

**First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to  
eat and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.  
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and a master of the nations.  
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,  
those unknown will come hurrying to you,  
for the sake of the Lord your God,  
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his ways,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.  
Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the  
heavens and do not return without watering the earth,  
making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for  
the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that  
goes from my mouth does not return to me empty,  
without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it  
was sent to do.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. You will draw water joyfully from the  
springs of salvation.**

Truly, God is my salvation,  
I trust, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord is my strength, my song,  
he became my saviour.  
With joy you will draw water  
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!  
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!  
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord  
for he has done glorious deeds,  
make them known to all the earth!  
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**Second Reading**

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.  
We can be sure that we love God's children  
if we love God himself and do what he has  
commanded us;  
this is what loving God is -  
keeping his commandments;  
and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God  
has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world -  
our faith.  
Who can overcome the world?  
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of  
God:  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only,  
but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness -  
since the Spirit is the truth -  
so that there are three witnesses,  
the Spirit, the water and the blood,  
and all three of them agree.  
We accept the testimony of human witnesses,  
but God's testimony is much greater,  
and this is God's testimony,  
given as evidence for his Son.

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**Gospel Acclamation**  
*cf John 1:29 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:  
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of  
the world. Alleluia!

**Gospel**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said,  
'Someone is following me, someone who is more  
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down  
and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised  
you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy  
Spirit'.  
It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in  
Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No  
sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw  
the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove,  
descending on him. And a voice came from heaven,  
'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on  
you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

**The Baptism of the Lord Year B****10th January 2021****St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta



**Introduction:** Through baptism we are members of Christ's body.  
God says to us: 'You are my beloved son (daughter); my favour rests on  
you.' Often we don't hear these words as clearly as Jesus did at his  
baptism. In this mass, and in the events of this day, let us listen for  
God's assurance that we are loved. Let us listen, that we may have life  
and joy in God.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens  
were opened, and the Spirit descended  
upon him like a dove, and the voice of the  
Father thundered: This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well pleased.

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

Lord hear our prayer.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again

**Communion Antiphon:**

Behold the One of whom John said:  
I have seen and testified that this is the  
son of God

**St. Michael the Archangel prayer**

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection  
against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke  
him, we humbly pray; and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly host,  
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

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**BAPTISMS**

By appointment

**WEDDINGS**

By appointment

**MASS TIMES****St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)**

Tuesday 9:30am  
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Friday 11:00am  
Sunday 8:00am

**Our Lady of the Way (OLW)**

Wednesday 7:00pm  
Thursday 9:30am  
Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

SPC - Friday 10:30 to 10:55am  
OLW - Saturday 5:30 to 5:50pm

**HOLY HOUR**

OLW - Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30pm

**ROSARY FOR PEACE**

OLW - Monday 10am

**Sunday 10th January. Mercy Grove**

Mercy Grove is in need of some tidying and there will be a working bee at **11.30am on Sunday 10th January**. Please attend, as many hands will make light work.

Whipper snippers will be particularly useful as some of the weeds are quite advanced.

Terry Tierney

**YOGA CLASSES** will return this week. Details of classes are as follows:-

**Monday** - General Class 9.00am to 10.15am

**Wednesday** - Men's Class 5.00pm to 6.00pm  
Normal Class 6.30pm to 7.45pm

**Friday** - General Class 8.30am to 9.45am  
Gentle/Senior Class 10.00am to 11.00am

For further information please contact Beatrice on 0405 799 210

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP GROUP.**

A suggested has come from some members of the Parish that a Senior Fellowship group be formed to cater for people who live on their own or are carers, to be able to meet on a regular basis for coffee, a chat and outings.

To discuss a format and to get ideas of what people would like, a gathering has been arranged for **Monday 18th January at 2.00pm at Bracegirdle, Blackwood.**

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact either Judy Betros 0439 713 017 or Geoff Sugars 8278 5650.

