



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH

Southern Hills

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.

4th SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C

30 MARCH 2025

FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 34.1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise continually shall be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. **R.**
2. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. **R.**
3. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the

company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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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

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 information on (08) 8270 2158.

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SCHOOL OF THE NATIVITY

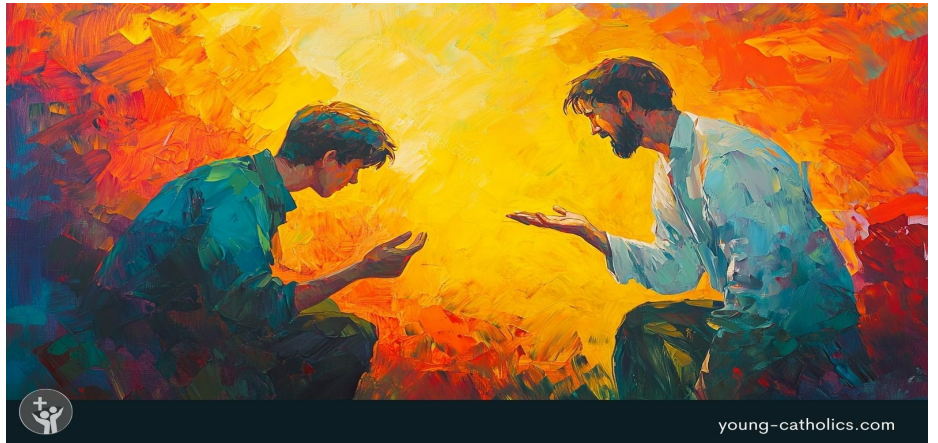
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C



REFLECTION

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MARCH 2025

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Sick: Steven Carnell, Robin Collet, Brian Wigg, Patrick Forster-Rohal, Anthony Horne, Fr George Nader, Ted Galkowski, Trevor Boote, Monique Crabb, David Graetz, Siegfried Encarnada, 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 Foster, Celia O'Shaughnessy, Henry, Denis Pfeiffer

Recently deceased: Gerald Dee (brother of Carmel Malcolm), Maresa Bezzina, Willis Omollo (father to Catherine and father-in-law to David Ochieng), Veronica Gohl, Gweneth Williams, Carlene Rasheed, John Allan.

Anniversary: John Piekarz, Ann Hartigan, Dennis Crane, David Fisher, Veronica Stanley, Antonio Della Fortuna, Mark Della Fortuna, Steven Smailes.

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

MARCH

VESPERS

Sunday, 30 March - Vespers, Fourth Sunday of Lent - 5 PM at St Paul of the Cross

FRIDAY 28th

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent.
St Paul of the Cross at 10.00 a.m. **Nativity** at 11.30 a.m.

APRIL

VESPERS

Sunday, 6 April, Fifth Sunday of Lent - 5pm at St Paul of the Cross.

Sunday, 13 April, Palm Sunday- 5 PM at St Paul of the Cross.

SUNDAY 6TH "SAVE THE DATE" 12-2PM CARITAS MARKET

Save the date 6th April 12-2

Caritas market to be held in the grounds of the Church



of the Nativity in Aberfoyle Park. This will be the major fundraiser for Project Compassion this Lent run by Caritas.

There'll be a sausage sizzle, tea and scones, cake stall, produce stall, children's book and toy stall, second hand clothing stall, busking and other assorted activities.

We are looking for help with donations of cake, produce etc. that can be brought to the church foyer either Saturday night or Sunday morning. Please invite friends and family along to help make this event not just a fundraiser but one that'll help us get to know one another in the spirit of building community. For further information or to offer assistance contact Mary 0480100517 or Parish Office 8270 2158.

Tuesday 8th April Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Rite/Individual Confessions

7pm, Nativity Church

THURSDAY 10th—Genesis Movie Night

The annual Genesis Movie Night is fast approaching, this year the event provides the option of arriving a 6pm for a tour through the Genesis premises at 2 Brooker Terrace, with the actual movie event starting at 6.30pm in the Cowandilla community hall next door. We'd love to show you around. Book your tickets here: <https://events.humanitix.com/genesis-pregnancy-support-movie-night-2025>

Saturday 12th April Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Rite/Individual Confessions

10am, Our Lady of the Way Church

Sunday 27 April, 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration including music 3pm at Nativity

PARISH NEWS

Holy Water Bottles

Please return any empty Holy water bottles in preparation for new Holy water at Easter.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER UPDATES

New rosters are soon being prepared for volunteer ministries supporting the celebration of Masses. These rosters will take us from Palm Sunday to December.

If you are currently not on a roster, and wish to nominate for a role, please complete and return a Ministry Registration form

available in the foyer of each church. Training and support will be provided for anyone taking on a new ministry.

