



# 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.*

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C

16 MARCH 2025

### FIRST READING *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtle-dove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.

### 'RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14*

*R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? *R.*
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' *R.*
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. *R.*
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! *R.*

### SECOND READING *Philippians 3:17 - 4:1*

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

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and

study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Matthew 17:5*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### GOSPEL *Luke 9:28-36*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

## 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 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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### SCHOOL OF THE NATIVITY

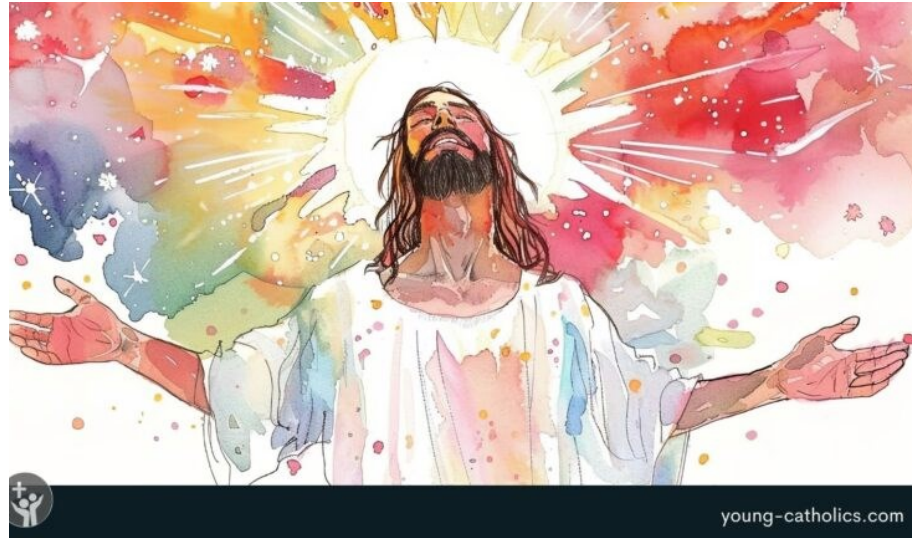
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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C



### REFLECTION

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make sacrifices of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

### 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:** John, Pierkarz, Ann Hartigan, Dennis Crane, Robin Collet, Brian Wigg, Patrick Forster-Rohal, Anthony Horne, Fr George Nader, Ted Galkowski, Trevor Boote, Monique Crabb, David Graetz, Siegfried Encarnada, Marisa Bezina, 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.

**Recently deceased:** Ken Samson and Shirley Anne Rowberry, Willis Omollo (father to Catherine and father-in-law to David Ochieng)

**Anniversary:** Alek Henschke, Tommy Cairney

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



## MARCH

### VESPERS

Sunday, 16 March - Adoration and Vespers, Solemnity of St Patrick; 5 PM at St Paul of the Cross

Wednesday, 19 March, - Adoration and Vespers, Solemnity of St Joseph - 6:30 PM – at Church of the Nativity (note change of location from printed schedule)

Sunday, 23 March - Vespers, Third Sunday of Lent; - 5 PM at St Paul of the Cross.

### TUESDAY 18TH

#### Walking Group – Blackwood

Join us for a pleasant stroll around the Warriparinga Wetlands, Bedford Park. Please meet by 9:30am near the Karuna Cultural Centre on Warriparinga Way off Sturt Rd. Relax afterwards at approx. 10:45am with coffee or tea at Café Finniss, 28b Finniss St, Marion. Contact Phil Doyle 0417 844 004 if any queries.

### WEDNESDAY 19TH

Mass at Kalyra Residential Care, Belair will be held next Wednesday 19th at 10.45am. All parishioners welcome.

### FAMILY CARE GROUP

The Holy Family Catholic Parish Care Group is organising a social gathering from 1 2:00 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.

### LOVING THE LEAST OF THESE

**Embrace Life**, the pro-life focus of the Archdiocesan Justice, Healing and Inclusion Office invites you to its second Interactive Forum, “**Loving the Least of These**” with a focus on **Genesis Pregnancy Support Services**, presented by Ms Juli Sharpe on **Wednesday March 19 at 6pm-7-30pm** at John and Mary Fennessy Rooms, level 2, Centacare, 45 Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Free parking is available in the Cathedral carpark. Contact [jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au) for more details.

