maintain links to the old Nativity and Blackwood websites for several more months, we suggest that you remove those existing bookmarks from your browsers and instead add the new one. If you have a mobile phone or tablet you can simply aim your camera at this QR code and then click on the website name that will pop up. The parish Facebook page can similarly be loaded. Otherwise type or copy the text below the codes into your browser.

In the next month or so parish email addresses will also be updated to use the @hollyfamilyparish.org.au domain. Further details to follow.



<https://www.holyfamilyparish.org.au/>



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Celebrating Jubilee 2025

2 February 2025 - World Day for Consecrated Life

2 February is the date designated for national celebrations of the Jubilee Year for Consecrated Life in Australia which falls on the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*.

What is happening in South Australia?

- At Sunday Masses on 2 February 2025, throughout the Archdiocese of Adelaide, consecrated life and the contribution of religious congregations to the life of the Church in South Australia will be celebrated.
- Following an invitation from the Adelaide Archdiocese's Vicar for Religious, the Directors of Catholic Education in Adelaide Archdiocese and the Diocese of Port Pirie have generously agreed to celebrate the Jubilee throughout the year by "recognising and thanking the Sisters and Brothers who founded many of our schools".
- In 2025, Catholic Education South Australia is celebrating 180 years of Catholic Education in SA and plan to include "our founding Sisters and Brothers" as part of these celebrations.
- A Gathering of Religious in SA will be held on Saturday 11 October to coincide with the Jubilee Celebrations in Rome.

CONGREGATIONS - Sisters of St Joseph



The Josephites are highlighting the pilgrimage aspect of the Jubilee year, with Mary of the Cross Mackillop as the focus. Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney – the Chapel and tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop – has been officially designated as a shrine and place of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. This is a recognition of the importance of Mary MacKillop Place to the life of the Church in Australia. If you are visiting Sydney, the Josephites invite you to embark on a *Pilgrimage of Hope* to Mary MacKillop Place this Jubilee Year.

As you pause, reflect, enkindle and nourish your Spirituality in this special year, may you know as Mary MacKillop did, that in the end all will be well. Her trust in a Provident God enabled her to walk this land as a Pilgrim of Hope sowing seeds of hope, love and light.

We thank and honour the 5,000 religious (sisters, brothers and priests) in Australia for their outstanding work in education, health care and social services, refugees and asylum seekers, people surviving on the margins and many others.

We pray for our sisters and brothers who consecrated their lives to Jesus through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

CELEBRATIONS—MILESTONE, SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Parishioners are encouraged to advise of any significant events for celebration (e.g. special birthdays, anniversaries) by contacting the Parish Office. The Parish Community would love to celebrate by offering a blessing at the end of Mass by Fr Mwaura.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Sick: Fr George Nader, Ted Galkowski, Trevor Boote, Monique Crabb, David Graetz, Siegfried Encarnada, Marisa Bezzina, Lesley Souter, Trevor Kuerschner, Roger Matthews, Leonata Griffiths, Magdalena, Debra Dillon, Wendy Walter, Cecilia Quinn, Jonathan Reading Moore, Krystina Lekstan, Lisa Marie de Silva, John Quirk, Gail Dante, Jill Forster, Celia Shaughnasey, Heidi

Recently deceased: Sr Carita Higgins RSJ, Fr. Chris Murphy MSC and Susan Reynolds (sister of Nati Hulks)

Anniversary: Rodolfo Inaldo

Please contact either parish office to have names added to or removed from the prayer list.



PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER

9 February, 2025

	St Paul of the Cross Sunday 7.30 am	Our Lady of the Way Sunday 9.00 am
SACRISTAN	Clare Jennings	Mary Ann Koh
WELCOMERS	Peter Sawley Carol Pisters	Brian Fogarty Annette Harrison
COMMENTATOR	Peter Donovan	Tony Egan
READERS	Peter Donovan	Peter van Leeuwen Pauline Webster
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		Louise Sortino Corrie Frosio
MUSIC	Guy Palmer-Brown	Georgian Singers
CANTOR	Trish Fuller	
FLOWERS	Jill Tierney	Inga Gaide
	Nativity Saturday 6.00pm	Nativity Sunday 11.00 am
GATES/SACRISTAN	John Gallagher	Paul Mensforth
WELCOMERS	Michelle Lamb Gemma Roberts	Margaret Pfeiffer Mary Procter
COMMENTATOR	Asmitha Devanand	Rochelle D'Souza
READERS	Kellie Matalone Charlotte Heijka	Golda Cruz Sue Lawless
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Nadia Procter	Rene Pols
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Ewa Starrs
MUSIC	Loreen Thomas	Duane Crabb
SUPPER	Olivia and Joel	
FLOWERS		Belinda Boote Marilyn Monten
CLEANERS		Rosemary & Peter Hammer

FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 23:7-10

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death.

For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord - and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

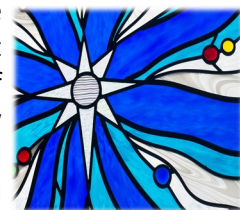
Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and he blessed God; and he said :

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.



Next week's readings - 9 February 2025	
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C	
First Reading	Isaiah 6: 1-8
Responsorial Psalm	137: 1-5, 7-8
Second Reading	St Paul to Corinthians 15: 1-11
Gospel Acclamation	Matthew 4: 19
Gospel	Luke 5: 1-11



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