



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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

13 September 2026

First Reading (*Sirach 27: 30-28: 7*)

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12, R.v.8*)

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading (*St Paul 14: 7-9*)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation (*John 13: 34*)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel (*18: 21-35*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." and the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." but the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" and in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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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

24th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A



Forgiveness is a sign of compassion and love
for others

REFLECTION

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are, is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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: 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: Laura Ann Coloma

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

Thank you to everyone across our Parish who helped acknowledge and celebrate all our Fathers and father figures with morning teas last weekend.

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 13TH

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Safeguarding Sunday forms part of National Child Protection Week, a national initiative to engage members of the community in supporting families and protecting children. This year's theme is ***Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversations To Action.***

Aligned to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Safeguarding Sunday provides an opportunity to not only reaffirm safeguarding practices and protocols but to celebrate the presence of children, young people and those who are vulnerable in our parishes and communities, as we continue to develop and embed a strong culture of safeguarding for all. It also invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly and recognise the importance of change to ensure **we are a safe, hope-filled and welcoming church.**

Holy Family Catholic Parish and the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [Turning conversations into action for Safeguarding Sunday - The Southern Cross](#)

DON'T FORGET Safeguarding Essentials online course www.caasava.com Username: your email Password: Safeguarding123! (Please note new password) Any difficulties logging on, please ring on 8210 8150

TUESDAY 15TH

WALKING GROUP – BLACKWOOD

Join us for a pleasant stroll around the Oaklands Wetlands, Oaklands Park. Please meet by 9:30am at the carpark at the end of The Parade West off Oaklands Road.

Relax afterwards at approx 10:45am with coffee or tea at Cafe Finnis, 28b Finnis St, Marion SA 5043.

Contact Phil Doyle 0417 844 004 if any queries.

THURSDAY 17th

ART & CRAFT DESIGN ACTIVITY will be held in the Cottage at 2pm. You are welcome to attend this session even if you were unable to attend the first one on September 1. Book your place with Marie 0401 055 992

SATURDAY 19th

MUSIC FORUM AND WORKSHOP

The Music Forum and Workshop will be held on 19 September 2026 at the Church of the Nativity from 11:00am to 3:00pm. The workshop will cover music selection, the use of technology, and copyright, to list a few topics, while the forum will provide an opportunity to reflect on music ministry experiences and discuss any issues affecting the ministry.

We are encouraging all parish musicians, as well as anyone who would like to be involved with music in the parish, to attend. If you wish to attend, please contact the parish office

to register for the event. This will allow us to plan for the sessions and catering.

SATURDAY 19TH

WORKING BEE AT NATIVITY CHURCH

This year is the 40th Anniversary of Nativity Church celebrated on 26 September, 2026. Volunteers are requested for a Working Bee on Saturday 19th September. Time: 9.30—12pm. We need as many as possible to assist with weeding around the plants in the garden and the Stations of the Cross. Please bring the following: wheel barrows, spades, forks, racks - no power tools. Bring a plate of food to share for Tea and Coffee at 12pm. Thank you for coming to this Season of Creation event at Holy Family Catholic Parish. Contact: Rene Pols 0499 788 847.

SATURDAY 19th

2026 MARKS 160 YEARS OF JOSEPHITE EDUCATION

Nativity School is one of the last schools in SA to have a Josephite presence. However, over the past 160 years there have been more than 120 Josephite Schools in SA. To celebrate this milestone the *Josephite Companions* have organized a pilgrimage to Fleurieu Peninsula to sites of early Josephite schools, including Marion, Morphett Vale, Yankalilla, Willunga, Normanville: *Bus leaves 8:30am from 4 High St Kensington and returns by 5:30pm.* BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided.

Cost \$60 cash on the day

RSVP or further info: sa.companions@sosj.org.au or Julie 0412 639 106. Sr Margaret Nichols rsj joined the staff supporting the school's Catholic identity and gradually a sound connection grew with the spirit of Mary MacKillop.

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.

SATURDAY 26th

MUSIC PRACTICE for Mercy Grove Service. 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 in the Our Lady of the Way working sacristy on Saturday 26 September at 3pm.

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.

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.

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 3RD AND SUNDAY 4TH

HEALING WEEKEND

You're 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.

PARISH NEWS

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](http://HolyFamilyCatholicParish)

FORMED

Facebook page: If you have not yet joined the Parish Facebook page relating to FORMED, please click on the QR code below and it will take you to the registration site. If you tried last week and weren't successful, we apologise. It was an incorrect QR code.

Search programme: We are offering a chance to have a guided look at one of the FORMED programmes called Search. It is 7 episodes which will be offered fortnightly in the Cottage beginning in September. Please contact Terry Tierney to register your interest: mobile 0419227655 or email:

terrytierney@hotmail.com



PARISH PRIEST ON ANNUAL LEAVE

Greetings from Kenya

Fr Paul is enjoying the company of his mum everyday. He sends his love and regards to all. He will return from Annual Leave September 19th.

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



Next week's readings - 20 September 2026

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

First Reading	Isaiah 55:6-9
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Second Reading	Philippians 1:20-24, 27
Gospel Acclamation	Acts 16:14
Gospel	Matthew 20:1-16



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.

