

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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.**

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **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. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

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Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter



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

Our Lady of the Way
4-6 Laffers Rd
Glenalta



26th February 2023

First Sunday of Lent Yr A**INTRODUCTION**

A TIME OF PREPARATION

The forty days spent by Jesus in the wilderness can be likened to the season of Lent. Jesus' time in the wilderness was a time of preparation for his ministry, a time in which he confronted the temptation to choose self and not the Father. For us Lent is a time of preparation for the feast of Easter. It is a time in which we are invited to examine whether the will of God is central to our lives.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**PRAYER FOR PROJECT COMPASSION**

God of all generations, we thank you for those who have gone before us, especially those who have cared for your earth and who inspire us to help respect your creation and contribute to its healing.

We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today, especially those who work for justice and peace. May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings to walk more closely with you, especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

We thank you for the challenge of the future. May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward. As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope that from now on all generations will experience the great things you will do through us. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

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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

This weekend we welcome

- **Fr Michael Brennan** at 6pm Saturday
- **Mons Bob Rice** at 8am and 10am Sunday

and thank them for celebrating Mass with us.



March

Wednesday 1st, 8th and 15th Sunday 19th Fringe Organ Recitals
 1pm at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. We welcome Val Estrella for the first recital in this series. Entry is free. All are welcome. Please phone the Cathedral Parish for any further information P: 8210 8155. The concert is part of the 2023 Fringe Organ Recitals program at the Cathedral.

Wednesday 1st Knit and Natter
 10am to midday in the Cottage. Bring along a project you have on the go or come and see what we do. Our ladies are more than willing to help you get started.

Friday 3rd World Day of Prayer
 10am at Our Lady of the Way with morning tea in the Cottage following.

Sunday 5th Morning Tea - SPC
 In the car port and meeting Room following 8am Mass.
Morning Tea - OLW
 In the Cottage following 10am Mass.

Wednesday 8th International Women's Day 2023
Uluru Statement of the Heart & Voice to Parliament Referendum
 Leith Mynott, First Nations woman, and Kenise Neill, Sister of St Joseph, will facilitate a conversation on the Uluru Statement of the Heart and the Voice to Parliament Referendum, highlighting actions and outcomes desperately needed for First Nations Peoples. Hosted by the SA Josephite Companions we will gather in recognition of Mary MacKillop, a great Australian woman whose life reflected inclusion and integrity and brought hope to others. Mary MacKillop Precinct 4 High St Kensington at 7pm. Enquiries and registration: E: SA.Companions@sosj.org.au or M: 0417871904.

How to get physically closer to Jesus

It's easy, become a server at Mass.
 There is no age limit to enjoying the experience of serving on the Altar at Mass.
 Our parish is in need of regular servers who can commit to serving our Priest or deacon on the Altar.
 There is not a lot to learn and it is extremely spiritually rewarding.
 Please phone Peter Shepherd if you are interested.
 0403 855 203

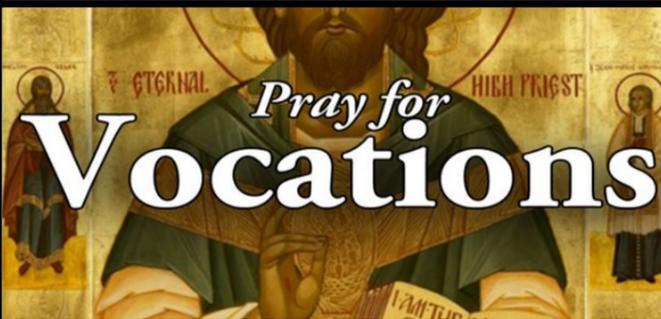


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The Spirit of the Liturgy
Registration closes this coming Tuesday
 Get a new understanding of what our Catholic liturgy is all about as you explore it over five weeks with Dr Jenny O'Brien (Office for Worship) – 7-9pm, Thursdays March 2-30, Cathedral Hall, Wakefield St. Cost: \$50. To enrol, contact the Office for Worship on E: worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au P: 8210 8130 by Tuesday February 28.



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 making you known and loved. **Amen**

Thank you Caritas AUSTRALIA

The fundraising morning tea to launch **Project Compassion** in the parish raised a wonderful \$115.
 Thank you to everyone who brought pikelets and those of you who found time to attend.
 Please remember, if you have not already done so, to collect your boxes and envelopes.
 Barb Colla
Help make a difference

Feasts and Memorials - March

7th	Saints Perpetua and Felicity	Memorial
17th	Saint Patrick	Feast
20th	Saint Joseph	Feast
25th	Annunciation of the Lord	Feast

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Blackwood Catholic Parish

Ticket sales close Thursday 2 March 2023.

Stewardship Reflection 1st Sunday of Lent
"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'"
MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

Please pray for the members of our parish community listed below and those named previously.
Sick: Jen Dunstan, Joseph Cobiac, Trevor Kuerschner,
Please contact the office to have names added or removed from the prayer list



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 Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.
 The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday March 3rd 10am
Our Lady of the Way
Followed by Morning Tea All Welcome

The theme this year, **'I have heard about your faith'** is based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, which is an invitation to active listening, grounded in prayer.
 For more information please see the notice boards.
 To be involved contact: Barb Colla 0417 589 098
Help with catering would be appreciated. please bring a plate to share.



Next week's readings - 5th March 2023
Second Sunday in Lent Yr A

First Reading	Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm	Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
Second Reading	Timothy 1:8-10
Acclamation	Mt 17:5
Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9



Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster

	Sat 25 Feb	Sun 26 Feb		Sat 4 Mar	Sun 5 Mar	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
MC	Leo Fogarty	Peter Donovan	Cyril Brown	Bart Voskulen	Simon Honner	Chris Wright
READER	Bart Voskulen	Peter Donovan	Bryce Allanson	Ellie Rowe	Carol Pisters	Barb Colla
HOSPITALITY	Louise Sortino	Tracey Tessitore	Barb Colla	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Julie Langman
	Kevin Gogler		Annette Harrison	Brian Fogarty	Peter Shepherd	Bridgid Medder
ALTAR SERVER		Peter Shepherd			Patrick Rodda	Rebekah B
		Michael Anderson	Michael B		Peter Shepherd	Michael B
ALTAR PREP	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Annette Harrison	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney	Marian Singers	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	
CANTOR		Arwin Gensemer			Stephen Gensemer	
FLOWERS		Lent	Lent	FLOWERS	Lent	Lent