

**First Reading****Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm****Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14****R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **R.**

**Second Reading****Philippians 3:17 - 4:1**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of

ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation****Luke 9:35**

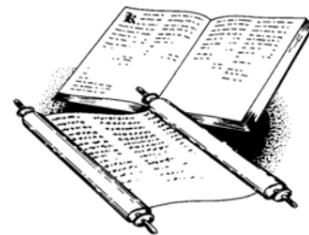
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel****Matthew 17:1-9**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Next week: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12;  
Gospel (will be from Yr A) John 4:5-42

# Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter  
**Second Sunday of Lent Yr C**  
17th March 2019

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction:** As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way—moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Grant this, almighty God

**Memorial Acclamation:**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess  
your Resurrection until you come again

**Communion Antiphon:**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased; listen to him.

**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*

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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

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, Chris Baggoley, Jack Higham, Pat Hampton (USA), Frank Tomas, Gary Reeves

**Recently Deceased:** Mons. Denis Edwards, Barney Mungoven

**Anniversaries:** Clare Doyle

**Today Sunday 17th March** 10am Family Mass.

**Today Sunday 17th March Parish Assembly Meetings after 10am Mass in the Cottage.**

Presentation of the Annual Parish Activities Report for 2018. At the Assembly a new Parish Pastoral Council will be elected. Any parishioner can nominate by giving your name to Terry Tierney before the meeting or nominate someone with their approval. BBQ Lunch to follow the meeting. All Welcome. Annual Report Booklets are available in the church porch.

**Saturday 23rd March Youth Mass 6pm.** All Youth and Young Adults welcome to join in the Mass and activities that follow.

**Stations of the Cross.** Will be celebrated throughout Lent on Friday's at 10.30am followed by the 11am Mass at St. Paul of the Cross.

**Parish Walking Group.** Our next walk is **Tuesday 26 March** from Bake Bakery in Coromandel Valley for a walk along Sturt River Linear Park to Magarey Orchard and return to the Bakery for coffee. Please meet at Bakery car park at 9am. Bob and Dale 0412 310 947

**Easter Rosters** The roster for Easter Sunday at St. Paul's has been filled, but we are still looking for people to complete the rosters for the Our Lady of the Way Masses. A reminder also of Exposition from 5pm Friday 12th April to 5 pm Saturday 13th April. Have you put your name and time down yet?

**Please note:** During the season of Lent **All** the gospel readings will come from **Year A**. All other readings and responses will come from Year C.

**New Rosters** for period 23rd March to 9th June are available to collect from the church porch.

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."* (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

**Invitation to Tee Ping Koh's Installation as Lector and Acolyte and admission to Diaconal Candidacy. Sunday 24th March at 11am.** Bishop Greg O'Kelly as celebrant with other priests and deacons at Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

This is a great celebration in which the Catholic Community of Blackwood are invited to attend and celebrate Tee Ping's installation as Lector and Acolyte and admission to Diaconal Candidacy. Tee Ping is engaged in formation and study that may lead him to Diaconal Ordination; the Eucharistic celebration on 24th March is a moment of grace for him and for all God's holy people. It is a moment of grace and joy. Please stay for morning tea after mass at the Cathedral Hall. Parking is available in the Cathedral car park.

**Vinnies Bottles and Cans** collection for February raised \$84.20. Thank you. Next collection of recyclable bottles and cans will be Saturday 6th April. For pick up contact John Simpson on 8278 8058.

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal.** A belated thank you to all who contributed to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The amount raised by envelopes and direct donations at St. Paul's and Our Lady of the Way was \$4347.19, which was the best result ever. The amount was probably greater than that because credit card donations went directly to Head office and were not recorded locally. There is always a delay in determining the exact amount raised because contributions by envelope continue to come in over several weeks. Once again, thank you the funds are greatly appreciated especially at that time of the year.

**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



**Project Compassion** If you would be involved in Project Compassion for 2019, boxes and weekly envelope packs are available in the church porch this weekend.

Tati lives in the remote forest of Kalimantan. She is a mother of 3 who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment Tati aspires to a future from poverty for her family.

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

**GOODNEWSletter** The next edition will be published for Easter 2019. We are calling for your submissions of stories and articles. As this newsletter is intended to strengthen our community as Christ's disciples, we encourage you to own this publication with your input, your suggestions and comments. Come and talk to anyone of us in the editorial team: Pauline Webster, Terry Tierney, Peter Smailes, Charlie Borda, Barbara Baggoley, Fr Tony or give me a ring, Tee Ping m 0409 538 328 or email us at bwoodparnews@gmail.com I know that there are some great stories to be shared to encourage us to grow and strengthen our faith and our community.

**The Vinnies Knitting Group** is always looking to recruit additional helpers. One does not need to be a champion knitter to be able to contribute and established members are always prepared to teach and advise. Last year the group contributed 500 items to the Vinnies' cause. Anyone interested should contact Maria Marwede or Mary Cogman.

	This Week 17/03/2019			Next Week 24/03/2019		
	6pm	8am	10am	6pm	8am	10am
<b>MC</b>	Tony Conlon	Cathie Luke	Leo Fogarty	Youth Mass	Simon Honner	Tony Egan
<b>Reader</b>	Tee Ping Koh	Simon Honner	Barbara Colla	Youth Mass	John Lemm	Cyril Brown
<b>Special Minister</b>	Jan Fogarty Paula Wegener	Annemarie Honner Helen O'Loughlin	Barbara Ward Carmel Malcolm Geoff Sugars	Laurence Borda Mary Ann Lau Sally Niemann	Maria Marwede Terry Tierney Tracey Tessitore	Bryce Allanson Clem Colla Corrie Froscio
<b>Offertory</b>		John and Beatrice Lemm			Luke Family	Ward Family
<b>Altar Server</b>		Peter Shepherd	Jack and Noah Borda		Peter Shepherd	Jack and Noah Borda
<b>Music</b>	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney and Trish Roosa	Folk Group	Youth Mass	Trevor Fuller and Arthur Finch	Georgian Singers
<b>Hospitality</b>	Brenda Parkinson	Ann Harman	Julie Langman	Brenda Parkinson	Veronica Siebert	Hayde Family
<b>Flowers</b>		Maria Marwede	Barbara Baggoley		Maria Marwede	Barbara Baggoley
<b>LOWC</b>			Mary Cogman			Louise Sortino