

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

Though few shepherds remain in our modern world, the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to bring comfort to us. It reminds us that we are not alone, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, watches over us always. He lays down his life for us. He leads us to pasture, to water, to safety. He searches for us when we stray and bandages our wounds. Today, let us listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR APRIL

That the dignity and richness of women be recognized in all cultures, and for an end to the discrimination they suffer in various parts of the world.



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.

APRIL 2024**SUNDAY 21st Good Shepherd Sunday**

This weekend as Good Shepherd Sunday, is World Day of Prayer for Vocations and throughout our Archdiocese we pray our Vocations Prayer.

THURSDAY 25th April 7pm- Vespers

ANZAC Day - We remember those heroes who died in service to our country at sung Vespers with Caelum Sonat, at St Paul of the Cross Blackwood, in Latin and English.

MAY 2024**FRIDAY 3RD May**

CAPRI THEATRE CONCERT from 10.00 am to 12noon.

Morning tea at 10.00am followed by a "Morning Memories" concert – Songs My Mother Taught Me to be performed by the Brass Quintet of the Band of the SA Police. Please book with Marta by Wednesday May 1st on 8278 6371. Cost pp \$10 payable at the venue.

SATURDAY 4th May**COOKING SCONES FOR THE REGION 3 ASSEMBLY**

Our parish has volunteered to make around 14 dozen scones for the Morning Tea at the Region 3 Assembly at Sacred Heart College on Saturday 4th May. If you are able to help with this task, please contact Vee Pols (0407 694 374), Julie Langman (0412 639 106) or Louise Sortino (0408 841 952). Each dozen cooked gets us closer to our target! We will arrange to pick up scones prior to 4th May. If cooking is not your preferred task, we will require volunteers on the day to help set up the Morning Tea.

SATURDAY 11th May**World Development Committee TRADING TABLE.**

Saturday 11th May 9.00 am - 1.30 pm Main Road, Blackwood (Outside of Blackwood Pharmacy next to pedestrian crossing).

Fundraiser for Education and Health needs of village of Lolotoe, East Timor.

Just before Mothers' Day. Chance to buy your favourite Mum some flowers & other goodies!

Donations of cakes, biscuits, jams, relishes, produce, plants, etc., etc. gratefully accepted.

We will have bunches of beautiful flowers, including proteas for sale. If you will have flowers blooming in your garden which we could make into posies, they would be gratefully accepted. Bring cash but note also, EFTPOS will be available on the day.

Contact Krysa Sawon (83395408) or Robert Cunningham (82786371) for enquiries.

SUNDAY 12th May

MOTHERS' DAY MORNING TEA in the Cottage after 9am Mass to celebrate the ladies in our lives as a special event. Could the men attending please bring a plate of food to share and also be hosts by serving tea/coffee to the ladies. Parishioners from all Mass centers are welcome. Happy Mothers' Day.

WEEKEND 11th and 12th May**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2024**

This year in South Australia, the St Vincent de Paul Society will be holding our annual Winter Appeal Parish Collection during the weekend of **Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 May 2024.**

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.

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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**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.

**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.

A special thank you—It was much appreciated to have so many parishioners at the working bee on the 13th April as many hands made light work. It's made the work place much safer. Clem Colla

REGION 3 ASSEMBLY

Come to your **Region 3 Assembly**. Have your voice heard. Celebrate the giftedness of your parishes and schools.

Saturday,
4th May 2024

Sacred Heart College
Champagnat Campus

11am – 3pm

Registration at 10.30am
(near the start time of 11am)

28 Percy Avenue,
Mitchell Park, SA 5043



Our Regional Assembly offers an opportunity to offer comments and recommendations from the grassroots level of our parish and school communities in an informal but organised way. We will have the opportunity to gather with people from a range of neighbouring communities and share our initiatives and experiences. After a sausage sizzle lunch, we will share our visions and concerns for our local church and ultimately advise the Diocese of our findings and recommendations.

Please register by **21st April** (for catering purposes) using the QR code on the invitation flyer or for parishioners who are uncomfortable with QR codes to enroll is to write their **name** and **email address/phone number**, and whether they have a **dietary requirement** or need for a **handicapped parking space** onto a piece of paper and put it in the box available in each parish porch/foyer.

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church.

Watch over those who are baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families.

We ask you to choose from the families of our parishes many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

Amen.

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

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



Recently deceased: Elaine Luke

Anniversary: John McCarthy, Fidela Davis, Denis Souter

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

Parish Weekend Roster

28-April-2024

Sun 28 Apr

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

SACRISTAN	Clare Jennings	Annette Harrison
WELCOMERS	June Donovan	Ann Collins
	Carol Pisters	Judi Betros
COMMENTATOR	Peter Donovan	Louise Sortino
READERS	Simon Honner	Barb Ward
		Peter Smalles
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Tony Conlon	Mary Cogman
	Peter Shepherd	Chris Wright
MUSIC CANTOR	Jill Tierney	Loreen Tomas
	Trish Roosa	
FLOWERS	Helen Douglas Irving	Julie Langman
	Sat 6:00pm NAT	Sun 11:00am NAT
SACRISTAN	Paul Ridings	Rosemary Buckley
WELCOMERS	Gemma Roberts	Mary Procter
	Loretta Ward	
COMMENTATOR	Liz Brown	Vee Pols
READERS	Asmitha Devanand	Golda Cruz
	Michelle Lamb	Rene Pols
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Peter Hammer	David Diggins
	Amanda Devanand	
ALTAR SERVERS		Lucas Crab
MUSIC		Duane Crabb
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
MORNING TEA SUPPER	Gemma, Bev and	
	Anna	
FLOWERS	Belinda Boote	
	Marilyn Monten	
CLEANERS	Maria Robertson	
	James Robertson	
COUNTERS	Peter Jasper	
	Mike Cresp James Robertson	

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: "Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by his name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117: 1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29.R.v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is,

that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's readings - 28 April, 2024**5th Sunday of Easter**

First Reading	Acts of Apostles 9: 26-31
Responsorial Ps	21: 26-28, 30-32. R. v. 26
Second Reading	St John 3: 18-24
Gospel Acclaim	John 15: 4-5
Gospel	John 15: 1-8



For urgent pastoral assistance please call:

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