

**First Reading** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

**R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!**

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch our the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

**Second Reading** Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. 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 Yr C 13th January 2019

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction:** In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

**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.

**Gospel Acclamation :**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.  
Alleluia!

**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.

**PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER**

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us  
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us*

**Parish Priest**

Fr Tony Telford-Sharp  
8278 6619

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Charlie Borda

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**Baptisms**

By appointment

**Weddings**

By appointment

**Mass Times**

**St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)**  
**Sacristan:** Maria Marwede

Tuesday 9.30am  
Wednesday 9.30am  
Friday 11am  
Sunday 8am

**Our Lady of the Way (OLW)**  
**Sacristan:** Barbara Baggoley  
0417 858 170 or 7007 5114.

Wednesday 7pm  
Thursday 9.30am  
Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 10am

**Confessions - SPC**

Friday 10.30am-10.55am

**Confessions - OLW**

Saturday 5.30pm -5.50pm

**Holy Hour OLW**

Wednesday 7.30pm-8.30pm

**Rosary for Peace OLW**

Monday 10am

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

**Sick:** Tee Ping Koh, Robyn Fogarty, Jacob Van Eyk Carmel Balnaves, Teresa and Tony Lavers , Bob McEvoy, Fr. Honner

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Jackie Percy

**Stewardship Reflection**

*“John answered them all, “I baptise you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit...” (LUKE 3:16)*

The Catholic Catechism states that *“Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.”* In other words, as baptised Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give Jesus—the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

**Sunday 20th January.** Morning Tea at OLW after 10am Mass. All Welcome

**Tuesday 22nd January. Blackwood Youth and Young Adults.** Join the youth group in the Cottage at 7pm to begin a study of the book of James—with snacks!

**Blackwood Vinnies Sewing Group.** Since the death of Elsie Moss and the unavailability of other sewers and knitters due to health issues, the group is on the brink of disbanding if we are unable to find someone who is willing to take over the organising of materials and helpers.

If you can help in any way please contact Maria Marwede on 8278 5930

**Mercy Grove Watering.** The roster for watering the Mercy Grove is below. The changeover will be on Sundays and each watch is for 1 week. The plants should only need one drink each week if there is no rain. Could you please make changeover arrangements personally, or contact Terry Tierney on 0419 227 655 if there is a problem. A hose and two buckets are supplied and the hose connects to the tank which is on site. We will keep watering until the season breaks, so extra volunteers would be welcome. Thank you and God bless.

- 30/12/18-06/01/19 Vicki Davey
- 06/01/19-13/01/19 Carol and Leo Pisters
- 13/01/19-20/01/19 June and Peter Donovan
- 20/01/19-27/01/19 Frank Tomas
- 27/01/19-03/02/19 Clem and Barb Colla
- 03/02/19-10/02/19 Brian and Robyn Fogarty
- 10/02/19-17/02/19 Jill and Terry Tierney

**RESTORATION FUND**

You may have noticed that some of our sacred vessels and brassware has been restored and polished. Quite possibly you hadn’t noticed that the deterioration of the Tabernacles in each church had become so severe that if left another twelve months they would have required replacement costing upwards of \$15,000 each.

As part of our Stewardship of the resources we have inherited and hold in trust for the future we have set up a Liturgical Restoration Fund. This Fund will be for the restoration, refurbishment and maintenance of our sacred vessels and church ware (Church Plate).

If you would like to be involved with this, please contact the office or use the direct deposit details below using the reference Restoration Fund, and also include your name. As this will be a perpetual fund you may like to consider making smaller regular payments throughout the year. Donations over \$500 will be recognised by a plaque and all donations will be recognised during the feast days of each Church.

We thank you in advance, Fr Tony and the Finance Committee.

Acct Name: Blackwood Catholic Parish

BSB: 085 005

Acct: 489766684

Reference: Restoration Fund

**ARCHDIOCESE OF ADELAIDE  
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

**Sunday 27th January. World Youth Day**

All are invited to attend World Youth Day Festival Mass at Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park. This Mass is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with young people of the Archdiocese and the world! This liturgy will also be the official Archdiocese closure to the Year of Youth. Please bring your own lawn chair or picnic blanket. For more information, visit the world Youth Day website [www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/wyd-mass](http://www.cathyouthadelaide.org.au/wyd-mass)

**If a Priest is required call  
8278 6619**

**Clergy/Laity Golf Day**

The annual Clergy/Laity Golf Day will be held at West Lakes Golf Centre on Monday 25th March 2019. Blackwood has done well in the last few years, but just missed on winning the major trophy. Golfers please put it in your diaries for next year.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter-40th Anniversary.**

All couples, priests and religious who have experienced a Marriage Encounter weekend are invited to celebrate the 40th Anniversary on Saturday 2nd February 2019 from 5pm at Our Lady of the Visitation Church, 441 Victoria Road **Taperoo**. RSVP Alex and Pam Priadko 0419 853 221.

Next week: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

	This Week 13/01/2019			Next Week 20/01/2019		
	6pm	8am	10am	6pm	8am	10am
<b>MC</b>	Bart Voskullen	Chris Curran	Tony Ward	Kay Conlon	Christine Simpson	Jenny Horne
<b>Reader</b>	Kay Conlon	Peter Donovan	Tony Egan	Tony Conlon	Philip Doyle	Leo Fogarty
<b>Special Minister</b>	Ellie Rowe Susan Anderson	Claire Jennings Simon Honner Tracey Tessitore	Joanne Yan Kevin Gogler	Claire Jennings Pam Buckerfield Bart Voskullen	Annemarie Honner Cathie Luke Maria Marwede	Bryce Allanson Clem Colla Laurence Borda
<b>Offertory</b>		P Grilli and J Duchatenier	Kuerschner Family		Luke Family	
<b>Altar Server</b>		Peter Shepherd	Jack and Noah Borda		Ivy and Hope Chilstone	Jack and Noah Borda
<b>Music</b>	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller and Arthur Finch	Georgian Singers	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney and Trish Roosa	Folk Group
<b>Hospitality</b>	Brenda Parkinson	Veronica Siebert	Barbara Colla	Cath Mitchell	Ann Harman	Ward Family
<b>Flowers</b>		Nati Hulks	Marta Cunningham		Claire Jennings	Marta Cunningham
<b>LOWC</b>			No LOWC			NO LOWC