



# 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.*

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

2 MARCH 2025

### FIRST READING Sirach 27:4-7

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

### SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power

from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit.

For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



## REFLECTION

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## MARCH

**SATURDAY 1st MARCH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**  
Vinnies Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood Group will have their first Bottle Collection for 2025. To arrange collection please contact John Simpson on 8278 8058. Thanking you for your continued support.

## TUESDAY 4th MARCH LENT MEETINGS

Our six weekly meetings during Lent will begin on Tuesday March 4th at 2pm. Please confirm attendance.  
Margaret Linford. Phone 08 8370 7431.

## WEDNESDAY 5TH—ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

9.30 am Our Lady of the Way  
11.30 am Nativity Church – School Mass.  
All welcome to celebrate in unison with our school community.  
7.00 pm Nativity Church  
*There will be no Vespers on this day.*

## FRIDAY 7th MARCH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The 2025 Ecumenical World Day of Prayer Service will be celebrated on behalf of the **COOK ISLANDS**, with the theme, "**I made you wonderful**".  
This year, the service will be held at: **10-00am** at **HOLY INNOCENTS, cnr Sheoak Rd and Serpentine Rd, BELAIR**.  
Contact: Barb Colla 0417 589 098.

**FRIDAY 7TH 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.

## SUNDAY 9th

The new Caritas Ambassadors will be commissioned by Fr Mwaura at Our Lady of the Way Mass at 9.00 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY 12TH

### WORKSHOP FOR ALL READERS, COMMENTATORS AND WELCOMERS

Wednesday 12th March at 10.30am in the Our Lady of the Way Church and Thursday 13th March at 7pm in Nativity Church. *All Ministers must attend at least one of the workshops.*

## WEDNESDAY 19TH

### FAMILY CARE GROUP

The Holy Family Catholic Parish Care Group is organising a social gathering from 12:00 pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Cafe 72 located in Blackwood Hills Baptist Church 72 Coromandel Parade Blackwood. You are warmly invited to attend this function. Please contact Vee Pols Tel: 0407694374 or Mary Cogman Tel: 0450 007 174 by **Friday 14th March 2025** to book your place and if needed to arrange transport.

## PARISH NEWS

**Alwin Joseph** has moved to Darwin to study for Paramedics for 3 years. Father blessed him before he left last weekend. Please pray for him as he embarks on this new journey.

## 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@hollyfamilyparish.org.au](mailto:pfc@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.



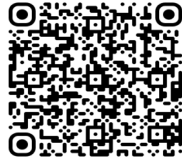
## VINNIES GROUP

Following the amalgamation of our three Parish groups, the Vinnies groups from Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood will also join, becoming one in 2025. We believe this will be more efficient and a way of sharing resources without doubling up on administration. Vinnies will continue to provide assistance to Companions within the local area, and continue with funding raising activities including Badge Days & Bunnings sausage sizzles, as they become available. Moving forward our Parish Vinnies group will be named Vinnies Aberfoyle Park and

Blackwood. Thank you to all Parishioners for your continued support.

### Letter for Lent from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

Please find attached correspondence from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan regarding his Pastoral Letter for Lent 2025, Pilgrims of Hope: *A Lenten Journey in Light of the Synod and Jubilee Year.*



His message is able to be accessed via the QR code.

### Year of Mission – Hannah and Cascia Smailes

Hannah and Cascia have finished their training and have now begun running retreats in High Schools and Youth groups in Parishes. Hannah is based in Rockhampton and will travel throughout Queensland this year with the National Evangelisation Team. Cascia is based in Sydney with the Youth Mission Team. They are both loving their teams and the opportunity to share God's love with young people. Thank you for your support and prayer



## Celebrating Jubilee 2025

### CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS

#### MARCH 2025

**8-9 March**

Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

**28 March**

24 Hours for the Lord

**28-30 March**

Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

In the Old Testament, jubilee years are strongly linked with the ongoing works of mercy, charity, forgiveness, and justice. They remain so today, and you can make use of this 'favoured time' to renew the ways you answer 'the cry of the poor' and 'the cry of the earth'. Since the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence is also available for undertaking corporal and spiritual works of mercy, here are two ideas for how we, as communities or individuals, can deepen our service to 'the least of these' and be tangible signs of hope (Mt 25:40).

### Service pilgrimages

Offer opportunities for parishioners to volunteer in charitable works, such as visiting the elderly, feeding the homeless, or assisting in other community service

projects. There is at least one outreach that you can do. We always need more people to connect with parishioners who are isolated. If you are able to, please contact the Family Care Group.

### Pray for five friends

Make a commitment to identifying five people in your life you can pray for every day. Make a start and pray for them between now and start of Lent.

### New Holy Family Parish website

The parish now has a new website address.



<https://www.holyfamilyparish.org.au/>



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### Next week's readings - 9 March 2025

#### 1st Sunday in Lent Year C

First Reading	Deuteronomy 26: 4-10
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 90: 1-2, 10-15
Second Reading	Romans 10: 8-13
Gospel Acclamation	Matthew 4:4
Gospel	Luke 4: 1-13

### PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

**Sick:** Robin, Collet, Brian Wigg, Patrick Forster-Rohal, Anthony Horne, Fr George Nader, Ted Galkowski, Trevor Boote, Monique Crabb, David Graetz, Siegfried Encarnada, Marisa Bezzina, 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 Shaughnessy, Heidi.

**Recently deceased:** Ken Samson and Shirley Anne Rowberry.

**Anniversary:** Tommy Cairney

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



### POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH

#### 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 forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday 5pm to [parishpriest@holyfamilyparish.org.au](mailto:parishpriest@holyfamilyparish.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.

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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**COTTAGE BOOKINGS** - (08) 8278 6371

### 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 *and*  
**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.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER

**9 March, 2025**

	St Paul of the Cross Sunday 7.30 am	Our Lady of the Way Sunday 9.00 am
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Terry Tierney Helen O'Loughlin	Annette Harrison Aneta Bestecki
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Kay Conlon	Louise Sortino
<b>READERS</b>	Phil Doyle	Monica F-R Maria Schwarz
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	Peter Shepherd	Barb Ward Tony Ward
<b>MUSIC</b>	Caelum Sonat	Georgian Singers
<b>CANTOR</b>	Caelum Sonat	
<b>FLOWERS</b>	Jan Dunkley	Jen Dunstan
	<b>Nativity Saturday 6.00pm</b>	<b>Nativity Sunday 11.00 am</b>
<b>GATES/SACRISTAN</b>	Paul Ridings	Paul Mensforth
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Loretta Ward Nadia Procter	Gavin McGlaughlin Rosemary Buckley
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Mary Procter	Millie Starrs
<b>READERS</b>	Liz Brown Bev Cusack	Mitchell Ryan Noah Starrs
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	Mary Anand	Eva Starrs Mary Royal
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>		Sharyn Black
<b>MUSIC</b>	Loreen Tomas	Dan Ryan
<b>SUPPER</b>	Olivia, Joel	
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Belinda Boote Marilyn Monten
<b>CLEANERS</b>		Rosemary Hammer Peter Hammer