

**First Reading** Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

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

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**

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 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.**

# Blackwood Catholic Community

## Parish Newsletter

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

27th January 2019

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction:** 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:**

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.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.  
Alleluia!

**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

**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*

**Parish Priest**

Fr Tony Telford-Sharp  
8278 6619

**Pastoral Co-ordinator**

Charlie Borda

**Parish Secretary**

Trish Tonkin and  
Helen O'Loughlin

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**Office Hours**

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9am to 4pm

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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 Marwede

Tuesday 9.30am  
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Friday 11am  
Sunday 8am

**Our Lady of the Way (OLW)**  
**Sacristan:** Barbara Baggoley

Wednesday 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,

**Recently Deceased:** Fr. Jim Honner

**Anniversaries:** Jackie Percy

**Weekend 2nd and 3rd February.** Charlie Borda will be commissioned during each Mass as the Pastoral co-ordinator for the Blackwood Parish. Morning Tea will follow after both the 8am and 10am Masses. All welcome

**Monday 11th February** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. 10am Mass and Anointing of the sick at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

**Tuesday 12th February.** Card and Board games in the Cottage 10am-12 noon. Novices and experienced players welcome.

**Saturday 23rd February. 6pm Mass Installation of Fr. Tony Telford-Sharp as Parish Priest of Blackwood at OLW by Fr. Philip Marshall.**

**Yoga Classes will commenced in the Cottage on 4th February 2019 conducted by Beatrice Lemm.** There will be sessions on Monday and Friday mornings and 2 sessions on Wednesday evenings. For further information please pick up a flyer in the Church porch or contact Beatrice 0405 799 210 or email beatrice.lemm@gmail.com

**Blackwood Vinnies Sewing Group.** Since the death of Elsie Moss and the unavailability of other sewers and knitters due to health issues, the group is on the brink of disbanding if we are unable to find someone who is willing to take over the organising of materials and helpers.

If you can help in any way please contact Maria Marwede on 8278 5930

**Vinnies Christmas Appeal.** The amount raised was \$4347.10. This is a great result and will greatly assist the work of Vinnies. Thank you to all who gave so generously. Peter Donovan

**Stewardship Reflection**

*“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 without expecting anything in return.

**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).

If you would like to be involved with this, please contact the office or use the direct deposit details below using the reference Restoration Fund, and also include your name. As this will be a perpetual fund you may like to consider making smaller regular payments throughout the year. Donations over \$500 will be recognised by a plaque and all donations will be recognised during the feast days of each Church.

We thank you in advance, Fr Tony and the Finance Committee.

Acct Name: Blackwood Catholic Parish  
BSB: 085 005 Acct. 489766684  
Reference: Restoration Fund

**African Catholic Community**

Invite you and your family to join in the Eucharistic Celebration of the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita Mass which will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Sunday 10th February at 2.30pm celebrated by Fr. Philip Marshall, followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral Hall.

**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 making you known and loved. Amen

**Plenary Council:  
Have your say before it’s Too Late.**

Closing date for submissions is 7th March, closing date for the survey is 4th March to enable us to compile our parish response. Plenary Council Survey is on our parish website. It takes less than 2 minutes to do.

Click **Parish News** then button **Parish Plenary Online Survey.**

With permission Pauline Webster has circulated some submissions from our parishioners to members of the Adult Faith group. They are worth reading. If you want to be on the email list let her know. There will be copies available in the church foyer for those who do not have computer access. Terry Tierney

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

**Mercy Grove Watering.** The roster for watering the Mercy Grove is below. The changeover will be on Sundays and each watch is for 1 week. A hose and two buckets are supplied and the hose connects to the tank which is on site.

- 13/01/19-20/01/19 June and Peter Donovan
- 20/01/19-27/01/19 Frank Tomas
- 27/01/19-03/02/19 Clem and Barb Colla
- 03/02/19-10/02/19 Brian and Robyn Fogarty
- 10/02/19-17/02/19 Jill and Terry Tierney
- 17/02/19-24/02/19 Peter Shepherd
- 24/02/19-03/03/19 Tony Egan

Next week: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 1:4-5,17-19; 1 Cor 12:31, 13:13; Luke 4:21-30

	This Week 27/01//2019			Next Week 03/02/2019		
	6pm	8am	10am	6pm	8am	10am
<b>MC</b>	Tony Conlon	Simon Honner	Cyril Brown	Louise Sortino	Cathie Luke	Tony Egan
<b>Reader</b>	Ellie Rowe	Chris Curran	Barbara Ward	Leo Fogarty	Christine Simpson	Corrie Froschio
<b>Special Minister</b>	Brian Fogarty Sally Niemann	Helen O’Loughlin Terry Tierney Beatrice Lemm	Julie Langman Mary Cogman Michael Cogman	Ellie Rowe Jan Fogarty Paula Wegener	Claire Jennings Peter Shepherd Vicki Davey	Jacob Van Eyk Mario Froschio Tony Ward
<b>Offertory</b>		Pisters Family	Ward Family		P Grilli and J Duchatenier	Mullins Family
<b>Altar Server</b>		John and Larry Doyle	Jack and Noah Borda		Ivy and Hope Chilstone	Jack and Noah Borda
<b>Music</b>	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller and Arthur Finch	Georgian Singers	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller and Trish Roosa	Kathryn and Sarah Kuerschner
<b>Hospitality</b>	Brenda Parkinson	Trish Fuller	Hayde Family	Cath Mitchell		Jytte Smailes
<b>Flowers</b>			Mary Cogman		Jill Tierney and Jan Dunkley	Mary Cogman
<b>LOWC</b>	No LOWC			No LOWC		