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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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Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood Catholic Parish Newsletter

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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3rd Sunday of Easter



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INTRODUCTION

Understanding the Scriptures: The disciples of Jesus had a great respect for the Jewish Scriptures: the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms. They came to full belief in the resurrection of Jesus only after he had opened their minds to see that his shameful death and glorious resurrection were prefigured in the sacred texts. The ancient Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament provide valuable witness for us also, strengthening our faith.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; In his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, 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 Kaurua people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

APRIL 2024**TUESDAY 16th April Parish Special Autumn Walk 9.30am**

Meet at Mt. Lofty Botanic Gardens Car Park, Sprigg Rd/
Lampert Rd of Piccadilly Rd UBD 145E/5
Coffee at Mt Lofty after walk. Please contact Clem
0417832172 for further information.

SUNDAY 21st Good Shepherd Sunday

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and once again World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the context of the unique vocation that we all have through Baptism we 'Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest' (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2) and specifically we pray for an increase in vocations to the Consecrated Life, Diaconate and Priesthood.

THURSDAY 25th April 7pm- Vespers

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

MAY 2024**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.

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.

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**Nativity Nest Playgroup**

Families of children from birth to five are welcome each Tuesday at Nativity School from 9 — 10.30 am. We will take a break during the school holidays. Please join us this Tuesday for a Teddy Bears picnic.

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.

Many thanks to all those volunteers who so generously gave their time to assist in volunteering in our Parish Garden.

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

11am – 3pm

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

Sacred Heart College
Champagnat Campus

28 Percy Avenue,
Mitchell Park, SA 5043



Our Regional Assembly offers parishes, communities and schools an opportunity to engage in mutual listening, developing responses to shared needs, and collaboration for missionary action.

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.

DEVOTIONS 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, Dennis Pfeiffer, 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: Vince Baldacchino, Mary Furey, Veronica Stanley

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

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



Parish Next Weekend Roster

20/21 April 2024

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

SACRISTAN	Clare Jennings	Annette Harrison
WELCOMERS	Trish Fuller	Barb Ward
	Peter Donovan	Tony Ward
COMMENTATOR	Simon Honner	Jenny Horne
READERS	Damien Brda	Barb Colla
		Cyril Brown
MUSIC CANTOR	Trevor Fuller	Folk Singers
FLOWERS	Jill Tierney	Annette Harrison
	Sat 6:00pm NAT	Sun 11:00am NAT
SACRISTAN	John Gallagher	Paul Mensforth
WELCOMERS	Nadia Procter	Rosemary Buckley
	Bev Cusack	
COMMENTATOR	Paul Ridings	Gavin McGlaughlin
READERS	Bev Cusack	Kim Lawless
	Millie Starrs	Sue Lawless
	Mary Anand	Margaret Pfeiffer
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Asmitha Devanand	
		Caleb Ryan
ALTAR SERVERS		Mitchell Ryan
MUSIC	Twilight Choir	Computer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
MORNING TEA SUPPER	Olivia	
	Joel	
FLOWERS		
CLEANERS	Rosemary Buckley, Gemma Roberts	
COUNTERS	David Diggins, Mari Diggins	

First Reading**Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R.v.7****R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**

Second Reading**St John 2: 1-5**

A reading from the first letter of St John.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation****Luke 24: 32**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 24: 35-48**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them. 'Have you anything here to eat?' and they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Next week's readings - 21 April, 2024****4th Sunday of Easter**

First Reading	Acts of Apostles 4: 8-12
Responsorial Ps	117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26,, 28-29.
Second Reading	St John 3: 1-2
Gospel Acclaim	John 10: 14
Gospel	John 10: 11-18

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