

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

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

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

1 John 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**Next week's readings - 26th February 2023****First Sunday of Lent - Year A**

First Reading	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7	
Psalm	Ps 20:3-6, 12-14, 17	
Second Reading	Romans 5:12, 17-19 (shorter form)	
Acclamation	Mt 4:4	
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11	

Stewardship Reflection**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time***"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."*

MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart, and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

Blackwood Catholic Community**Parish Newsletter****19th February 2023**

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

Our Lady of the Way
4-6 Laffers Rd
Glenalta

Project
Compassion

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A****Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide****UPDATE ON THE PARISH**

Fr Tony Telford-Sharp recently wrote to Archbishop O'Regan offering his resignation from the Blackwood Parish. The Archbishop has accepted his request and has now appointed him as Assistant Priest to the Adelaide Cathedral Parish.

As of this weekend Feb 18/19 the Archbishop appoints Fr Dean Marin VG as the Administrator of the parish with Deacon Tee Ping as the Parish Contact. I'm well aware that for several months now Deacon Tee Ping has had a leadership role in the parish and has been well supported by so many parishioners. My sincere thanks to all who have stepped up and will now need to continue in this service of the parish.

The Archbishop's Office will continue to provide supply priests for Sunday Masses, Easter Ceremonies and as required. In the future, further plans for the parish will be announced, and in the meantime, I ask that everyone give their support to Deacon Tee Ping.

Finally, I assure you of my personal support and that of the Archbishop's Office. For comments, questions or suggestions, I'm happy for people to contact me on 82108122 or email vicargeneral@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Sincerely Yours in Christ
Fr Dean Marin
Vicar General

16 February 2023

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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 10:30am

INTRODUCTION

BE HOLY!

The word 'holy' can conjure up the image of someone who is always praying and perhaps, cut off from everyday earthly realities. Today's readings, however, remind us that holiness is not measured by the calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God's gift. We are a holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

PROJECT COMPASSION CANDLE CEREMONY

Jesus, Light of the World, you sent forth your disciples to proclaim your message in words and deeds. Help us to become bearers of your light through our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

February Diary Dates

Sunday 19th

Morning Tea at OLW

Please join fellow parishioners for a cuppa in the Cottage following 10am Mass. Bring a gold coin donation and support the parish launch of Project Compassion 2023. Pikelets in honour of Shrove Tuesday will be served.

Sunday 19th - 22nd

Maronite Catholic Parish - Visit of The Relics

Saint Maroun Parish, 379 Goodwood Road, Westbourne Park will be blessed with the 'Visit of the Relics of St Maroun, St Charbel, St Rafqa, St Nehmetallah and St Mary MacKillop'. The church will be open from 10am to 10pm on each of those days for our community and the general public to venerate and pray with the relics. For more information, please visit our Facebook page or call the parish office P: 08 8271 0806 Monday and Thursday 9am-3pm.

Sunday 19th

Festival of Hymns

1pm, James Lloyd, Cathedral Organist at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral will give a free concert featuring well-loved hymns played on the magnificent Cathedral Casavant Frères pipe organ. The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

Sunday 19th

Retreat Walk - Semaphore

9.30am to 4pm - Organised by Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia, this contemplative walk is along the beaches of Semaphore, Adelaide. This is a

(mostly) silent walk beginning with prayer and ending with shared reflection. The 7km walk is graded as 'easy' and is suitable for most ages and fitness levels. Cost is \$25, meet at the carpark near the Semaphore Surf Life Saving Club, Point Malcolm Reserve, 343 Military Road, Semaphore Park. Enquiries - P: 1300 392 636 or E: info@jisa.org.au Register at <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/retreat-walk-adelaide-south-australia/>

Tuesday 21st

Parish Walking Group

Our first walk for 2023 will be a shaded walk alongside Minnow Creek. Please meet at the car park above Hawthorndene Oval at 9.30am. Coffee will be outside under the trees at Joan's Pantry from 10.45am. Please join us to enjoy the benefits of walking and socialising in our beautiful environment. New walkers welcome. Bob 0412 310947 & Clem 0417 832 172

Wednesday 22nd

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass time for Ash Wednesday are:

- 9:30am at SPC with Mons Bob Rice our celebrant.
 - 7:00pm with Fr Michael Brennan our celebrant.
- Please note there will be no adoration after 7:00pm mass

Tuesday 28th

Blackwood Parish Singles and Carers Group

The next outing is 12:30pm lunch at the House of Zen, Chinese Restaurant, at the Belair Triangle, 6 Main Road Belair. Please contact Bridgid Medder on 0488 901804 to confirm your booking.

How to get physically closer to Jesus

It's easy, become a server at Mass!

There is no age limit to enjoying the experience of serving on the Altar at Mass.

Our parish is in need of regular servers at all Masses who can commit to serving our Priest or deacon on the Altar.

There is not a lot to learn and it is extremely spiritually rewarding.

Please phone Peter Shepherd if you are interested. 0403 855 203



Many thanks to Clem Colla.

Using a piece of eucalyptus knocked down during the storm last November, Clem has made a sign for Mercy Grove.

The National Park authorities have approved the design and installation.

Well Done Clem.



**Project Compassion Sunday
18 & 19 February**



Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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**

This weekend we welcome

- **Mons Bob Rice** at 6pm on Saturday
 - **Fr Dean Marin** at 8am and 10am on Sunday.
- and thank him for celebrating Mass with us.



Buy tickets today and support your community.



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Blackwood Catholic Parish

The Spirit of the Liturgy

Get a new understanding of what our Catholic liturgy is all about as you explore it over five weeks with Dr Jenny O'Brien (Office for Worship) - 7-9pm, Thursdays March 2-30, Cathedral Hall, Wakefield St. Cost: \$50. To enrol, contact the Office for Worship on E: worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au P: 8210 8130 by Tuesday February 28.

Please pray for the members of our parish community listed below and those named previously.



Sick: Jen Dunstan, Joseph Cobiac, Trevor Kuerschner

Please contact the office to have names added or removed from the prayer list

Get your tickets this week

Go to <https://www.communitylottery.com.au/> to purchase tickets and don't forget to select Blackwood Catholic Parish as the group you wish to support.

If you do not have internet access or a credit card simply collect a form from the foyer of either church. Complete your details and place the form and cash in an envelope on any of the collection plates. If you purchase tickets this way your tickets will be available in the following weekend at the Church you have requested.

Ticket sales close Thursday 2 March 2023.

Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster

	Sat 18 Feb	Sun 19 Feb		Sat 25 Feb	Sun 26 Feb	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
MC	Bart Voskulen	Terry Tierney	Jenny Horne	Leo Fogarty	Peter Donovan	Cyril Brown
READER	Chris Baggoley	Kay Conlon	Cyril Brown	Bart Voskulen	Peter Donovan	Bryce Allanson
HOSPITALITY	Kevin Gogler	Terry Tierney	Tony Ward	Louise Sortino	Tracey Tessitore	Barb Colla
	Barb Baggoley	Helen O'Loughlin	Barb Ward	Kevin Gogler	Peter Shepherd	Annette Harrison
ALTAR SERVER		Michael Anderson			Peter Shepherd	
		Patrick Rodda			Michael Anderson	Michael B
ALTAR PREP	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Annette Harrison	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Annette Harrison
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Georgian Singers	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney	Marian Singers
CANTOR		Choir			Arwin Gensemer	
FLOWERS		Claire Jennings	Barb Ward	FLOWERS	Lent	Lent