

**First Reading**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Year B) (JB)*  
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**

**Second Reading**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel**

*John 12:20-30 (Year B) (JB)*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies,

it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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

# Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

**Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B****21st March 2021****St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction:** Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that  
is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

Lord hear our prayer.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

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

**Communion Antiphon:**

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain  
of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it  
remains a single grain.  
But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

**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  
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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

**PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION**

Halima is raising two children in a Bangladeshi refugee camp while caring for her mother who has a disability. A Caritas Australia supported program helped her with a shelter, cooking equipment and hygiene training. Halima now earns a small income as a trainer, helping to maintain the health and cleanliness of her community.

**You can pick up Project Compassion boxes and envelopes from the foyer of both churches**

**Southern Cross for the month of March** is available in the foyer of both churches. Cost \$2.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Vinnies is holding a Badge Day Collection on **Thursday 29th April**. This is in response to anticipating that the requests for assistance will increase as Jobseeker payments return to below poverty line levels. We urgently require volunteers who are happy to give an hour of their time to cover Drakes, Woolworths or Coles.

Please contact Peter Donovan on 0413 910 234 or Eleanora Truskewycz on 0435 441 471 if you are able to assist. Your help would be very much appreciated. Eleanora

**Palm Sunday Peace Walk**

SA Council of Churches and Churches Together SA invites your community to share in the Palm Sunday Peace Walk on **Sunday March 28 2021**. It is a gentle walk down beginning at Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), along King William Road to (Tarntanya Wama) Elder Park, where there will be three short presentations and an invitation to all to stroll in prayerful presence along the banks of the Karrawirra Pariari (Torrens River).

**PALM SUNDAY**

To comply with directions from the Archdiocese there will be no procession of the people into the church. We will, instead, gather inside the church. Please ensure you collect your palm cross from the board on entering as they will be blessed inside the church.

**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) Bruce Daw, Stephen Wooding (Janet's husband), Tamika Harrison (Maria Marwede's granddaughter)

**Recently Deceased:** Magdelene Lau (Mary Ann's mother), Joan Forster (mother of Patrick Forster-Rohal), Diana Siew Eng Ling (Tee Ping's mother), Janine Kinnear, Anna Mackie,

**Anniversaries:**



**Sunday 21st March—Morning Tea** at Our Lady of the Way in the Cottage after 10am Mass. All welcome.

**Sunday 21st March- Embers -**

**Bake Sale** (our Youth Group for 12-16 year olds) is baking up a storm this week to fund-raise for Genesis Pregnancy Support. We'll be selling Lent-friendly (sugar and chocolate free) goods after 10am Mass today to fund-raise for baby goods to make baby baskets for mums in need. Charlie Rodda

**Senior Singles and Carers Group**

Please meet in the carpark of Our Lady of the Way at 12.45pm **Sunday 21st March** for our visit to the Old Government House for **1.00pm** start.

**Monday 19th April 2021**, is our April 'get together,' A Luncheon at the Torrens Arms Hotel at 12 noon. Please RSVP to all our events as we have to provide numbers of attendees.

Contact Geoff Sugars 8278 5650, Judy Betros 0439 713 017 or Veronica Poskey 8278 3813

**Saturday 27th March. Beacon**

**Emergency Relief** is having a **Trading Table 8.30am to 12.30pm** outside Terry White's Pharmacy, Main Road, Blackwood. There will be baked goods, jams, chutney and plants for sale. Money raised will help assist those in our community who are experiencing hardship.

**Sunday 28th March PALM SUNDAY—EASTER MORNING TEA**

after 10am Mass. Due to COVID requirements relating to serving meals, it has been decided to not have our usual Easter Luncheon. Instead we will provide an Easter focussed morning tea. Hope you are able to attend.

**Holy Places Appeal-Good Friday April 2**

The annual collection for support of the church in the Holy Land will take place. The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land. Parishes, schools orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from this collection. It also maintains 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

**COVID-Update March 2021**

**All people entering a business/place/activity with a COVID Safe Check-In QR code must ensure that they scan in, or provide their details on paper records, upon entry or as soon as reasonably practicable after entry. If you choose not to provide your details, you may be refused entry or fined up to \$1060 for an individual and a \$5060 fine for the organisation.**

Please ensure you comply with this directive.

**COVID MARSHALS**

COVID Marshals are asked to be even more diligent over the Easter period checking that people have signed in and overall capacity at our venues does not breach the posted levels. If capacity is reached please close the doors and explain that communion can be brought out to them by Deacon Tee Ping if they are happy to wait.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Adoration of the Cross by the congregation is to be by genuflecting or bowing only- no touching or kissing permitted. Please ensure you observe social distancing as you come forward.

**24 HOUR EXPOSITION**

Thank you to everyone who committed to specific times to sit with our Lord and those who came and sat when they had a spare moment.

**THANK YOU**

Trish and Helen would like to thank Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp, Deacon Tee Ping Koh and previous Parish Priests, together with all Parishioners for their support and co-operation during the past 13 years while working in the Parish Office. We would also like to thank everyone for the beautiful flowers and gifts we received at the Parish Meeting last Sunday. It had been a pleasure working for the Blackwood Catholic Parish

**Catholic Clergy/Laity Golf Day**

On Monday 1st March the Blackwood Parish Team won the prestigious John Mahoney Trophy for competition between parishes in the Catholic Clergy / Laity Golf Day. Ten parishes were represented. Blackwood Parish was awarded the trophy on a count-back from Henley Beach.

This is a tribute to the perseverance of our captain Terry Tierney who for a number of years has seen the team runner-up on one occasion while individuals have won awards.



Congratulations: Michael Cogman, Felix Tan, Terry Tierney, Bryce Allanson, Bob McEvoy, Cyril Brown

**Buying chocolates for Lent and**

**Easter** Please be responsible this Lent and Easter and be sure to purchase chocolate only from companies that are fair trade-do not support companies that employ slave labour! You will find handouts at the church entrance that guide you through which companies are safe to buy from. Charlie Rodda

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people."* JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognise that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't 'owners' of anything, we are merely 'stewards' of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbours and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us..