

**First Reading***Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11 (JB)*

**R.** I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,

in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**  
But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **R.**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **R.**

**Second Reading***1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 1:40-45 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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

# Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B****14th February 2021****St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction:** Jesus included the healing of lepers among the list of miracles which would authenticate his mission. He also communicated this power to his disciples. In today's Gospel, he not only heals a leper; he lays his hand upon him. It is a gesture of acceptance (and perhaps even of solidarity) with a social outcast.

**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.

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

Lord hear our prayer.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life

**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

**COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW ARE RESUMING**

**Sunday 14th February. Project Compassion Sunday**

Please take home Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Be More"**. Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phone 1800 024 413

**You can pick up a box or envelopes at the entrances of both churches.**

**Tuesday 16th February. Senior Fellowship Group.**

Lunch at Yantzee Chinese Restaurant, Main Road, Blackwood at 12.00pm. For more information and to book for lunch, please contact Judy Betros on 0439 713 017 or Geoff Sugars on 8278 5650.

The gathering for coffee on Monday 18th January was very successful with discussion taking place on what activities people would like to do during the year. Your suggestions are welcomed.

Please keep **Sunday 21st March** free as a visit to the Old Government House has been arranged for **1.00pm**.

**Tuesday 16th February. Parish Walking Group.**

Our first walk for 2021 will be on Tuesday 16th February for a walk along the recently upgraded Sturt Creek Linear Path. Please meet at the Car Park at the Bakery 401 Main Road, Coromandel Valley at 9am and afterwards for coffee at Bake Bakery. New walkers most welcome. Bob 0412 310 947

**Friday 5th March World Day of Prayer.**

Is to be held for the Mitcham Hills Area at Holy Innocents Anglican Church, Sheoak Road, Belair commencing at 10.30am. It will be hosted by the Coromandel Valley Anglican Parish. The country that is being prayed for this year is Vanuatu. The service has been written by the Christian women of Vanuatu and will follow their format closely. The theme is "Build on a Strong Foundation."

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

**Sick:** Jacob Van Eyk, Teresa and Tony Lavers, Gary Stafford, Greg Collins, Margaret Granger, Roger Sawley, Laura Fazzalari, Dieter Marwede, Jemima Leydon, 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 Forster-Rohal), Diana Siew Eng Ling (Tee Ping's mother), Janine Kinnear, Anna Mackie,,

**Anniversaries:**



**Preparation of Parents for the Baptism of their child.**

I am in **URGENT** need of help in this important Ministry and looking for people to initially sit in with me during the Preparation of Parents. No previous experience is necessary, just a supportive and caring attitude.

For more information please contact Barbara Colla in person or by phone 0417 589 098

**Southern Cross** for the month of February is available in foyer of both churches at a cost of \$2.00. This month's edition includes a tribute to Archbishop Philip Wilson.

**Embers Youth Group**

Embers will be beginning again in February, but please note that we will not be meeting on the first Saturday as the Walk for Life is on that day! Our first gathering will be on the 20th February at 12.00-1.45pm in the Cottage (lunch provided), and continue on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Our first session will be focusing on faith and friendship formation to kick-start our year of ministry.

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 CORINTHIANS*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If God is not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

**COVID-19 Update – February 2021 Contact Tracing**

There appears to be some confusion when people need to sign in or use the QR code. If you use the code to register you are **NOT** required to sign the contact tracing sheet. If you use the code and have children with you there is no need to register them – unless they have their own smart phones and choose to do so. Each of the venues within the parish, St Paul of the Cross, Our Lady of the Way, The Cottage and the Meeting Room at St Paul of the Cross all have individual QR codes please remember to use them every time you enter a specific venue. There is still no requirement to sign out.

Every individual, both adults and children, needs to be included in the overall venue capacity so please be mindful of this. There may be occasions where a COVID Marshal will ask you to move or wait before you are allowed in as they check numbers.

If you haven't already done so, and have a smart phone, please consider using the COVID-SAFE Check-In feature that has been added to the free mySA GOV app. The app is safer, and your details are not on public display as they are when you use the sign in sheets. If you do not have a smart phone, please continue to use the sign in sheets available at each venue.

Remember, if you use the app you are not required to physically sign in – either complies with the government legislation.

On occasion you may be asked to show a COVID Marshal your green tick to verify you have actually signed in. This can be accessed by opening the app selecting the Covid-SAFE Check-in and going to Open Last Check-in at the bottom of the screen.

**Restrictions**

The **1 person per 2 square** metres continues to apply to all venues within the parish.

Physical distancing principles are still in place.

Everyone should attempt to stay at least 1.5 metres from other members of the public unless they live or work together, are friends or family members or regularly associate with each other. To be classified as a regular associate you need to spend an accumulated 2 hours together each week.

Wearing a face mask is not mandatory, but the Health Department recommends doing so when out in public and are unable to physically distance.

**Serving of food**

No shared utensils may be used whilst serving food. This includes salad, buffets, plates/platters, milk jugs, sauce bottles etc. Parishioners must always be served.

**Singing**

We have been strongly advised to avoid singing together as a congregation for the immediate future. Whilst some churches can safely isolate a choir at Blackwood this is not possible or practical. We are trialling the use of a cantor and organist at St Paul of the Cross. This is being closely monitored and you will be kept informed as changes are made.

**Exposition**

The Blackwood Catholic Parish will be having a 24-hour exposition Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm to Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm.

Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is an important practice which *"stimulates the faithful to an awareness of the marvellous presence of Christ and is an invitation to spiritual communion with Him"*.

To ensure that Our Lord is not left alone during this time please consider committing an hour or more of your time to sit in silent prayer and place your name **and** contact details on the roster in the church porch.

As in previous years we are asking people to say the Rosary 4 times throughout the 24 hours, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm, Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7am, midday and at 5pm.

To ensure the safety of those involved we ask that there are at least two people always present with Our Lord. Perhaps partner with a friend, spouse or child.

In line with COVID safety we ask all participants to follow appropriate hand hygiene and also wipe any surface they touch, including pews and door handles as they leave. Pews will be restricted to the front few rows to minimise contamination during this time, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Stations of the Cross**

This year throughout Lent we will be having Stations of the Cross at 10:30am on Friday mornings at St Paul of the Cross only. This will enable more parishioners to attend Mass immediately afterwards.

- February 19<sup>th</sup> February 26<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup>
- March 12<sup>th</sup> March 19<sup>th</sup>

		<b>St Paul of the Cross</b>	<b>Our Lady of the Way</b>
17 February	Ash Wednesday	9:30am	7:00pm
12 March	24 Hour Exposition		6:00pm
14 March	Parish Assembly		11:30am
27 March	Palm Sunday		6:00pm
28 March	Palm Sunday	8:00am	10:00am
1 April	Holy Thursday		7:30pm
2 April	Stations of the Cross		11:00am
	Good Friday Liturgy		3:00pm
3 April	Holy Saturday		7:30pm
4 April	Easter Sunday	8:00am	10:00am