

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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MASS TIMES

Monday 10.30am Rosary Our Lady of the Way

Tuesday 9.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

Tuesday 11.30am Rosary and Mass 12pm Nativity

Wednesday 9.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

Wednesday 7.00pm Mass Our Lady of the Way
and Exposition and Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 9.15am Mass Nativity

Friday 9.30am Mass and Reconciliation 10am -
10.30 am St Paul of the Cross

Friday Exposition and Adoration 11am - 12pm
and 12.00 p.m. Mass Nativity

Saturday 11am Rosary at Nativity

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45 pm Reconciliation at
Nativity and

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass at Nativity

Sunday 7.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

Sunday 9.00am Mass Our Lady of the Way

Sunday 11am Mass Nativity

VESPERS

As advertised.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Pastoral Associate for further
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Holy Family Catholic Parish

Southern Hills

Integrating the Catholic Communities of Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood in the
Archdiocese of Adelaide

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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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECTION

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough, and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



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 Kurna people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

SEPTEMBER 2024



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER TO 4 OCTOBER 2024

Art and Craft with plants in mind

Many thanks to Marie Baker and Jacob Van Eyk for the thought and effort they put into organising two art and craft sessions that encouraged us to focus on plants. The activities were a lot of fun and proved great opportunities to get to know each other better. Some of our artwork will feature at our Mercy Grove Service on September 22. As will some artwork from Nativity School.

Holy Family Parish wages war on waste Thursday, 12 September 1-3pm in The Cottage, Our Lady Of The Way Church

Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it, when done for the right reasons, can be an act of love which expresses our own dignity." - Pope Francis

Come and share in afternoon tea and learn how we might minimise and manage our waste. A Waste Education Officer from Onkaparinga Council will explain what can go in our home recycling bins and how we can dispose of other waste materials. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions, and a discussion on what we might do as a parish.

Mercy Grove Prayer Service September 22 in Mercy Grove, Belair National Park 2pm – 3pm and then, afternoon tea.

The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. – Pope Francis

Since 2016, the Year of Mercy, some of our parishioners have revegetated and looked after a section of National Park which once was a building site. This is a unique opportunity to pray and celebrate God's creation. Please note this event in your diary. More information will follow.

Mercy Grove Committee

SUNDAY 8th

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.' Matthew 19:14



Safeguarding Sunday forms part of National Child Protection Week, a national initiative to engage members of the community in supporting families and protecting children. The National Child Protection Week overarching theme is Every child, in every community, needs a fair go. This

message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future. Safeguarding Sunday provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the presence of children and young people in our Archdiocese and parishes, as we continue to encourage our community to be a safe environment for all. Children who come to mass on Safeguarding Sunday will be invited to participate in a colouring in competition emphasising this year's National Child Protection Week sub theme: "Every conversation matters". Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well. The Parish of Holy Family and the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

To celebrate Safeguarding Sunday the children will be given gifts of a pot plant and chocolate frog

A SMALL PLANT: Brings the hope that with nurturing, it will grow and flourish.

SATURDAY 14th

RETREAT

Discerning God's will in your life when making big and everyday decisions. Will be held on Saturday 14th September 9:15am - 3:30pm At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach. Speaker: Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS Please bring your own lunch tea/ coffee provided Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 12th September Cost by Donation All Welcome

SATURDAY 14th

ST VINNIES BADGE DAY

Once again St Vinnies are holding a Badge Day collection in Blackwood. We **urgently need** volunteers for the day. We will be covering Woolworths, Coles and Drakes. If anyone would like to donate an hour of their time could they please contact Eleonora on 0435441471 or John Lemm on 0402234793.

SUNDAY 15th

BLESSING OF MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will again be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. Further information will be available to indicate interest in participating in this celebration.

SUNDAY 15th

VESPERS to be held at St. Paul of the Cross at 5pm

TUESDAY 17th

PARISH WALKING GROUP

This will be the Orchid Walk in Belair National Park. Please meet at 9:30 a.m. at the entrance to the Park on Sheoak Road, 200 m after Belair Railway Station. Coffee will be at Sheoak Cafe at 11 a.m. New Walkers welcome. Contact Bob 0412 310947.

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 .

Morning Tea after 11am Mass.

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, followed by morning tea. New walkers always welcome.

PARISH NEWS

Fr Mwaura asks you all to please pray for the soul of his cousin Julius Ndungu Mwirigi who passed on in the early hours of Tuesday morning at 2 am East African time. Please pray for Father’s family.

Fr Mwaura on Leave

Fr Mwaura will be coming home this week. His 1st Mass will be the Vigil mass at Nativity Saturday 14th September 6pm.

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 Holy Family Catholic Parish 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.

Thank you.... Fathers Day breakfast at Our Lady of the Way
A big thankyou to a dedicated team of parishioners for hosting the Fathers day breakfast and presenting each of the Fathers with a gift.

Thank you.... Caritas Australia extends a heartfelt thank you to all the parishes, schools, and the broader community for your incredible response to Project Compassion 2024. An extremely generous \$603,548.00 was raised in Adelaide and \$9.7m nationally!

PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Sick: Ted Galkowski, Trevor Boote, Monique Crabb, David Graetz, Deacon Michael Moore, Jenny Moore, Siegfried Encarnada, Dennis Pfeiffer, Trevor Fuller, Marisa Bezzina, Lesley Souter, Trevor Kuerschner, Roger Matthews, Leonata Griffiths, Magdalena, Mary Norris, Mark Adams, Colin Siebert, Gregory Harms, Trudy Anne Carnell, Peter and Jenny Meiksans, Margaret Pfeiffer, Debra Dillon, Harold Coles, Wendy Walter.

Recently deceased: Julius Ndungu Mwirigi, Philip Pilcher, Mark Adams



Anniversary:

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

Parish Weekend Roster

15-September-2024

	Sun 15 Sep	
	Sun 7:30am SPC	Sun 9:00am OLW
SACRISTAN	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
WELCOMERS	Peter Shepherd	Barb Colla
	Helen O'Loughlin	Julie Langman
COMMENTATOR	Bob McEvoy	Tony Egan
READERS	Peter Donovan	Barb Ward
		Ellie Rowe
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		
MUSIC CANTOR	Trevor Fuller	Folk Singers
	Choir	
FLOWERS	Helen Douglas Irving	Marta Cunningham
	Sat 6:00pm NAT	Sun 11:00am NAT
SACRISTAN	Paul Ridings	Rene Pols
WELCOMERS	Nadia Procter	Margaret Pfeiffer
	Mary Procter	
COMMENTATOR	Liz Brown	Maria Robertson
READERS	Asmitha Devanand	Golda Cruz
	Michelle Lamb	Mitchell Ryan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Peter Hammer	David Diggins
		Caleb Ryan
ALTAR SERVERS		
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Duane Crabb
		Dan & Kiara Ryan
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
MORNING TEA SUPPER	Olivia and Joel	
FLOWERS	Belinda Boote	Marilyn Monten
	Rosemary and Peter Hammer	
CLEANERS		
COUNTERS	Peter Jasper, Mike Cresp,	
	James Robertson	

First Reading Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

- 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
- 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
- 3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ



Next week's readings - 15 September, 2024	
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
First Reading	Isaiah 50: 5-9
Responsorial Ps	Psalm 114: 1-6, 8-9
Second Reading	St James 2: 14-18
Gospel Acclaim	Gal 6: 14
Gospel	Mark 8: 27-35



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