



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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR A

4 JANUARY 2026

FIRST READING (Isaiah 60: 1-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you: camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah: everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING (St Paul 3: 2-3. 5-6)

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

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body,

and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 2: 1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel'.

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child', he said, 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight and going into the house they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.



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VESPERS

As advertised.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Pastoral Associate for further information on (08) 8270 2158.

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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

For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

ENTRANCE ANTIPOHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp and power and dominion.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPOHON

We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

POPE LEO'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Sick: Sharon Robertson, Baby Jackson William Kidd, Alicia Arthur, David Gardiner, Andrew Wright, John and Marcel Baldaccino, Maurene Pate, Paul Watts, 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), Mary Wanjiku, Gicheha, Robin Fogarty, Marian Keam, Nicholas Naidu, Jeffry Tan.

Anniversary: Julie Walker, Jane Cormack

Recently deceased: Robin Fogarty

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



Church of the Nativity

26 Sunnymeade Drive
Aberfoyle Park

St Paul of the Cross

cnr Simla & Coromandel Pde
Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way

4-6 Laffers Road
Glenalta

JANUARY

Thursday 8th

FUNERAL NOTICE

The funeral for Robin Fogarty will be held at 2.00 pm on Thursday 8th January at Our Lady of the Way Church. Following the service light refreshments will be served in the Cottage. In lieu of flowers, donations to [Myeloma Australia](#) would be appreciated. Donation envelopes will also be available at the service.

Monday 12th

Ordinary Time begins.

Tuesday 27th

School Term begins.

FEBRUARY

Save the Date: February 22-28 2026

DIALOGUE WEEK

In preparation for the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod, February 22-28 is designated as Dialogue Week. During this week people in parishes, schools and communities will have the opportunity to gather, reflect on the themes and recommendations of the Synod, and provide feedback to the Archbishop and Synod members. We are committed to supporting the implementation of this important Synodal event in the Holy Family Parish. We will provide further details in the new year. In the meantime, visit www.togetherontheway.au for more information.

PARISH NEWS

RCIA—BECOMING CATHOLIC Have you been thinking about what it means to become a Catholic? The RCIA process, which is offered in this parish can give you the opportunity to explore your interest. There is no expectation of a commitment to become a Catholic and you are always in charge of how your faith journey evolves. It takes the form of weekly meetings. The focus of these meetings is to learn more about the beliefs, practices and traditions of the Catholic faith. To enquire further about the RCIA process, please contact any of the following members of the Parish: Fr Paul Mwaura, Mrs Bianca Cotton (Parish Associate), Deacon Tee Ping Koh, Carolyn Hastie Ph: 0414 205 819, Vee Pols Ph: 0407 694 374 or René Pols Ph: 0499 788 847.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: We are inviting Australians to “be a light in the darkness” for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement and

poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity. Donate today at https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas_appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Nativity Parish Office and Blackwood Office will be closed from Christmas and reopen on 13 January 2026.

The Parish Associate (Bianca Cotton) will be on Leave from Christmas until 30/1/2026.

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC

PARISH Our Parish is grateful for your financial support where you can contribute by simply scanning this QR code with your phone camera. This safely links to the new Holy Family Catholic Parish page on the Adelaide Archdiocese Good Giving app. The link allows a one-off contribution or you can set up a regular amount that we can acknowledge as part of the Parish's Planned Giving program. The app also allows contributions to the first collection and special appeals. Otherwise you can become part of the parish's Planned Giving program by contacting the Treasurer on 0407613749 or pfc@holyfamilyparish.org.au or the parish office. We can supply forms for using a credit card, direct debit from your bank account, paying into the parish bank account, or by cash using the traditional weekly envelopes.



Birthline Pregnancy Support – Volunteer

Opportunities Birthline is seeking a friendly retiree to join our team as an Office Support Companion. The role involves light tasks such as folding and sorting baby clothes, preparing baby bundles, or simple admin jobs like receiving and recording donations of baby goods and organising our baby cupboard. Volunteers always work in pairs, creating a safe, social and supportive environment. If you have a few hours to spare and would enjoy offering practical help to local families, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at birthline@birthline.org.au or 08 8331 1223 to register your interest. Thank you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends 2026

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a worldwide synodal Movement dedicated to the renewal of our Catholic Church through empowering couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships. Our Church today has the belief that Marriage and Holy Orders are Sacraments of relationship and that we are called as couples and priests to be a living sign of God's love to the world, and to love one another as Jesus loves us all. This takes hard work, and a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples and priests the tools and support they need to live this sign in today's busy life. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has three weekends planned for 2026 – February 20-22, Lyndoch Motel; July 3-5 Royal Coach Motel; and a live-out weekend at Antonio School, November 7-8. More details are available on the website at <https://www.wwme.org.au/>. Please consider booking into a weekend to nurture and grow your relationship with your spouse.



JANUARY

- 11th Baptism of the Lord
- 17th St Anthony
- 21st St Agnes
- 24th St Francis de Sales
- 28th St Thomas Aquinas
- 31st St John Bosco

FEBRUARY

- 2nd The Presentation of the Lord
- 5th St Agatha
- 6th St Paul
- 14th Sts Cyril and Methodius

BAPTISM

Please keep in your prayers Fran and James who are the parents of Hayley who will be baptised this Sunday.



PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER

11 January, 2026

St Paul of the Cross Our Lady of the Way
Sunday 7.30 am Sunday 9.00 am

SACRISTAN	Vicki Davey	Annette Harrison
WELCOMERS	Tracey Tessitore Jill Tierney	Louise Sortino Agnes Suusti yaningrum
COMMENTATOR	Kit Stevens	Barb Colla
READERS	Damian Borda	Monica F-R Barb Ward
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Tony Conlon Helen O'Loughlin	Tony Ward Clem Colla
MUSIC	Guy Palmer-Brown	Georgian Singers
CANTOR	Trish Roosa	
FLOWERS	Jan Dunkley	Jen Dunstan
	Nativity Saturday 6.00 p.m.	Nativity Sunday 11.00 a.m.
GATES/SACRISTAN	Nadia Procter	Rosemary Buckley
WELCOMERS	Loretta Ward Mary Procter	Smailes Family
COMMENTATOR	Paul Ridings	Vee Pols
READERS	Kellie Matalone Michele Lamb	Noah Starrs Mitchell Ryan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Liz Brown Peter Hammer	Sharyn Black, Rita Chiappini, Mary Royal, Ewa Starrs
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Ryan Family
CUPPA		
FLOWERS		
CLEANERS		
Next week's readings - 11th January, 2026		
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR A		
First Reading	Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7	
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 28: 1-4, 9-10	
Second Reading	Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38	
Gospel Acclamation	Matthew 3: 13-17	



Please forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday 5pm to info@holyfamilyparish.org.au

All the notices to go in our Parish Bulletin are to be sent to the Parish Office for approval before publication.