

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.' The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 18:8-10, 15

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

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

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation**

cf Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully from

*(Readings continued on page 3)***Blackwood Catholic Community**

Parish Newsletter



St Paul of the Cross
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Blackwood 5051

Our Lady of the Way
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Year C**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd January 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****'THIS TEXT IS BEING FULFILLED TODAY'**

The Sacred Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass recall incidents from the past and point to the future but most especially they affirm the presence of God among us now. This day we are called to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to all who are bound up in any way. Today we are called to be the Body of Christ in our world. The Sacred Scriptures have meaning when we can say with Jesus: "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Oh sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

**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.***If you need pastoral assistance please contact****Fr Tony: 0418 882 470****PARISH PRIEST**

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Rev'd Tee Ping Koh

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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

January 2022

There will be no morning tea or cards during January.

Wednesday 26th

Australia Day Mass
SPC - 9:30am
OLW - 7:00pm

Monday 31st

Annual Reports due
Could all group coordinators please ensure that annual reports finalised and sent to the office. So they can be prepared for distribution.

February 2022

Sunday 6th

Morning Tea - SPC
Under carport following 8:00am Mass.
Morning Tea - OLW
In The Cottage following 10:00am Mass.

Tuesday 8th

Cards and Boardgames resume
10:00am - 12 midday in The Cottage. Novices and experienced players welcome.



Our Glenalta Mainly Music will be in recess for the first six months of the year.

We have made this decision because of the worsening Covid situation. Most of our volunteers are in high risk categories and we are concerned for their health.

We have liaised with Mainly Music headquarters in Victoria, and it was their suggestion that we go into recess rather than stop altogether.

We are disappointed that we need to take this action and hope you will understand. It is a wonderful resource for care givers of the 0-5 year-olds and we do hope to return.

We are still seeking a coordinator so please give this some thought over the next six months.

Please contact Jill: 0439 408 015 or Terry: 0419 227 65.

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If you would prefer to pay by cash please collect a form from the foyer of either church. Place the completed form and cash in an envelope and drop it into the office or place it on one of the collection boxes next time you are at mass. **All** proceeds go to the Parish.

Sunday 13th

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita - Tuesday 8th
Archbishop O'Regan will celebrate mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 2:30pm with the African Community.

March 2022

Wednesday 2nd

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

Tuesday 8th

Cards and Boardgames resume
10:00am - 12 midday in The Cottage. Novices and experienced players welcome.

Sunday 20th

Morning Tea - OLW
Following 10:00am Mass
Parish Assembly
11:30am in the Cottage following 10:00am Mass

Mary Mackillop Precinct

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and in keeping with our concern for the wellbeing of the wider community, Mary Mackillop Precinct, which comprises Mary MacKillop Museum, Saint Joseph's Chapel and Bethany Centre, is now closed to the public until further notice. This decision will be reviewed continually in light of expert advice and ongoing developments across South Australia and beyond. We regret any disappointment or inconvenience this may cause you.



Masks

All parishioners are reminded that while the State is under the current Emergency Management Directive masks covering the nose and mouth are mandatory at all public indoor activities.

If you have an exemption from a registered medical practitioner please bring a copy with you to Mass or send it through to the office so we can let the COVID Marshals know. There is no need for your condition to be disclosed just that there is a medical reason for not wearing a mask.

COVID Marshals may refuse entry to a premises by people unable to provide proof of an exemption if they do not wear a mask.

We are only able to accept exemptions from registered medical practitioners.

The spread of COVID is increasing at an alarming rate and we have an extremely high proportion of vulnerable parishioners in our community.

Please respect the right of every parishioner to come and worship in a safe environment.

This can be a divisive issue and we thank you for your cooperation and respect of fellow parishioners.

(Gospel readings continued from page 4)

going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. he has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight,

to set the down trodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Next week's readings - 30th January 2022
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

First Reading Jeremiah: 1:4-5, 17-19
Psalm Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Acclamation Luke 4:18
Gospel Luke 4:21-30



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

ROSTERS 2022

Rosters will be distributed early February. Thank you to everyone who has already let me know of their availability.

Please let the office know if you would like to be removed from the rosters as soon as possible. We sincerely thank you for your time and dedication to the parish.

Thank you, Barbara

Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster

	Sat 22 nd Jan	Jan 23 rd Jan		Sat 29 th Jan	Jan 30 th Jan	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
READER	Leo Fogarty	Phil Doyle	Bryce Allanson	Chris Baggoley	Peter Donovan	Barb Ward
COVID MARSHAL	Chris Baggoley	Peter Shepherd	Kasia Saville	Chris Baggoley	Peter Shepherd	Kasia Saville
	Frank Tomas	Terry Tierney	Jenny Horne	Frank Tomas	Terry Tierney	Jenny Horne
ALTAR SERVER	-	Patrick Rodda	Michael	-	Stephen Gensemer	Michael
	-	-	Rebekah	-	Michael Anderson	Rebekah
ALTAR PREP	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Annette Harrison	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Annette Harrison
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Recorded Music	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Georgian Singers
FLOWERS		Helen Douglas-Irving	Julie Langman	FLOWERS	Helen Douglas-Irving	Julie Langman
MERCY GROVE WATERING	Mon 24th Jan	Carol and Leo Pisters		Mon 31st Jan	Clem and Barb Colla	

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

Sick: Carmel Balnaves (Cathy Luke's mother), Fr Michael

Anniversary: Anna Mackie (Barbara's Mother)



If you would like names added to this list please let the office know.