

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 8:1

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil

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cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde
Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way

4-6 Laffers Rd
Glenalta

**Sixth Sunday
Ordinary Time Year A****PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN CHILD**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, we turn to you, who are the protectress of unborn children and ask that you intercede for us, so that we may more firmly resolve to join you in protecting all human life. Let our prayers be united to your perpetual motherly intercession on behalf of those whose lives are threatened, be they in the womb of their mother, on the bed of infirmity, or in the latter years of their life. May our prayers also be coupled with peaceful action which witnesses to the goodness and dignity of all human life, so that our firmness of purpose may give courage to those who are fearful and bring light to those who are blinded by sin.

O Virgin Mother of God, present our petitions to your Son and ask Him to bless us with abundant life. **Amen**

INTRODUCTION**FOLLOW GOD'S LAW**

The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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

If you need pastoral assistance during Fr Tony's absence please contact Deacon Tee Ping on 0409 538 328 or Barbara on 0417 858 170

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BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

By appointment
Please contact the Office

MASS TIMES

St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)

Tuesday 9:30am

Wednesday 9:30am

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

BENEDICTION

SPC - 3rd Sunday of the Month
Following 8am Mass

ROSARY FOR PEACE

OLW - Monday 10:30am

February

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th

Special Collection - Day of the Unborn Child

The Day of the Unborn Child assists us to focus on those people in our families and communities who have experienced any sort of child-bearing loss, whether miscarriage, still-birth, the death of a baby soon after birth, or abortion.



For cashless donations, please scan the QR Code

Tuesday 14th

Cards and Boardgames

10am to midday in the Cottage. Come along and have some fun. Novices and experienced players welcome. With apologies, I had listed this for the 7th.

Wednesday 15th

Knit and Natter

10am to midday in the Cottage. Bring along a project you have on the go or come and see what we do. Our ladies are more than willing to help you get started.



Morning Tea

19th February

Following 10am Mass

In the Cottage

Fundraiser for Project Compassion

Please bring along a Gold Coin and enjoy pikelets with your tea and coffee.



Help make a difference



LENT 2023

The 2023 Diocesan Lenten Reflection Booklet is being delivered to all parishes across the Archdiocese over the next few weeks. It will give access to families or groups of parishioners to a prayerful resource that can be used this Lenten season.

The Psalm and Gospel readings for each Sunday in Lent are included in the booklet along with reflections written by clergy and lay people in our Archdiocese and small group questions that are suitable from secondary students to adults.

If there are any parishioners who would be interested in coordinating a Lenten program in the cottage please contact the office to work out suitable times and days which we can then advertise to the wider parish community.

8278 6100 or bwoodpar@gmail.com

Thursday 16th

Online Regional Assembly Information Session

7pm via Zoom <https://www.trybooking.com/CFMHL>
At the close of the 2022 Diocesan Assembly, it was announced that Regional Assemblies were to be held across the Archdiocese in 2023. The Archdiocesan Pastoral Services Team is providing support for the planning and implementation of the Regional Assemblies. Representatives from parishes are invited to join the online information session for details regarding the purpose, planning and support of the Regional Assemblies. For more information visit www.adelaidediocesanassembly.org/regional-assemblies or contact pastoralservices@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Sunday 19th

Festival of Hymns

James Lloyd, Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will give a free concert at 1pm. The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

Tuesday 21st

Parish Walking Group

Our first walk for 2023 will be a shaded walk alongside Minnow Creek. Please meet at the car park above Hawthorndene Oval at 9.30am. Coffee will be outside under the trees at Joan's Pantry from 10.45am. Please join us to enjoy the benefits of walking and socialising in our beautiful environment. New walkers welcome.
Bob 0412 310947 & Clem 0417 832 172

How to get physically closer to Jesus

It's easy, become a server at Mass. There is no age limit to enjoying the experience of serving on the Altar at Mass. Our parish is in need of regular servers who can commit to serving our Priest or deacon on the Altar. There is not a lot to learn and it is extremely spiritually rewarding. Please phone Peter Shepherd if you are interested. 0403 855 203

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 3rd
10am
Our Lady of the Way
Followed by Morning Tea - All Welcome



WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian people from over 170 countries who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action for peace, justice and dignity for all.

The theme this year, *'I have heard about your faith'* is based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, is an invitation to active listening, grounded in prayer. For more information please see the notice boards. To be involved contact: Barb Colla 0417 589 098

Feasts and Memorials - February

14th	Saints Cyril and Methodius	Memorial
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Blackwood Catholic Parish

The People's Choice Lottery is one of the simplest forms of fund raising the parish can undertake to raise much needed funds. Please consider purchasing tickets and give a form to friends and family.

All proceeds from tickets bought under the Blackwood Parish name go to the Parish.

Go to <http://www.communitylottery.com.au> to purchase tickets and don't forget to select Blackwood Catholic Parish as the group you wish to support.

If you do not have internet access or a credit card simply collect a form from the foyer of either church. Complete your details and place the form and cash in an envelope on any of the collection plates. If you purchase tickets this way your tickets will be available in the following weekend at the Church you have requested.

Ticket sales close Thursday 2 March 2023.

Please pray for the members of our parish community listed below and those named previously.

Recently Deceased:
Paul Swaffer (brother of Susan Anderson)

Sick: Jen Dunstan, Joseph Cobiac, Trevor Kuerschner,

Anniversary:
Frank Heuts (brother of Maria Schwartz)

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

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your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In Fr Tony's absence we welcome:

- **Mons Bob Rice** at all Masses this weekend and thank him for celebrating Mass with us.



Stewardship Reflection
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

Next week's readings - 19th February 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading	Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm	Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Acclamation	1 Jn 2:5
Gospel	Matthew 5:38-48



Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster						
	Sat 11 Feb	Sun 12 Feb		Sat 18 Feb	Sun 19 Feb	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
MC		Tony Conlon	Tony Egan	Bart Voskulen	Terry Tierney	Jenny Horne
READER	Leo Fogarty	Tony Conlon	Corrie Froschio	Chris Baggoley	Kay Conlon	Cyril Brown
HOSPITALITY	Brian Fogarty	June Donovan	Judy Betros	Kevin Gogler	Terry Tierney	Tony Ward
	Chris Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Ann Collins	Barb Baggoley	Helen O'Loughlin	Barb Ward
ALTAR SERVER		Patrick Rodda	Rebekah B		Michael Anderson	Rebekah B
		Peter Shepherd	Michael B		Patrick Rodda	Michael B
ALTAR PREP	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Annette Harrison	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Annette Harrison
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Folk Group	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Georgian Singers
CANTOR		Kay Conlon			Louise Sortino	
FLOWERS		Tanis Reeves	Marta Cunningham	FLOWERS	Claire Jennings	Barb Ward