

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

A reading the first book of Samuel

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

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

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: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirah 27:4-7; 1Cor 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

# Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C**

24th February 2019

**St Paul of the Cross**cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood**Our Lady of the Way**4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction:** 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 your 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.

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Grant this, almighty God

**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.

**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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**Parish Website**

www.blackwoodcatholicparish.org.au

**Baptisms**

By appointment

**Weddings**

By appointment

**Mass Times****St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)**  
Sacristan: Maria MarwedeTuesday 9.30am  
Wednesday 9.30am  
Friday 11am  
Sunday 8am**Our Lady of the Way (OLW)**  
Sacristan: Barbara BaggoleyWednesday 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)

**Recently Deceased:  
Anniversaries:**

**Parish Walking Group** Our first walk for 2019 will be on **Tuesday 26th February** along Minno Creek. The forecast is 37C so bring water, sun-screen and a hat. We will have a shorter walk along mostly shaded paths, then coffee at Joan's Pantry from 10am. All Welcome. Bob and Dale

**Wednesday 27th February Parish Wine and Cheese Night. 7pm**

Come and learn more about the worthy charity Seeds of Affinity, which supports women in and out of the prison system. Anna Kemp, will provide an insight into the plight of women caught up in the justice system and also supported by the charity. To be held St. Catherine's school Stirling in the Treehouse (Library) . \$5 donation—wine cheese and nibbles, tea and coffee.

**Thursday 28th February 10am. Friends of Blackwood— Visitation Group**, Next meeting will be in the Cottage/Working Sacristy.

**Friday 1 March World Day of Prayer.**

**Theme: "Come Everything is Ready"**

To be held at Holy Innocent Belair Anglican Church Guest Speaker: Ted Setnikar (Slovenia)

**Sunday 3rd March.** Tea and Coffee after 8am Mass at SPC. All Welcome

**Sunday 3rd March.** Morning Tea in the Cottage after 10am Mass. All Welcome

**Weekend 2nd and 3rd March. Leaving collection** for the Day of the Unborn Child Appeal. This collection supports the work of the pro life agencies.

**Tony Egan** has a bit part in a fun, family-friendly Fringe event. It's a musical "For Unto Y'A," which tells the story of the birth of Jesus, but set in the Wild West, complete with cowboys. It's unconventional but the wonderful message of Christmas comes through loud and clear. Feb.28-Mar 3. Bookings [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au)

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"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. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.



**Notes from the Choir**

The choir recommenced its weekly practice schedule early in February and will sing for the first time for 2019 at the 8.00am Mass this Sunday. In general terms this year the Choir will sing at the early Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month and for Benediction which will follow this Mass. Some variations to this arrangement will occur to cater for special times in the liturgical calendar such as Easter, Pentecost and Christmas and, in a few instances singing for Benediction will be led by the cantor alone. We are still looking for new recruits. If you can hold a tune and if you are able to commit to a weekly practice, please consider volunteering your services

**Restoration Fund**

You may have noticed that some of our sacred vessels and brassware has been restored and polished. Quite possibly you hadn't noticed that the deterioration of the Tabernacles in each church had become so severe that if left another twelve months they would have required replacement costing upwards of \$15,000 each.

As part of our Stewardship of the resources we have inherited and hold in trust for the future we have set up a Liturgical Restoration Fund. This Fund will be for the restoration, refurbishment and maintenance of our sacred vessels and church ware (Church Plate).

**Abortion Law Reform Bill 2018**

It is not too late to write to Members of Legislative Council giving reasons to vote against the Abortion Law Reform Bill 2018. Parish Office has material to help in writing letters. Letters need to be hand delivered or emailed as the Bill will be debated Wednesday 27 February 2019. If you need help contact Alan and Helen Tyson 8364 4516 or 0412389875.

**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

**ASH WEDNSDAY.** Mass times will be as normal for a Wednesday with Parishioners and the wider community able to attend Mass at either St. Paul of the Cross or Our Lady of the Way to receive Ashes

**Stations of the Cross.** Will be celebrated throughout Lent beginning Friday 8th March at 10.30am followed by the 11am Mass at St. Paul of the Cross.

**Easter Roster** Are available in the foyer of each church please consider sharing your talents at this special time of the Church Year and volunteering for one or more of the ministries.

**Next Parish Roster 23/03/2019 to 09/06/2019** will be done shortly. If you are going to be away please let the Parish Office know by **Thursday 28th February**. **Please note:** Rosters for Palm Sunday and Easter services will be done separately.

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

**Plenary Council Survey.** Please take a few moments to complete the parish survey. Click on **Blackwood Catholic Parish** website and then on **Plenary Council Survey**. It takes only a couple of minutes and we have to submit our parish response by early March

**Parish Pastoral Council Nominations.** The Parish Assembly will be held after 10am Mass on Sunday 17th March at the Cottage. At the Assembly a new Parish Pastoral Council will be elected. Any parishioner can nominate by just contacting the office and giving your name, or you can nominate someone with their approval

**Parish Assembly Meetings after 10am Mass in the Cottage.**

**10th March—**Financial Report and Budget 2018

**17th March—**Annual Parish Activities Report for 2018

Booklet available in foyer of both churches on weekend 2nd/3rd March.

	This Week 24/02//2019			Next Week 03/3/2019		
	6pm	8am	10am	6pm	8am	10am
<b>MC</b>	Johann and Tony Conlon	Cathie Luke	Jenny Horne	Louise Sortino	Bob McEvoy	Cyril Brown
<b>Reader</b>	Youth	John Lemm	Peter Van Leeuwen	Leo Fogarty	Paul Luke	Blake Gaetjens
<b>Special Minister</b>	Leo Fogarty Maryann Lau Tony Conlon	Beatrice Lemm Claire Jennings Simon Honner	Corrie Frosco Kevin Gogler Laurence Borda	Brian Fogarty Ellie Rowe Sally Nieman	Cathie Luke Terry Tierney Vicki Davey	Julie Langman Mary Cogman Michael Cogman
<b>Offertory</b>	Hayde Family	John and Beatrice Lemm	Ward Family		Pisters Family	Mullins Family
<b>Altar Server</b>	Noah Borda	Peter Shepherd	Jack and Noah Borda		Ivy and Hope Chilstone	Jack and Noah Borda
<b>Music</b>	Youth	Choir	Georgian Singers	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller and Trish Roosa	Kathryn and Sarah Kuerschner
<b>Hospitality</b>	Brenda Parkinson	Tracey Tessitore		Brenda Parkinson	Ann Harman	Jytte Smailes
<b>Flowers</b>		June Donovan	Julie Langman		Helen Douglas-Irving	Julie Langman
<b>LOWC</b>			Barbara Colla			Bridget Medder