



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

24 November 2023
2023/104

Dear Parishioners of Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood Parishes,

Re: Becoming One Parish

I wish you greetings and best wishes from the Archbishop's Office.

As mentioned in the last communication of 7 October 2023 the combined Pastoral Councils (PPCs) of both Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood have been working together towards to transition to one Parish.

1. Mass Times

- a. After much discussion and discernment the PPC recommended to Fr Paul Mwaura and the Archdiocese the following Mass Times:

Weekend Masses

Saturday	Vigil	Nativity
Sunday	7:30am	St Paul of the Cross
Sunday	9:00am	Our Lady of the Way
Sunday	11:00am	Nativity

Weekday Masses or Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tuesday	9:30am	St Paul of the Cross
	12:00noon	Nativity
Wednesday	9:30am	St Paul of the Cross
	7:00pm	Our Lady of the Way
	7:30-8:30pm	Exposition and Adoration
Thursday	9:15am	Nativity
	9:30am	Our Lady of the Way
Friday	11:00am	St Paul of the Cross
	11:00am	Nativity

- b. You will note that Fr Paul has agreed to celebrate three Masses on a Sunday. The rationale for the times includes one direction of travel for Fr Paul and attempting to have one Mass in each Church over each weekend.
- c. These new **Mass Times** will take place from the **first week in January 2024**.
- d. Feedback from the community will be invited regarding these new times. The PPC will review and make any necessary changes after Easter 2024 following consideration of the feedback.

2. Upcoming Christmas Masses

- a. Upcoming Christmas Mass Times will continue as normal in the respective Parishes, with supply provided by the Archdiocese to ensure all services are covered.

3. Parish Naming and Reflection Day

- a. Considering the announcement around Parish Mass Times we want to ensure the Parish community has sufficient time to adjust to this new reality and have postponed the Reflection Day until February 2024. We will communicate the date and location by the end of the year.

If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact:

Fr Dean Marin vicargeneral@adelaide.catholic.org.au or Sarah Moffatt smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Marin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr Dean Marin
Vicar General