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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 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.

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Holy Family Catholic Parish

Southern Hills

Integrating the Catholic Communities of Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood in the Archdiocese of Adelaide

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.

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REFLECTION

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



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

We acknowledge the Kaurna people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

MARCH

SATURDAY 1st MARCH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood Vinnies 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

World Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries around the world, on this day. So, somewhere in the world, over the 24 hours, prayers are offered and support given. The 2025 Ecumenical Service will be celebrated on behalf of the **COOK ISLANDS**, with the theme, "**I made you Wonderful**", and will assist seven of their member Churches of WDP, to offer workshops on "Trauma Healing". 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

PARISH NEWS

WORKSHOP FOR ALL READERS, COMMENTATORS AND WELCOMERS

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

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

Please forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday 5pm to 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.

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

OLD PALMS from Palm Sunday 2024

Parishioners are urged to return any palms from 2024 and place them in a box at the rear of the church. These will be burnt and used for the ashes on Ash Wednesday 5th March.

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@holyfamilyparish.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.



NEW HOLY FAMILY PARISH WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESSES

The parish now has new email addresses and a new website address

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

Special thanks to our parishioner Jason Cecchin (Director, Abyte Computers and Networking) for making the transition so seamless. While we will maintain links to the old Nativity and Blackwood websites and email addresses for a few more months, we suggest that you remove those existing bookmarks from your browsers and contacts and instead add the new ones. For the website if you have a mobile phone or tablet you can simply aim your camera at this QR code and then click on the website name that will pop up. The parish Facebook page can similarly be loaded. Parish email addresses are updated to use the @holyfamilyparish.org.au domain. You can see these addresses on the Bulletin front page



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



<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561093340575>



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 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Sick: 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 O'Shaughnessy, Heidi, Gerry Dee

Recently deceased: Albina

Anniversary:

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



PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER

2 March, 2025

	St Paul of the Cross Sunday 7.30 am	Our Lady of the Way Sunday 9.00 am
SACRISTAN	Vicki Davey	Annette Harrison
WELCOMERS	Tracy Tessiore Trish Fuller	Barb Colla Brendan O'Leary
COMMENTATOR	Peter Donovan	Chris Wright
READERS	Carol Pisters	Corrie Froschio Anton F-R
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Kay Conlon	Mary Ann Koh Barb Ward
MUSIC	Jill Tierney	Loreen Tomas
CANTOR	Bob McEvoy	
FLOWERS		
	Nativity Saturday 6.00pm	Nativity Sunday 11.00 am
GATES/SACRISTAN	John Gallagher	Rosemary Buckley
WELCOMERS	Nadia Procter Michelle Lamb	Margaret Pfeiffer Mary Procter
COMMENTATOR	Liz Brown	Mark Black
READERS	Ann Donnelly Rochelle Costner	Rene Pols Sue Lawless
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Peter Hammer	Mary Royal David Diggins
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Ewa Starrs
MUSIC	Computer	Duane Crabb
SUPPER		
FLOWERS		
CLEANERS		Maria and James Robertson

FIRST READING (Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So, in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice." David answered Abishai, "Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?" David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, "here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

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. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

SECOND READING (Corinthians 15: 45-49)

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 6: 27-38)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too: to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be give back.'



Next week's readings - 2 March 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading	Sirach 27: 4-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16
Second Reading	St Paul to Corinthians 15: 54-58
Gospel Acclamation	Phil 2: 15-16
Gospel	Luke: 6: 39-45



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