



# 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.*

5th SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C

6th APRIL 2025

### First Reading Is 43:16-21

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

***(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. ***(R.)***
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. ***(R.)***
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. ***(R.)***
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. ***(R.)***

### Second Reading Phil 3:8-14

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philipians*

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on

faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel John 8:1-11

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C



### REFLECTION

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

## POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR APRIL 2025

### For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our

### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

**Sick:** Steven Carnell, Robin Collet, Brian Wigg, Anthony Horne, , Ted Galkowski, Trevor Boote, Monique Crabb, David Graetz, Siegfried Encarnada, Lesley Souter, Roger Matthews, Leonata Griffiths, Magdalena, Debra Dillon, Wendy Walter, Cecilia Quinn, Jonathan Reading Moore, Krystina Lekstan, Lisa Marie de Silva, Gail Dante, Jill Foster, Celia O'Shaughnessy, Henry, Denis Pfeiffer

**Recently deceased:** Colin Siebert, John Baker, Gerald Dee (brother of Carmel Malcolm), Maresa Bezzina, Veronica Gohl, Gweneth Williams, Carlene Rasheed, John Allan.

**Anniversary:** 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 Sunnymeade Drive

Aberfoyle Park

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr Simla & Coromandel Pde

Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Road

Glenalta

## APRIL

### Monday 7th April—Mulching Nativity Church Garden

We are getting a supply of mulch delivered to Nativity Church on Monday 7th April at 10am. If you have any spare time over the week it would be appreciated if you can help with spreading the mulch. We are only doing the sections of the garden nearest the church and the middle section which has the crosses. We hope to get it finished so the garden is looking good for the upcoming Easter season. Thanks Mark

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Rite/Individual Confessions

7pm, Nativity Church

### Thursday 10th April—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 - Working Bee

There will be a working bee at Nativity to prepare for Holy week from 8.30am—11.30am. Palms to be put up, windows washed, driveway swept and mulching to be continued. Please bring any implements needed (e.g. shovel, wheelbarrow, tubs) Your help is needed, even if only for a short time. All queries to Sharyn Black 0418 818 940

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### Sunday 13th April

#### 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 savoury finger/fork food to share. We hope you will be able to attend to share this occasion with friends and fellow parishioners.

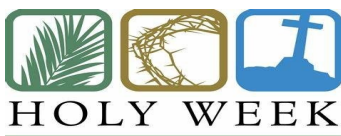
#### VESPERS

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

#### Sunday 27 April, 2025

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

#### PARISH NEWS



Please refer to enclosed flyer for further details.

#### Parish Associate

Bianca Cotton will be on Long Service Leave from 1st April till the 24th June. Please direct any enquiries to the Parish office.

#### School of the Nativity Holy Week Presentations

Please join us for our Holy Week Presentations

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 9.15am – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to Present "Palm Sunday" on the Nativity School Oval. This will be followed by Year 3/4 Presenting "The Last Supper", The Washing of the Feet" and "The Garden of Gethsemane" in the Nativity Performing Arts Centre.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2.20pm – Year 5/6 will present "The Stations of the Cross" in the Nativity Performing Arts Centre. All Welcome!

#### Come and See

This year a small group of young men have heard the call to Come, See and Explore what it means to become a Catholic. The parish community keeps them in our prayers as they are accompanied by their mentors through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) on their journey towards full Communion with the Church.

We would be very pleased to hear from you if you have been thinking about what it means to become a Catholic. There is no expectation of a commitment to become a Catholic and you are always in charge of how the journey evolves over the year that leads up to Easter when the Rites of full Communion with the Church are celebrated. The RCIA process takes the form of a weekly meeting with mentors, some of whom may have been through the process themselves. 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 the parish coordinators:

Vee Pols Ph: 0407 694 374 or René Pols Ph: 0499 788 847

Email: [rv@pols.id.au](mailto:rv@pols.id.au)

#### Information meeting about the Teams Movement (Equipes Notre Dame)

Negotiations have commenced to find a suitable date for an information meeting in the parish with some married couples who have expressed interest in finding out more about the Teams Movement. The meeting will be hosted by parishioners who belong to a *Team*. It is an international lay movement within the Catholic Church that offers couples a chance to discover God's presence in their marriage. Currently, there are more than 14,000 Teams worldwide. The website address for the Oceania region is: <https://www.teamsoceania.com.au> and the international website address is: <https://equipes-notre-dame.com>

All married couples are warmly invited to attend this meeting. Further details will follow when a date has been set. Please contact Vee and René Pols on 0407 694 374 or Fr Paul Mwaura Email: [parishpriest@holymfamilyparish.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@holymfamilyparish.org.au) if you would like to attend this meeting.

#### 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.

**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 [pfc@holymfamilyparish.org.au](mailto:pfc@holymfamilyparish.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.



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION** **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:** <https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/o/the-holy-family-catholic-parish>

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

**PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER**

**13 April, 2025**

	St Paul of the Cross Sunday 7.30 am	Our Lady of the Way Sunday 9.00 am
SACRISTAN		Annette Harrison
WELCOMERS		Brendan O'Leary Louise Sortino
COMMENTATOR		Barb Colla
READERS		Tony Ward Leo Fogarty
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		Corrie Froschio Mary Ann Koh
MUSIC		SPC Members
CANTOR		
FLOWERS		Jen Dunstan
	Nativity Saturday 6.00 p.m.	Nativity Sunday 11.00 am
GATES/SACRISTAN	John Gallagher	Rosemary Buckley
WELCOMERS	Gemma Roberts Loretta Ward	Gavin McLaughlin Mary Procter
COMMENTATOR	Brian Schumacher	Mark Black
READERS	Kellie Matalone Gilda Gaufo	Kim Lawless Paul Mensforth
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Nadia Procter	Sue Lawless David Diggins
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
MUSIC	Computer	One 95
SUPPER		
FLOWERS		Rose Busatil and Rosemary Buckley
CLEANERS		Rene and Vee Pols

**Next week's readings - 13 April 2025**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C**

First Reading     Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Responsorial Psalm   Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
 Second Reading     Philippians 2:6-11  
 Gospel Acclamation   Philippians 2:8-9  
 Gospel                 Luke 22:14—23:56



**Please forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday**

**5pm to** [parishpriest@holymfamilyparish.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@holymfamilyparish.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.