

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (JB)
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (JB)

R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in, let us kneel and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 4:16 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!
A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Mark 1:21-28 (JB)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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

Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**31st January 2021****St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde
Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way

4-6 Laffers Rd
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Introduction: Power and authority usually go together and are often confused. If Jesus exercised authority it was not in the oppressive fashion of many earthly rulers but in service of the poor. His power was directed towards liberating people from unjust laws, evil spirits, debilitating illness and the slavery of sin. It is this power that is at work in us.

Entrance Antiphon: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

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: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land

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
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

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.

Saturday 6th February. Will be the next Vinnies Bottle and Can collection day. For pick up please contact John Simpson on either 8278 8058 or 0429 302 040.

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

Tuesday 16th February. Parish Walking Group. Our first walk for 2021 will be on Tuesday 16th February for a walk along the recently upgraded Sturt Creek Linear Path. Please meet at the car Park at the Bakery 401 Main Road, Coromandel Valley at 9am and afterwards for coffee at Bake Bakery. New walkers most welcome. Bob 0412 310 947

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

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, 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

"Brothers and sisters I would like you to be free of anxieties".— 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide for things instead of worrying about them.

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