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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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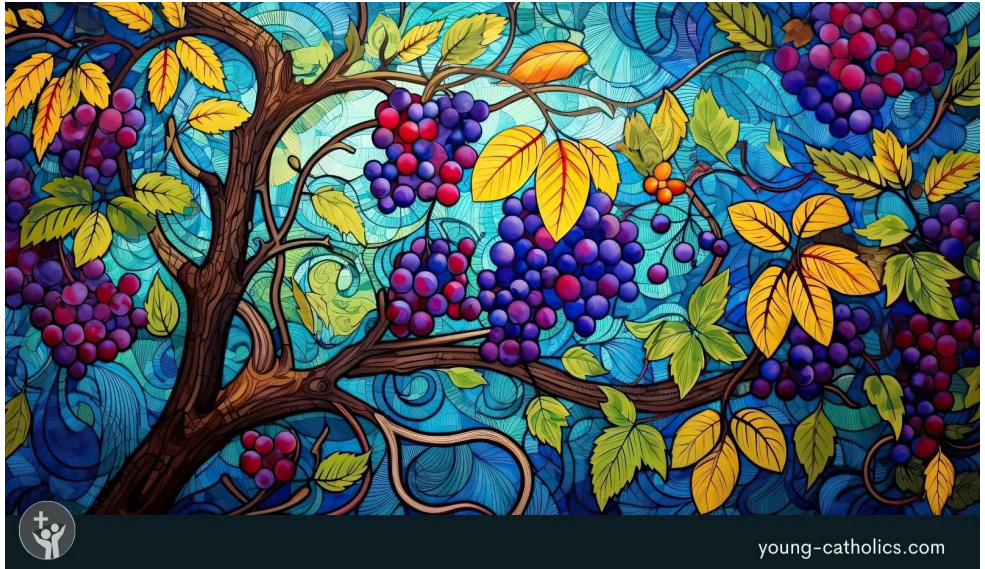
Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood Catholic Parish Newsletter

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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5th Sunday of Easter



INTRODUCTION

REMAIN IN ME. The branches of a vine will bear fruit only if they are attached to the vine. It is from the vine that they draw the life-giving nourishment they need. Likewise, we must remain attached to Jesus if we are to receive the life of God and produce the fruits of the Spirit in our world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Gal 5:22).

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty,. 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.

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 Krys 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.**

**FRIDAY 24th May**

Pipe Organ recital. World class organist Colin Andrews will perform at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 7 p.m.

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**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.

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 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.

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: Sister Catherine Clark RSJ, Elaine Luke, Meredith Johnston, Vincent Cheong, Marilyn McNamara.

Anniversary: John McCarthy, Fidela Davis, Denis Souter

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



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

Adelaide Botanic Gardens Tour

Celebrating Indigenous native flora for Laudato Si Week

Saturday 18th May

12.00 – 1.30 p.m.

The Visitors Centre

North Terrace, Adelaide

REGISTRATIONS: www.trybooking.com/CQVLG



Parish Weekend Roster

05-May-2024

Sun 5 May

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

SACRISTAN	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
WELCOMERS	Peter Donovan	Annette Harrison
	June Donovan	Brian Fogarty
COMMENTATOR	Tony Conlon	Jenny Horne
READERS	Kay Conlon	Bryce Allanson
		Ellie Rowe
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Claire Jennings	Louise Sortino
	Vicki Davey	Tony Ward
MUSIC CANTOR	Trevor Fuller	Loreen Tomas
	Caelum Sonat	
FLOWERS	Helen Douglas Irving	Julie Langman
	Sat 6:00pm NAT	Sun 11:00am NAT
SACRISTAN	Nadia Procter	Rene Pols
WELCOMERS	Michelle Lamb	Margaret Pfeiffer
	Bev Cusack	
COMMENTATOR	Millie Starrs	Vee Pols
READERS	Charlotte Hejka	Kim Lawless
	Hannah Brown	Sue Lawless
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Liz Brown	Rita Chiappini
	Nadia Procter	
ALTAR SERVERS		
MUSIC	Dan Ryan	Computer
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
MORNING TEA SUPPER	Ewa Starrs	
	Adam Starrs	
FLOWERS	Rosemary Buckley	
	Rose Busilltil	
CLEANERS	Rosemary Hammer	
	Peter Hammer	
COUNTERS	Angela Santinon	
	Helen Langeluddecke	

First Reading**Acts 9: 26-31**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32.**

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

Second Reading**St John 3: 18-24**

A reading from the first letter of St John.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our

conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation**John 15: 4-5**

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel**John 15: 1-8**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Next week's readings - 5 May, 2024****6th Sunday of Easter**

First Reading	Acts of the Apostles 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48.
Responsorial Ps	Ps 97: 1-4
Second Reading	St John 4: 7-10
Gospel Acclaim	John 14: 23
Gospel	John 15: 9-17



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