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MASS TIMES

NATIVITY (NAT)

Tuesday 12pm

Thursday 9.15 am

Friday 12pm

Exposition and Adoration 11-12pm

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 11am

ST PAUL OF THE CROSS (SPC)

Tuesday 9.30am

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am

Sunday 7.30am

OUR LADY OF THE WAY (OLW)

Wednesday 7pm

Exposition and Adoration 7.30-8.30pm

Sunday 9am

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION

OLW - Thursday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

SPC - Friday 10.00 - 10.30am

NAT - Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45 pm

ROSARY

OLW - Mon 10.30am

NAT - Tues 11.30am & Sat 11am

VESPERS

SPC - 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month 7pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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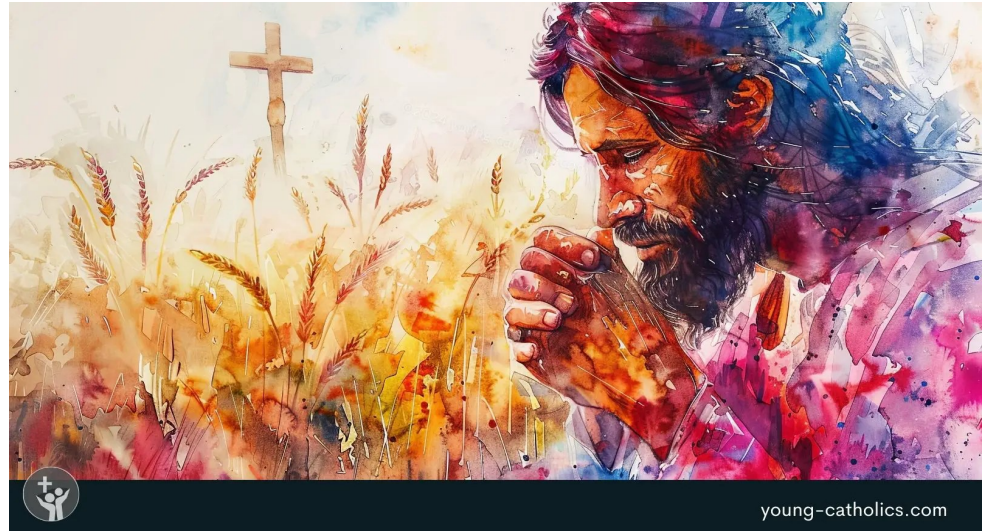
VISION STATEMENT

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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INTRODUCTION

The Hour Has Come. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen I say to you. Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



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 2024**LENT**

Stations of the Cross will be held at during Lent every Friday.

St Paul of the Cross:

After 9.30am Mass.

Nativity:

Rosary at 11am

Stations of the Cross at 11.30am

Mass at 12pm

SUNDAY 17th

Morning Tea at Our Lady of the Way in The Cottage.

MONDAY 18th**Clergy/Laity golf day**

For the last few years the parish has entered a team in the Annual Clergy/Laity Golf Day and done very well. A parish can enter as many people as we like and the best three scores count. Thus the more people who enter the better chance we have of winning. The competition will be held on **March 18th at West Beach**. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Terry Tierney at terrytierney@hotmail.com or Blackwood Office.

Tuesday 19th**Walking Group – Blackwood**

The next walk is in the Happy Valley Reservoir. Please meet at 9.30am at the southern entrance at Roundabout corner of Keumans Road and Chandlers Hill road, Happy Valley for an easy walk finishing with coffee at the Reservoir. Parishioners from Blackwood and Aberfoyle Park are warmly invited. Contact Clem Colla 0417 882 172 if any queries.

SUNDAY 24th

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCHEON in the Cottage at 10.30am after the 9am Mass. (a little early for a luncheon!)

Parishioners from all three Mass centers are invited to a shared meal to celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Please bring a plate of savory or sweet finger/fork food to share. Come and make new friends and enjoy new friendships.

HOLY WEEK

SATURDAY 23rd (All Masses will begin outside)

Vigil Mass Nativity 6pm

PALM SUNDAY 24th *Please note that Mass begins outside.*

OLW 9am

Nativity 11am

TUESDAY 26th Reconciliation

Nativity 7.00 p.m.

EASTER TRIDUUM CELEBRATIONS**HOLY THURSDAY 28th**

7pm OLW and Nativity with Adoration until 10:30pm in both churches.

GOOD FRIDAY 29th

Reconciliation OLW 10am followed by stations of the cross at 11am

Stations of the Cross at Nativity 10am

Good Friday 3pm OLW and Nativity

SATURDAY 30th**Easter Vigil 7pm OLW and Nativity**

Supper to follow at Nativity Church to welcome Luke West into the Catholic Faith.

EASTER SUNDAY 31st

9am OLW and 11am Nativity

APRIL 2024**SUNDAY 7th April Divine Mercy Sunday**

SPC 7.30am

OLW 9am

Nativity 11am

Chaplet and Adoration at Nativity 3pm

REGULAR DIARY DATES please add to your calendars**St Paul of the Cross**

Morning Tea: after 7.30 am Mass on the first Sunday of the month in the Meeting Room.

Our Lady of the Way

Morning Tea: following 9am Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month in The Cottage.

Cards and Boardgames: on the second Tuesday of the month from 10am until 12pm.