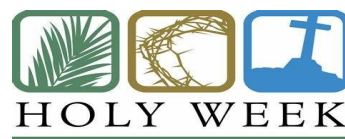
If you are currently on the rosters and wish to make any change to your role(s) or availability please email volunteer@holymfamilyparish.org.au or send a text message to 0480146 070.

New nominations and advice of ministry changes must be received by this Monday March 31st.

Thank you to all volunteers for your ongoing service

Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults - COYA LIFT UP

Lift up will be held in the evening of Good Friday as part of the 2025 Easter Celebrations, **April 18th** beginning at 7.30pm. The walk will commence at the Monastery, 15 Cross Rd, Urrbrae and conclude at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 39 Wakefield St, Adelaide. Please scan the QR Code on the poster in the foyers of all Churches.



Palm Sunday

Saturday Vigil 12th April 6pm Nativity

Sunday 13th April 9am Our Lady of the Way
11am Nativity

Monday 14th April Chrism Mass
6pm Adelaide Cathedral

Holy Thursday 17th April 7pm Nativity with Adoration until 11pm including Reconciliation
7pm Our Lady of the Way with Adoration until 11pm including Reconciliation

Good Friday 18th April **Good Friday Passion**
3.00 pm at Our Lady of the Way
3.00 pm at Nativity Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady of the Way Good Friday Stations of the Cross

For those of you who are unable to attend the Stations of the Cross at Nativity there will be an indoor service at **10 am**.

Nativity Good Friday Stations of the Cross in the Garden at Nativity. The Church will be open for private prayer.

Reconciliation available **10-11am**. 14 new stations have been created by parishioner Clem Colla and will become a permanent fixture in the gardens. Thank you Clem, they are magnificent.

The Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be prayed in the Nativity garden following the path. Bookings of up to 10 people are available from 7am to 1pm. Please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/DAEUJ> to confirm your time slot.

Volunteers who are able to assist with leading Stations of the Cross at Nativity on Good Friday are asked to contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

Easter Vigil 19 April 7pm Nativity
7pm Our Lady of the Way

Easter Sunday 20 April 9am Our Lady of the Way
9am Nativity

UPDATE – FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR PARISH

Our Parish is grateful for your financial support. If you would like to become part of the parish’s Planned Giving program, please contact the Treasurer on 0407613749 or pf@hollyfamilyparish.org.au or the parish offices. We can supply forms for using credit card, direct debit from your bank account, paying into the parish bank account, or by traditional weekly envelopes. Alternatively, simply scan this QR code that now directly and safely links you to the new Holy Family Catholic Parish page on the Adelaide Archdiocese Good Giving website. Here you can make a one-off contribution or set up a regular amount which we will then acknowledge as part of the Parish's Planned Giving program. The app also allows contributions to the first collection and special appeals.



Leading Rosary before Sunday Masses

As a community, we gather to pray a decade of rosary before the start of each Sunday Mass for Vocation and prepare our hearts before the start of the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration.

If you are interested to lead, please contact the office. Training will be provided.

APRIL - SUNDAY 13

PALM SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

Parishioners from all Mass centres are invited and welcome to celebrate Fr Paul’s 50th Birthday in the Cottage at 10 am (immediately after 9am Mass).

This will be followed by our Palm Sunday “Bruncheon” at 10.30am to celebrate the start of Holy Week leading to Easter Sunday. Please bring a plate of sweet or savor finger/fork food to share. We hope you will be able to attend to share this occasion with friends and fellow parishioners.



Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Please donate today

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER

6 April, 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	Tracey Tessitore Dale Cook	Louise Sortino Gregor F-R
COMMENTATOR	Tony Conlon	Chris Wright
READERS	Terry Tierney	Monica F-R Peter van Leeuwen
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Peter Shepherd	Barb Colla
MUSIC	Caelum Sonat	Loreen Tomas
CANTOR	Caelum Sonat	
FLOWERS		
	Nativity Saturday 6.00 p.m.	Nativity Sunday 11.00 am
GATES/SACRISTAN	Paul Ridings	Rene Pols
WELCOMERS	Nadia Procter Michelle Lamb	Tanis Reeves Maria Robertson
COMMENTATOR	Mary Procter	Mark Black
READERS	Liz Brown Asmitha Devanand	David Higgins Erika Dixon
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Amanda Devanand	Sue Lawless
CHILDREN’S LITURGY		Ewa Starrs
MUSIC	Computer	Duane Crabb
SUPPER		
FLOWERS		
CLEANERS		Rosemary and Peter Hammer

Next week’s readings - 6 April 2025

5th Sunday in Lent Year C

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21
 Responsorial Psalm Ps 125
 Second Reading Philippians 3:8-14
 Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13
 Gospel John 8:1-11



Please forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday 5pm to parishpriest@hollyfamilyparish.org.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.