



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

4 October, 2026

FIRST READING Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend has a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil,
cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He
expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it
gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask
you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have
done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to
yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock
down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste,
unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will
command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of
the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah
that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove
out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the
sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R.
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked
by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the
forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. R.
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from
heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine
your right hand has planted. R.
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that
we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us
back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R

SECOND READING Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and
that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything

that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good
and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything
that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing
all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught
by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of
peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner,
who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress
in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to
the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his
servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next
he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and
they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son
to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the
tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir.
Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they
seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do
to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those
wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other
tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season
arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the
keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to
see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from
you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.*

*Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:6-7

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VESPERS

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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

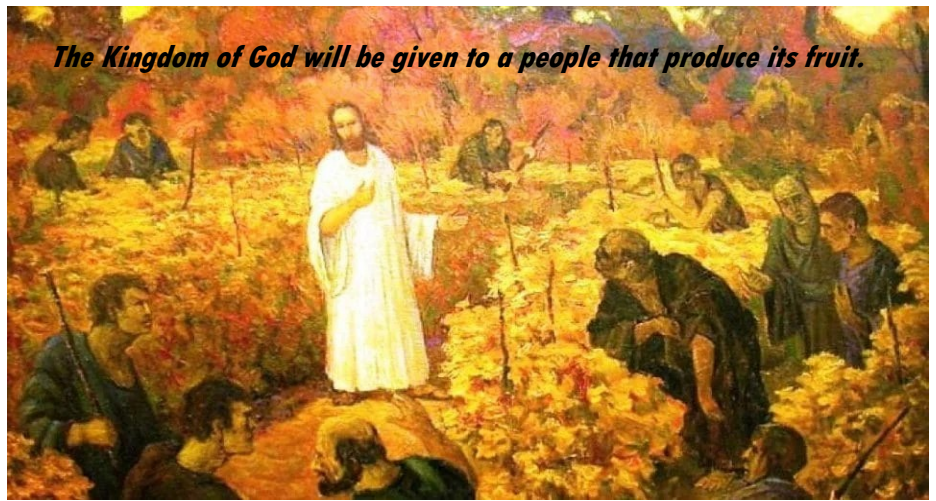
Nativity

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



The Kingdom of God will be given to a people that produce its fruit.

REFLECTION

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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 Keam, Lina Matalone, Monica Joseph, Shyanne Wollogorang, Nick Papatheodorakis, George Kapetanakis

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

OCTOBER

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying



"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

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 **this 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

THIS SUNDAY

COME AND CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

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.

OCTOBER 8TH NEW RCIA GROUP

A new group is forming and will be meeting weekly from Thursday 8th October at 6.30pm. If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith and if you are interested in

being a godparent for the catechumens, please contact info@holyfamilyparish.org.au or Carolyn Hastie 0414 205 819 or Vee Pols 0407 694 374

FRIDAY 9 - 21 OCTOBER

Deacon's absence

Dcn Tee Ping will be away from Friday 9 October to Wednesday 21 October 2026

SATURDAY 10th

ANOINTING/HEALING MASS

10am at Our Lady of the Way

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.



Celebrating Seniority!

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



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

The fundraising goal granted to our parish by the organizer is \$4,000. So far we have raised \$2,524, i.e. 63% of our fundraising goal. Kindly purchase a ticket or two to help us raise funds to recarpet our Parish Office. The closing date is **Thursday 8 October**.

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](#)

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/

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

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.

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 Gaithe 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



PPC UPDATE

The PPC continued to meet while Fr Paul was away on leave. Some key points from the September meeting are as follows:

- A brief overview of the work of our Focus Area Coordinating Teams (FACTS) will be presented at Masses in coming weeks and will include an invitation for more parishioners to be a part of a Team.

- The Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy was reviewed and implications for our parish discussed.

- PPC support is given to a number of initiatives to enhance our parish and faith lives including Teams of Our Lady for married

couples and a "Grandfathers for Faith" men's group.

- The Diocesan office will shortly be engaging with parish leadership groups on implementation of the Decrees arising from the recent Diocesan Synod

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency please follow the directions of the Parish Priest/Commentator, who shall act as the Chief Warden and take control of the emergency response. The hospitality and collectors' persons shall assist as wardens.

When directed to evacuate the church:

- Move quickly and orderly to the nearest safe exit, do not run
- If required, provide assistance to disabled persons and the elderly
- Alert the Chief Warden / Warden if someone is unable or unwilling to evacuate
- Proceed to the designated assembly area near the "Emergency Assembly Area" at Nativity, SPC or OLW car park and await further instructions from the Chief Warden or emergency services
- Do not re-enter any buildings until advised by the Chief Warden or emergency services.



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.

Next week's readings - 11 October 2026

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 22
Second Reading	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel Acclamation	Ephesians 1:17, 18
Gospel	Matthew 22:1-10



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.