### FRIDAY 21th

#### 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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation - Third Rite/Individual Confessions

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

April 7pm, Nativity  
April 10am, Our Lady of the Way

### HOLY WEEK

#### Palm Sunday

#### Saturday Vigil

#### Sunday

6pm Nativity  
9am Our Lady of the Way  
11am Nativity  
Chrism Mass 7pm Adelaide Cathedral  
7pm Nativity with Adoration until 11pm including Reconciliation  
7pm Our Lady of the Way with Adoration until 11pm including Reconciliation

#### Monday

#### Holy Thursday

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross

10am Our Lady of the Way

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross in the Garden at Nativity

10am-12pm. Reconciliation available 10-11am

**More information to come for booking a time.**

### Good Friday Passion of Our Lord at Our Lady of the Way at

3.00 pm and Nativity Church at 3.00 p.m.

### Easter Vigil

7pm Nativity

7pm Our Lady of the Way

### Easter Sunday

To be announced after PPC meeting

(18/3).

### Divine Mercy Sunday 27 April, 2025

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration including music 3pm at Nativity

### Holy Water Bottles

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

## PARISH NEWS

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

During Lent, may we open our eyes to the reality of the whole world and respond with compassionate hearts. We pray that Project Compassion will inspire us to **Unite Against Poverty**.

There will be a Parish **Caritas Market** on Sunday 6th April, after the 11am Mass, at Nativity. Please volunteer to help or run a stall or activity and come along to support Project Compassion 25. Contact Dan Ryan, Mary Procter, or our parish Caritas Ambassadors.



### 2nd Sunday of Lent

Today's story is about **Toefuata'iga**, (Toy-foo-ah-tah -ing-ah) a 13 year old student from Samoa, facing severe challenges and disruptions to her learning due to water scarcity. After CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S partner CARITAS SAMOA installed a 10,000 Litre water tank at her school, Toefuata'iga and her classmates saw improved health and more consistent class attendances.



### 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](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - UPDATE

This event was held at Holy Innocents Church at Belair and had a large attendance including 20 people from our parish. It focused on the Cook Islands, and personal stories were told reflecting the struggles women faced and the strength that they received through their faith in God. The theme 'I made you wonderful' highlighted the power of God to lift people's self worth and to overcome difficulties. Donations were also collected to assist the world day committee and Cook Islanders. Next year the committee will organise another event focusing on Nigeria.

## 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.



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

*We can Build a Fairer Australia* - in the coming months St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer.

If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at [svdp@svdpsa.org.au](mailto:svdp@svdpsa.org.au)

*\*Currently around 3,240,000 Australians, more than 13 per cent of the total population, are living below the poverty line. Some 774,000 are children - one in six of all Australian children. Providing a safety net for these households is both a challenge and a responsibility. Increased access to medical bulk billing could be one first step.\**

## New Holy Family Parish website

The parish now has a new website address.

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

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



## 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.

## PARISH WEEKEND ROSTER

### 23 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>	Helen O'Loughlin Dale Cook	Tony Ward Barb Ward
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Terry Tierney	Barb Colla
<b>READERS</b>	Carol Pisters	Anton F-R Pauline Webster
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	Tony Conlon	Louise Sortino Corrie Froschio
<b>MUSIC</b>	Guy Palmer-Brown	Folk Group
<b>CANTOR</b>	Choir	
<b>FLOWERS</b>		
	<b>Nativity Saturday 6.00 pm</b>	<b>Nativity Sunday 11.00 am</b>
<b>GATES/SACRISTAN</b>	John Gallagher	Rosemary Buckley
<b>WELCOMERS</b>	Michelle Lamb Mary Procter	Margaret Pfeiffer Maria Robertson
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	Asmitha Devanand	Vee Pols
<b>READERS</b>	Charlotte Heijka Rochelle Costner	Kim Lawless Brian Schumacher
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	Nadia Procter	Rene Pols David Diggins
<b>CHILDREN'S LITURGY</b>		Sharyn Black
<b>MUSIC</b>	Computer	Youth
<b>SUPPER</b>		
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Rose Busuttill Rosemary Buckley
<b>CLEANERS</b>		Rosemary Buckley Gemma Roberts

## Next week's readings - 23 March 2025

### 3rd Sunday in Lent Year C

First Reading	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel Acclamation	Matthew 4:17
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9



## 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.