

Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

Ascension of Our Lord Year B

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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 10am



St Paul of the Cross
cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde
Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way
4-6 Laffers Rd
Glenalta

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

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 parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. **Amen**

INTRODUCTION

TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN

The feast of the Ascension assures us that the risen Jesus, who was taken up to heaven, is still very close to us. We are called to recognise the signs of his presence in the goodness, love and forgiveness of the community, in the healing of souls and bodies and in the great and small miracles of life. The ascended Jesus is not an absent Jesus.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens;
his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER FOLLOWING MASS

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**

St Joseph pray for us.



Diary Dates

MAY 2021

Sunday 16th

Morning Tea - Thank you to Arthur Montagna Café

Following 8am Mass

Morning Tea - OLW

Morning Tea in the Cottage after 10am Mass.

Sunday 16th

Marion Procession and Peace Rally

To be held at the Adelaide Showgrounds. Assemble at 1:30pm on the Main Arena for a 2pm start. The event is expect to finish about 4pm.

Booking essential:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BPJAN>

Monday 17th

Blackwood Catholic Singles Group

Lunch 12:30pm at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church Café. For more information and booking please contact: Geoff Sugars on 8278 5650 or Veronica Poskey on 8278 3813

Tuesday 18th

Parish Walking Group

9.30am - please note the new time. Meet at Belair National Park at the old Golf Course Car Park. Coffee afterwards at about 11am for coffee at Joan's Pantry. New walkers welcome. For more information contact Bob on 0412 310 947

Friday 21st

Laudato Si' - Sowers of Hope!

5:30 - 6:30pm ZOOM event

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's Office of Social Justice and Caritas are co-hosting a ZOOM prayer and reflection event to celebrate the end of Laudato Si' Year.

Registration via website

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/04/16/laudato-si-sowers-of-hope/>

Saturday 22nd

Music Workshop with Gen Bryant

2 - 4pm for young people who are passionate about music.

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BQOHF>

Threshold: Inspire - 2021 Pentecost Vigil

8pm - 11pm with Archbishop Pat at The Monastery, Glen Osmond. Mass will be followed by a concert with Gen Bryant at 9pm. Please see the notice in the Foyer of either Church.

Register now - www.trybooking.com/BQCJV

Wednesday 26th

St Joseph's Old Scholars Autumn Lunch

12 noon Hampstead Hotel.

Bookings: Josie 8295 3667 Joyleen 8337 9500

Sunday 30th

Project Compassion Boxes/Envelopes

Please return your envelopes and boxes by the end of May.

June 2021

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Sunday 6th

Morning Tea SPC

Under the carport following 8am Mass

Morning Tea - OLW

In The Cottage following 10am Mass.

Tuesday 8th

Cards and Boardgames

10am in The Cottage. Novices and experienced players welcome.

Sunday 20th

Morning Tea - OLW

In The Cottage following 10am Mass.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Ascension of Our Lord

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Jesus your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him, we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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), Tamika Harrison (Maria Marwede's granddaughter) Theresa Kemelfield

Recently Deceased: Janine Kinnear, Stephen Wooding (Janet's husband) Magdalene Lau (Mary Ann's mother)

Anniversary: Lloyd Wigg (father of Kathryn Kuerschner), Eugene Falzon, Joe and Francis Agius

Prayer List

If you would like friends or family to remain or be added to the prayer list please let the office know by either by phone or email by the last Friday of each month. *Thank you*



If you require a priest please contact Fr Tony Telford-Sharp 8278 6619

St Vincent de Paul Badge Day

The Blackwood St Vincent de Paul Society would like to extend a big thank you to all those people who generously supported the recent badge day - those who gave their time and those who donated money.



\$730 was raised and will help support those less fortunate so thank you. If you would like more information on the local St Vincent de Paul Society please contact: Eleonora Truskewycz on 0435 441 471

Cyclone Seroja Appeal

Archbishop O'Regan has asked that we promote this appeal.

Cyclone Seroja has inflicted major damage on a number of churches, presbyteries, school buildings and other premises of the Diocese of Geraldton. Enormous damage was also done to many farms, businesses and homes within those communities and across the farming areas. The diocese is seeking the support of other Catholics to help rebuild these communities. For more information and to make a donation, please visit www.geraldtondiocese.org.au

Daily Gospel Reflections

Started last year by Evangelisation Brisbane in response to COVID-19, EB's Daily Gospel Reflections have become a popular resource for those wanting to start - or end - their day being nourished by God's word. Written by a variety of contributors, these reflections are a great way to get more out of Scripture.

You can receive a daily reflection for every weekday in your inbox when you sign up at:

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

Rosters

If you would like to be included on the reading, COVID Marshal, Altar or Flower rosters please let the Office know as soon as possible either by phone or email.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2021-2022

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2021-2022 will be distributed in June. If you would like to make changes to your pledge or make contributions easier to manage by avoiding that last minute hunt for cash just before Mass please contact the Office as soon as possible.

You can choose multiple ways to plan your giving:

- Direct debit from a bank account or credit card
- The Good Giving App on a smart phone - simply scan the QR code below
- Schedule regular payments through your own bank
- You can choose to give weekly, fortnightly, monthly or even quarterly.

Both first and second collections can be managed this way.

If you would like help to set things up or more information please contact the office and we can go through it with you.

GIVE EASILY TO 1ST, 2ND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

SCAN QR CODE WITH CAMERA

Adelaide.GoodGiving.com.au

Next week's readings

Pentecost

First Reading	Acts 2:1-11
Psalms	Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34
Second Reading	Galatians 5:16-25
Acclamation	SqAccl
Gospel	John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster

	OLW		SPC	OLW		SPC
	Sat 15th May	Sun 16th May	Sun 16th May	Sat 22nd May	Sun 23rd May	Sun 23rd May
	6pm	10am	8am	6pm	10am	8am
Reader	Leo Fogarty	Corrie Froscio	Simon Honer	Ellie Rowe	Barb Colla	Peter Donovan
COVID Marshal	Kevin Gogler Chris Baggoley	Charlie Rodda	Peter Shepherd Peter Donovan	Kevin Gogler Chris Baggoley	Kasia Saville Barb Colla	Peter Shepherd Peter Donovan
Altar	Barbara Baggoley	Mary Ann Koh	Vicki Davey	Jan Fogarty	Mary Ann Koh	Vicki Davey
Flowers	Marta Cunningham		Jill Foster	Jen Dunstan		Helen Douglas-Irving

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height, he captured
prisoners,
he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.