**Sick List**

Parishioners, could you please notify the Parish Office if you would like names of any relatives or friends who are unwell and would like their names placed on the list so prayers can be said for them, or any who have now recovered and could be taken off. Thank you

**COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW WILL RESUME IN 2021**

**Morning Tea at Our Lady of the Way**—first and third Sunday of the month after 10am Mass

**St. Paul of the Cross** - first Sunday of the month after 8am Mass

**Community Breakfast** - in the Cottage—to be advised

**Mainly Music**—when school resumes date to be advised

**Card and Board Games**—February

**Youth Activities** — when school resumes

**Knitting Group**—has returned on Wednesday mornings 10.00-12 noon until Mainly Music returns then 11.30-1.30pm

**17th February**—Ash Wednesday

**4th April**—Easter Sunday

**Please Pray for friends**, some named previously, some wishing to remain anonymous

**Sick:** Jacob Van Eyk, Teresa and Tony Lavers, Siew Eng Ling (tee Ping's mother) Gary Stafford, Greg Collins, Margaret Granger, Anna Mackie, Roger Sawley, Laura Fazzalari, Dieter Marwede, Jemima Leydon Janine Kinnear, Sheila Ko (Tee Ping's sister) Bruce Daw, Stephen Wooding (Janet's husband)

**Recently Deceased:** Magdelene Lau (Mary Ann's mother), Joan Forster (Mother of Patrick Foster-Rohal)

**Anniversaries:**

Mei Therese NB Koh (Tee Ping's late wife).

**COVID UPDATE**

Venue capacity can return to 1 person per 2 sqm. This allows us to increase numbers in both our Churches, with the maximum being 78 at St Paul of the Cross and 116 at Our Lady of the Way. However, the 1.5m social distancing remains between groups not within immediate families or those who regularly associate with each other. Please ensure the safety of your family, friends and our community by ensuring that the appropriate distance is maintained if you do not know the person next to you at Church.

No singing remains in place.

There is still no Sunday obligation so you may attend at any time during the week to meet the need to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

**QR Codes**

It is mandatory for all venues to now display their QR Codes. Once you have downloaded the mySA GOV app and scan a code you will be asked for your details. A one-off code will be sent to your phone and when you enter this it confirms your identity. There has been some confusion as the check in screen gives you the option to change your details rather than just checking in. This is so you can add other people who are with you who may not have a mobile phone. If you do not need to scan anyone else simply click the check-in button at the bottom of the screen.

Remember that the next time you try and scan yourself in you will need to change the details back to your own.

Children are not required to be scanned in with the QR code but must still be included in the overall head count at all venues.

Manual contact tracing will still be available at all venues.

***If a Priest is required  
Please Call 8278 6619***

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased.'" - MARK 1:11*

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just for our own interests and comfort

**Parish Census and Ministry Renewal****Parish Census**

COVID-19 has highlighted the need for the parish to update its records and renew ministries as restrictions are relaxed. Up to date and accurate contact details are essential to ensure Fr. Tony, deacon Tee Ping and our Pastoral coordinator, Charlie, can maintain contact with parishioners. We would be particularly keen to get as many email addresses as possible as this is a fast and reliable way to inform you of changes and developments within the Parish and Archdiocese. So please, if you have internet access and an email address let us know. If you are aware of other parishioners who have not yet returned to Mass please take a form and give it to them, this will give Fr. Tony and our pastoral team the opportunity to make contact.

**Ministry Renewal**

Many of you have indicated in the past which ministries you are interested in being involved with but with the COVID restrictions ministries were placed on hold. We are taking this opportunity to ask everyone to complete the Ministry Renewal form on the back of the census form to indicate how they can support the parish as things begin to return to normal. The Altar Society have started with the flower roster and the readers roster will be next. Even though you may have offered your time for a particular ministry in the past we are asking that you confirm your continued willingness to participate by completing the form.

Some of you may feel that you can no longer participate and we take this opportunity to thank you for the time you have given in the past but please do complete the contact information regardless. All information we receive on these forms is for parish use only and will not be shared with any other organisation or group.

Please collect a form from either church and make sure you fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you