Knit and Natter: 10am—12pm in The Cottage every Wed.

Nativity

Supper after the 6pm Vigil Mass - to be advised by Commentator.

Morning Tea after 11am Mass - to be advised by Commentator.

Morning Tea in the parish office at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday Trekkers every Tuesday meet in the Nativity Church carpark at 9am for a brisk walk around the suburb followed by morning tea.

PARISH NEWS

Parish name suggestions

From the more than 40 names suggested for our parish over the last couple of weeks, the PPC has discerned a short list as below:

Holy Family

Holy Trinity or Trinity

Corpus Christi

St Pope John Paul II or John Paul II

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop or Mary McKillop (note: there is already a parish with this name in the Archdiocese).

An overview of why these names have been short listed is available in the foyer as well as on our website.

At each mass the weekend of March 16th and 17th

parishioners will be given the opportunity to express their preference from the short list. This will assist the PPC in a final discernment.

Financial Support for our Churches

Our Joint Parishes are grateful for your financial support. This QR code works with any smartphone, safely linking parishes to the Giving page of the Adelaide Archdiocese website. You can then select either Aberfoyle



Park or Blackwood and make a one-off contribution or set up a regular amount which we can then acknowledge as part of the Parish's Planned Giving program. For further details of our program or using the QR code contact the Parish office or email either of our PFC Chairs at bwoodpar@gmail.com or pfc@nativityparish.com.au. Alternatively, you may call 0407613749.

Project Compassion

Please finalise your Lenten almsgiving for

Project Compassion 2024 by Holy Thursday,

28th March and return your boxes and

envelopes in the baskets provided, as your

Gifts will be brought forward with your

Offerings of Bread and Wine, during the **Procession of**

GIFTS, at the celebration of **the Mass of The Lord's Supper.**



Money to Lolotoe East Timor

The World Development Committee sent \$3,600 to Lolotoe to pay for repairs to the Convent damaged by Cyclones last year. Funds were also to be used to further the Education of 14 young girls from very poor families.

Please pray for members of the Blackwood and Aberfoyle Park communities.

Sick: John Spurr (son-in-law of Mary & John Quirk), Veronica Stanley, John Brogan, Kate Joseph (sister of Judi Betros), Jen Dunstan, Lesley Souter, Trevor Kuerschner, Louis Rother, Roger Matthews, Leonata Griffiths, Magdalena, Chris Wright.

Recently deceased: Mark McEwen, Christine Shears

Anniversary: Teofilo Inson, Eugene Secker, Bob Medlin, Tommy Cairney, John Piekarz, Joan Hinklethein, Anne Tohl.

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



Parish Next Weekend Roster

24 March 2024

SPC Sun 7:30am OLW Sun 9:00am

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SACRISTAN	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
WELCOMERS	Combined Mass	Trish Fuller
	Combined Mass	Helen O'Loughlin
COMMENTATOR	Combined Mass	Tony Egan
READERS	Combined Mass	Barb Colla
		Tony Conlon
MUSIC CANTOR	Combined Mass	Trevor / Choir
FLOWERS	Lent	Lent
	Sat 6:00pm NAT	Sun 11:00am NAT
SACRISTAN	Paul Ridings	Rene Pols
WELCOMERS	Nadia Procter	Mary Procter
	Bev Cusack	Margaret Pfeiffer
COMMENTATOR	Charlotte Heijka	Maria Robertson
READERS	Liz Brown	Paul Mensforth
	Gilda Gaufo	Golda Cruz
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Peter Hammer	David Diggins
	Amanda Devanand	
ALTAR SERVERS		Lucas Crabb
MUSIC	Twilight Choir	Duane Crabb
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Bianca Cecchin	
	Jason Cecchin	
MORNING TEA SUPPER	Ewa Starrs	
	Adam Starrs	
FLOWERS		Rose Busutil
		Rosemary Buckley
CLEANERS		Rosemary Hammer
		Peter Hammer
COUNTERS		

First Reading**Jeremiah: 31: 31-34**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' no, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R.v.12****R. Create a clean heart in me O God.**

1. Have mercy on me, God in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**

Second Reading**Hebrews 5: 7-9**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation**John 12: 26**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel**John 12: 20-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

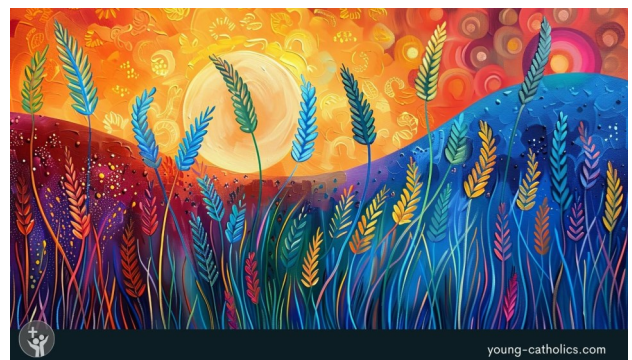
Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour?

But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Next week's readings - 24 March 2024****Palm Sunday**

First Reading	Isaiah 50: 4-7
Responsorial Ps	21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second Reading	St Paul to Phil. 2: 6-11
Gospel Acclaim	Phil 2: 8-9
Gospel	Mark: 1-15, 47



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