

**First Reading**

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 33:2-7

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

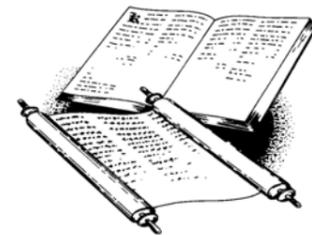
For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel reading inside the newsletter**

Next week: 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; Gospel (will be from Yr A) John 11:1-45

# Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent Yr C**  
31st March 2019

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
Blackwood

**Our Lady of the Way**

4-6 Laffers Rd  
Glenalta

**Introduction:** In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

**Entrance Antiphon:**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Prayers of the Faithful:**

Grant this, almighty God

**Memorial Acclamation:**

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess  
your Resurrection until you come again

**Communion Antiphon:**

You must rejoice, my son,  
for your brother was dead and has come to life;  
he was lost and is found.

**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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**Baptisms**

By appointment

**Weddings**

By appointment

**Mass Times**

**St. Paul of the Cross (SPC)**  
Sacristan: Maria Marwede

Tuesday 9.30am  
Wednesday 9.30am  
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, Chris Baggoley, Jack Higham, Pat Hampton (USA), Frank Tomas, Ivanka Cosic, Jennifer Brown, Patricia Pinkerton, Josie Piccolo

**Recently Deceased:** Colleen Bellett

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Higham

**Gospel**

John 9:1-41  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had

**Stewardship Reflection**

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the Canaan."* (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:  
'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'  
Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

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

**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



**Project Compassion** If you would to be involved in Project Compassion for 2019, boxes and weekly envelope packs are available in the church porch this weekend.

Michaela is a 21 year old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Notes from the Choir



Music has important, but different roles to play in the various parts of the Eucharistic Liturgy. The selection of liturgical or ritual music for the choir, and indeed all musicians, is based on several criteria-

- Is the text theologically sound?
- Is it harmony with the text of the Missal?
- Is it suitable for this part of the liturgy?
- Does the music enrich the text without overpowering it?
- Do text, rhythm, melody and accompaniment complement each other?
- Is the music able to be sung easily by the assembly?
- Will this music aid in the expression of prayer?
- Can this music be used on more than one occasion?

We must be constantly vigilant that the liturgy and its music demonstrate a mutual interdependence that enriches the worship of the people.

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

	This Week 31/03/2019			Next Week 07/04/2019		
	6pm	8am	10am	6pm	8am	10am
<b>MC</b>	Bart Voskullen	Cathie Luke	Tony Ward		Cathie Luke	Cyril Brown
<b>Reader</b>	Leo Fogarty	Carol Pisters	Corrie Froschio	Tee Ping Koh	Paul Luke	Leo Fogarty
<b>Special Minister</b>	Jan Fogarty Louise Sortino Susan Anderson	Annemarie Honner Helen O'Loughlin Vicki Davey	Mary Cogman Michael Cogman Mario Froschio	Claire Jennings Brian Fogarty Pam Buckerfield	Simon Honner Beatrice Lemm	Julie Langman Laurence Borda
<b>Offertory</b>		John and Beatrice Lemm	Kuerschner Family		Pisters Family	
<b>Altar Server</b>		Hope Chilstone	Jack and Noah Borda			Jack and Noah Borda
<b>Music</b>	Loreen Tomas	Choir	Kathryn and Sarah Kuerschner	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney and Arthur Finch	Kathryn and Sarah Kuerschner
<b>Hospitality</b>	Brenda Parkinson	Ann Harman	Barbara Colla	Brenda Parkinson	Ann Harman	Jytte Smailes
<b>Flowers</b>		Maria Marwede	Barbara Baggoley		Maria Marwede	Barbara Baggoley
<b>LOWC</b>			Pauline Webster			Kasia & Monique

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**Exposition:**  
**5:00pm Friday 12th — 5:00pm Saturday 13th April**

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Volunteers are still needed to ensure our Lord is not alone during this time. Please give some thought to participating in this special event and add your name and contact details to the roster. Even if you are unable to commit to a specific time you are encouraged to attend and sit for a while at any stage during the 24 hours.

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