

**First Reading***Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

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

**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 24:4-9 (JB)***R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

**Second Reading***1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (JB)*

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

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

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

**Gospel Acclamation***Mark 1:15 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel***Mark 1:14-20 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'  
As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.  
Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets, he called them at once, and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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

# Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B****24th January 2021****St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction: 'THE TIME HAS COME.'** These are the first recorded words of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. In a variety of contexts we have probably used them ourselves when we felt that an important decision could be delayed no longer. At some point in our life, perhaps even today, the decision in question will be whether to follow Jesus wholeheartedly or in a superficial way.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

O 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.

**Prayer of the Faithful:**

Lord hear our prayer.

**Memorial Acclamation:**

When we eat this Bread and drink this  
Cup. We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again

**Communion Antiphon:**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in  
darkness, but will have the light of life.

**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

## COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW ARE RESUMING

**Wednesday 3rd February. Mainly Music** resumes in the Cottage at 9.30am.

**Sunday 7th February.** Morning Tea at Our Lady of the Way after 10am Mass. To be held both in the cottage and outside, depending on numbers.

**Sunday 7th February.** Morning Tea at St Paul of the Cross after 8am Mass. To be held under the carport.

**Tuesday 9th February.** Card and Board Games in the Cottage 10.00am to 12 noon. Everyone welcomed. Experienced or learners.

**Tuesday 16th February. Senior Fellowship Group.** Lunch at Yantzee Chinese Restaurant, Main Road, Blackwood at 12.00pm. For more information and to book for lunch, please contact Judy Betros on 0433 713 017 or Geoff Sugars on 8278 5650.

The gathering for coffee on Monday 18th January was very successful with discussion taking place on what activities people would like to do during the year. Your suggestions are welcomed.

Please keep **Monday 21st March** free as a visit to the Old Government House has been arranged for 1.00pm.

**Sunday 28th March Palm Sunday** Morning Tea at Our Lady of the Way after 10am Mass in the Cottage and the courtyard.

**The Koh Family** thank you for your prayers and message of condolences with the returning of Diana Siew Eng Ling to our Lord. It is a sad but also a joy to Celebrate her life. May she rest in Peace.

## Annual Report

Group co-ordinators could you please submit a brief summary of activities held during 2020 by **14th February 2021** for the annual Parish report. This will be presented at the Parish Meeting to be held on Sunday **14th March 2021**. Reports can be emailed to the Parish Office. Thank you.

## Urgent: Abortion Bill Update.

The 'Abortion to Birth Bill' will be debated in House of assembly on Tuesday 2 February 2021, with a vote expected that week. It is URGENT that parishioners contact their local MP by telephone/letter, plus also Premier Marshall, expressing strong opposition to this horrendous Bill. Please contact Charlie if you have queries

## Walk for Life

Walk for Life will be held on Saturday 6 February at Pennington Gardens (Opposite St Peter's Cathedral) walking to Parliament House from 10am to 12 noon. For more information visit [www.loveadelaide.org.au](http://www.loveadelaide.org.au)

## Young Disciples

We will be beginning our gatherings again on 29th January at 4.30pm in the Cottage. Last year we journeyed through the Old Testament to make way to Jesus' birth, so this year we will be diving into the New Testament to learn about Jesus' life and ministry.

## Embers Youth Group

Embers will be beginning again in February, but please note that we will not be meeting on the first Saturday as the Walk for Life is on that day! Our first gathering will be on the 20th February at 12.00-1.45pm in the Cottage (lunch provided), and continue on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Our first session will be focusing on faith and friendship formation to kick-start our year of ministry.

**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, Anna Mackie, Roger Sawley, Laura Fazzalari, Dieter Marwede, Jemima Leydon, Janine Kinnear, Sheila Ko (Tee Ping's sister) Bruce Daw, Stephen Wooding (Janet's husband)

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

## Anniversaries:

Mei Therese NB Koh (Tee Ping's late wife).



## COVID UPDATE

Venue capacity can return to 1 person per 2 sqm. This allows us to increase numbers in both our Churches, with the maximum being 78 at St Paul of the Cross and 116 at Our Lady of the Way. However, the 1.5m social distancing remains between groups not within immediate families or those who regularly associate with each other. Please ensure the safety of your family, friends and our community by ensuring that the appropriate distance is maintained if you do not know the person next to you at Church.

No singing remains in place.

There is still no Sunday obligation so you may attend at any time during the week to meet the need to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

## QR Codes

It is mandatory for all venues to now display their QR Codes. Once you have downloaded the mySA GOV app and scan a code you will be asked for your details. A one-off code will be sent to your phone and when you enter this it confirms your identity. There has been some confusion as the check in screen gives you the option to change your details rather than just checking in. This is so you can add other people who are with you who may not have a mobile phone. If you do not need to scan anyone else simply click the check-in button at the bottom of the screen. Remember that the next time you try and scan yourself in you will need to change the details back to your own. Children are not required to be scanned in with the QR code but must still be included in the overall head count at all venues. Manual contact tracing will still be available at all venues.

***If a Priest is required  
Please Call 8278 6619***

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people."* - MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

## Parish Census and Ministry Renewal

### Parish Census

COVID-19 has highlighted the need for the parish to update its records and renew ministries as restrictions are relaxed. Up to date and accurate contact details are essential to ensure Fr. Tony, deacon Tee Ping and our Pastoral coordinator, Charlie, can maintain contact with parishioners. We would be particularly keen to get as many email addresses as possible as this is a fast and reliable way to inform you of changes and developments within the Parish and Archdiocese. So please, if you have internet access and an email address let us know. If you are aware of other parishioners who have not yet returned to Mass please take a form and give it to them, this will give Fr. Tony and our pastoral team the opportunity to make contact.

### Ministry Renewal

Many of you have indicated in the past which ministries you are interested in being involved with but with the COVID restrictions ministries were placed on hold. We are taking this opportunity to ask everyone to complete the Ministry Renewal form on the back of the census form to indicate how they can support the parish as things begin to return to normal. The Altar Society have started with the flower roster and the readers roster will be next. Even though you may have offered your time for a particular ministry in the past we are asking that you confirm your continued willingness to participate by completing the form.

Some of you may feel that you can no longer participate and we take this opportunity to thank you for the time you have given in the past but please do complete the contact information regardless. All information we receive on these forms is for parish use only and will not be shared with any other organisation or group.

Please collect a form from either church and make sure you fill it out and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you