

First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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 repays 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 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a

living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation**

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week's readings - 27th February 2022
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

First Reading	<i>Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7</i>
Psalm	<i>Ps 91:2-3, 13-16</i>
Second Reading	<i>1 Corinthians 15:54-58</i>
Acclamation	<i>Phil 2:15-16</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 6:39-45</i>

**Blackwood Catholic Community**

Parish Newsletter



St Paul of the Cross
cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde
Blackwood 5051

Our Lady of the Way
4-6 Laffers Rd
Glenalta 5052

Year C

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th February 2022

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**'LOVE YOUR ENEMIES'**

The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with you possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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.

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.

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Charlie is on leave
Please direct any queries to the office

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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

If you need pastoral assistance please contact

Fr Tony on 0418 882 70

February 2022

Saturday/Sunday 19th/20th

Special Collection - Day of the Unborn Child
Support the work undertaken by Birthline Pregnancy Support, Mothers without Medicare & Genesis Pregnancy Support Inc.

Saturday/Sunday 26th/27th

Project Compassion Sunday
Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available in both churches.

March 2022

Wednesday 2nd

Ash Wednesday
9:30am Mass at St Paul of the Cross
7:00pm Mass at Our Lady of the Way

Friday 4th

World Day of Prayer
10:00am at St Peter's Lutheran Church, Cumming St, Blackwood. Please contact Barb Colla for more information 0417 589 098

Saturday 5th

Vinnies Bottle Collection
Please contact John on 8278 8058 to arrange collection of refundable deposit bottles. The February bottle collection raised \$104, thank you.

Friday 11th

Festival of Hymns
7pm, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. James Lloyd will be giving a concert of well-loved hymns as part of the Fringe Organ Recitals 2022.

Saturday 12th

First of 5 retreat mornings - 'Healing for my Soul'
9am to 12.30pm at the monastery. Contact the Monastery office on 8338 8700 or conference@themonastery.net.au to book as numbers are limited. Suggested donation \$20.

Sunday 20th

Parish Assembly
11:30am in the Cottage following 10:00am Mass. Please consider nominating for Parish Council. This is an important role in the Parish and in participating you will help formulate how we progress and grow as a Parish. Please contact Fr Tony or any member of the Council for more information to discuss further.

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

Sick: Carmel Balnaves (Cathy Luke's mother), Michael Anderson (John's Brother), Kathryn Kuerschner, Jillian Koschades

If you would like names added to the sick, anniversary or recent death lists please let the office know.



Earthcare Webinar for Families

All families and individuals are very much welcome to the first webinar about what an 'Integral Ecology' is. Learn all about it in our first webinar on Zoom on February 23 at 6:30pm. To register for Webinar 1: www.trybooking.com/BXFQU

Our second webinar on 'Forming the Heart' will discuss the first stage of the program and complete some activities related to the program. We recommend enrolling in the 'Laudato Si' families program prior to attending this webinar. Our second webinar on Zoom will run on February 28 at 6:30 pm. To register for Webinar 2: www.trybooking.com/BXFQY

**LAST CHANCE
CLOSING FEBRUARY 24TH
Don't miss out**

To purchase tickets log on to <https://communitylottery.peopleschoice.com.au/> and select Blackwood Catholic Parish. If you would prefer to pay by cash please contact the office on Monday 21st or Tuesday 22nd between 10am and midday. **All proceeds go to the Parish.**

Buy tickets today and support your community.

Visit communitylottery.com.au

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**Project Compassion Sunday
26 and 27 February**



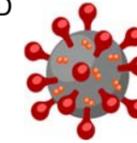
Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around 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 lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

COVID-19 CLOSE CONTACTS

We are hearing of more and more COVID -19 close contacts within our community. Please do not come to Mass if you are a close contact or are unwell in any way. This is the most effective way to protect our community.



PARISH MUSIC

The parish choir has resumed practising and performing.

We are keen to have more musicians and singers across both churches to enhance our masses. If you enjoy singing or can play an instrument we would love to talk to you.



People who are able to prepare and run the PowerPoint presentations at OLW are also needed — instruction can be provided.

If you are interested in helping, in any way, please contact Barbara in the office or on 0408 876 411 so we can connect you with one of the group coordinators.

'Caritas Advisory Committee'

Expression of interest

"Social Justice, Ecology and Peace are inseparable" (Bishop Long's words in the Social Justice Statement in 21/22).

The Caritas office in the Archdiocese of Adelaide is seeking members to join its advisory committee in 2022. Your passion and expertise would be most valued in collaboratively guiding and promoting the work of Caritas in Adelaide.

Please send your expressions of interest to E: caritas@adelaide.catholic.org.au. For more information contact Tracey on P: 8210 8172 or M: 0439 810 250.

**COVID-19 COVID Compliance Monitoring
Places of worship**

- Masks remain mandated under the emergency management directive and may be removed only to receive communion.
- If you are unable to wear a mask please show your medical exemption to Fr Tony or Barbara and your name will be added to the COVID Marshal's list.
- Social distancing is encouraged amongst people who do not regularly associate with each other.



Government of South Australia

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation

Thank you & Welcome Back

Welcome back Fr Tony. We hope the break was revitalising as we head towards Lent and Easter. . Thanks to Deacon Tee Ping and Tony Ward for caring for us while Fr Tony was away.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster

	Sat 19 th Feb	Sun 20 th Feb		Sat 26 th Feb	Sun 27 th Feb	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
READER	Leo Fogarty	Kay Conlon	Barb Colla	Bart Voskulaen	Tony Conlon	Jenny Horne
COVID MARSHAL	Louise Sortino	Tony Conlon	Barb Colla	Louise Sortino	Tony Conlon	Barb Colla
	Kevin Gogler	-	Julie Langman	Kevin Gogler	-	Julie Langman
ALTAR SERVER	-	Patrick Rodda	Michael	-	Michael Anderson	Michael
	-	Stephen Gensemer	Rebekah	-	Patrick Rodda	Rebekah
ALTAR PREP	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Mary Ann Koh	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Mary Ann Koh
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	-	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney	-
CANTOR	-	Bob McEvoy	-	-	Stephen Gensemer	-
FLOWERS		Tanis Reeves	Marta Cunningham	FLOWERS	Tanis Reeves	Marta Cunningham
MERCY GROVE WATERING	Mon 14 th Feb	Frank and Loreen Tomas		Mon 28 th Feb	Brian and Robyn Fogarty	