

First Reading*1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 (JB)*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10 (JB)***R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law

in the depth of my heart. **R.**
Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 (JB)*

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 1:41, 17 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

Gospel*John 1:35-42 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

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

Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**17th January 2021****St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde
Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way

4-6 Laffers Rd
Glenalta

Introduction: It can be hard to believe that God knows each of us by name. Sometimes we need a wise guide, like the old priest Eli or John the Baptist, to help us recognise the voice of God in our life. Let us try to hear God's personal call to us in this Mass and in the events of this day, a call which says in different ways, 'come and dwell with me, share my life.'

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to
your name, O Most High!

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:

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

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
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

ROSARY FOR PEACE

OLW - Monday 10am

Message from Tee Ping Koh

Thank you for all your prayers. Mum died peacefully on Tuesday night. Her funeral will be 12pm on Tuesday 19 January 2021 at St. Joseph Church Brighton (24 Strathmore Terrace, Brighton).

You are welcome to attend the Funeral Mass to celebrate Mum's great life with us, either in person or online via a live stream. If you register to attend online, you will receive a link on Monday.

The link to register is: <https://www.trybooking.com/BOCSC>

Blessings Tee Ping

Mercy Grove

Thank you to Barb and Clem Colla, Tony Egan, Linda Lambie and John Simpson who helped with the working bee in very hot conditions. We have now tidied the site and will need to watch the watering. If necessary I will call for volunteers for a watering roster, but at present, things are looking good.

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

Annual Report

Group co-ordinators could you please submit a brief summary of activities held during 2020 by 14th February for the annual Parish report. This will be presented at the Parish Meeting to be held on Sunday 14th March 2021. Reports can be emailed to the Parish Office. Thank you.

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, 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 Forster-Rohal), Diana Siew Eng Ling (Tee Ping's mother)

Anniversaries:

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



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 Bracegirdles, Blackwood.**

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

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

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

Card and Board Games — 9th February 10am to 12 noon.

Mainly Music — when school resumes **approximate start date 10th February**

Community Breakfast - in the Cottage

Youth Activities — when school resumes

17th February — Ash Wednesday

4th April — Easter Sunday

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - JOHN 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

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

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***