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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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Easter Sunday



INTRODUCTION

CHRIST IS RISEN. ALLELUIA! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial cloths, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

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**HOLY WEEK****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**SPECIAL COLLECTION****GOOD FRIDAY HOLY PLACES APPEAL 29th MARCH**

Vatican appeal to promote missionary work of the Church and support education, health, medical and social works for the people of the Holy Land and to preserve and restore the sacred historical sites.

Nativity Nest Playgroup: Families of children from birth to

five are welcome each Tuesday at Nativity School from 9 — 10.30 am.

Magi Pilgrimages!

Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

Child Protection

It is a requirement of the South Australian government that all adult volunteers in the parish undergo a 'Volunteer's Induction'.

We would like to advise that we have below 90-minute Volunteer briefing Open sessions scheduled at Adelaide Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street for 2024.

Tuesday 30th April 6.30 pm- 8.00 pm

Wednesday 26th June 10.30 am-12.00 pm

Wednesday 30th October 10.30 am- 12.00 pm

The parish training evening will be later in the year.

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 and return your boxes and envelopes in the baskets provided. You may donate to Project Compassion via this QR code.

BIG QUESTIONS? COME TO ALPHA

Is there more to life than this? Do you have questions about the meaning of life? Are you looking for a safe, comfortable place to ask these questions? Do you know family or friends who ask the same questions? Ask the big questions at Alpha in a fun, friendly, welcoming environment. Our 2024 course will run on Saturday mornings, July 27th to Sept 28th from 9:30 – 12:30 over brunch @ OLW.

Contact Kim Lawless on 0449 021 123, Paul Ridings on 0427 848 371 or Michele Lamb on 0431 304 547 for more details.



EASTER, A TIME FOR RECONNECTION



This Sunday it seems that so many people are experiencing some form of being disconnected," Archbishop O'Regan says in his message.

"Whether it is the rising cost of living, the affordability of a simple home or the general sense that the world seems at times to be out of control and just doesn't make sense.

There is an anxiety that surrounds us.

On Good Friday we see Jesus entrust his life to the Father in giving his life for us.

And just when all seems lost, when the darkness seems to be the deepest, when hope seems furthest away, when hand, heart and head seem disconnected, the faithful God, the God of life, raised Jesus from the dead.

Everything is connected again."

EASTER VIGIL MASS - Please gather outside the Church.

Service of Light - blessing of the fire and lighting of the candle, procession, Easter Proclamation.

Liturgy of the Word - readings, psalms, prayers, Gloria,

Gen 1:1 - 2:2 (Response: Lord send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth)

Ex 14:15-5:1 (Response: Let us sing to the Lord, he has covered himself in glory)

Isaiah 55:1-22 (Response: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation)

Epistle

Rom 6:3-11

Gospel (Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia)

Lk 24: 1-12

Homily

Liturgy of Baptism - blessing of water, renewal of Baptismal promises.

Liturgy of the Eucharist - Preface of Easter 1

Concluding Rite - Dismissal, Alleluia.

All parishioners are welcome to remain for a cuppa after Mass.

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

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

Recently deceased: Vince Baldacchino, Mary Furey, Veronichan Stanley

Anniversary: Peter Starrs, Stephen Wooding, Teofilo Inson, Eugene Secker, Joan Hinklethein, Anne Tohl, Carmel Balnaves.



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

Parish Next Weekend Roster

6/7 April 2024

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

SACRISTAN	Clare Jennings	Annette Harrison
WELCOMERS	Tracey Tessitore	Barb Colla
	Trish Fuller	Louise Sortino
COMMENTATOR	Peter Donovan	Chris Wright
READERS	Tony Conlon	Pauline Webster
		Corrie Froscio
MUSIC CANTOR	Trevor Fuller	Loreen Tomas
	Caelum Sonat	
FLOWERS	Tanis Reeves	Jen Dunstan
Sat 6:00pm NAT Sun 11:00am NAT		
SACRISTAN	Nadia Procter	Rosemary Buckley
WELCOMERS	Gemma Roberts	Mary Procter
	Loretta Ward	
COMMENTATOR	Charlotte Heijka	Maria Robertson
READERS	Asmitha Devanand	Allan Rebello
	Michelle Lamb	Golda Cruz
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Nadia Procter	David Diggins
	Amanda Devanand	
ALTAR SERVERS	Aaron	
MUSIC	Dan Ryan	Computer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Ewa Starrs	
	Adam Starrs	
MORNING TEA SUPPER		
FLOWERS		
CLEANERS	Rosemary and Peter Hammer	
COUNTERS	Peter Jasper, Mike Cresp, James Robertson	

First Reading**Acts 10: 34, 37-43**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness; that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R.v.24****R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading**St Paul 3: 1-4**

A reading from St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation****1 Cor 5: 7-8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 20: 1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb', she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Next week's readings - 7 April, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

First Reading	Acts 2: 42-47
Responsorial Ps	117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Second Reading	St Peter 1: 3-9
Gospel Acclaim	John 20: 29
Gospel	John 20: 19-31

**For urgent pastoral assistance please call:****Fr Paul Mwaura - M: 0437 693 300****Deacon Tee Ping Koh - M: 0409 538 328**