

**FIRST READING**

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

**R.** Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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**GOSPEL**

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Please pray for 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*

**Next week's readings - 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Third Sunday in Lent Yr A**

<b>First Reading</b>	Exodus 17:3-7	
<b>Psalm</b>	Ps 94:1-2, 6-9	
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 5:1-2, 5-8	
<b>Acclamation</b>	Jn 4:42, 15	
<b>Gospel</b>	John 4:5-42 (Shorter form: 4-5, 19-26, 39-42)	

**Stewardship Reflection**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."*

GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness, and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

**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



**5th March 2023**

**Second Sunday of Lent Yr A****INTRODUCTION**

**OASES ON THE JOURNEY**

As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way - moments of consolation which reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. 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

**If you need pastoral assistance please contact  
Deacon Tee Ping on 0409 538 328**

**March**

The March issue of the Southern Cross will be available in both churches from this weekend.

**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 and 15th**

**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 8th**

**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.

**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@sosi.org.au](mailto:SA.Companions@sosi.org.au) or M: 0417871904.

**Tuesday 14th**

**Cards and Boardgames**

10am to midday in the Cottage. Novices and experienced player welcome.

**Saturday 18th**

**Youth and Young Adults Retreat Day**

The Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA) is hosting a Youth and Young Adults Ministry Leaders Retreat Day on March 18 2023, 10am to 4pm at 116 George St, Thebarton (Catholic Education Office). 'New Horizons 2023' is for those aged 18 – 35 involved in Catholic ministry for young people in schools, parishes, communities and movements. It's a great opportunity to gain formation, be introduced to resources and to connect with others involved in young people ministry in a relaxed and friendly environment. Coffee and tea, light snacks and lunch are provided. Spaces are limited! To register – <https://www.trybooking.com/CGBRC>. To find out more, contact COYYA at E: [COYYAADL@cesa.catholic.edu.au](mailto:COYYAADL@cesa.catholic.edu.au) or M: 0472 577 112.

This weekend we welcome back

- Fr Paul Ghanem OFM for all Masses this weekend. and thank him for celebrating Mass with us.



**SPOTLIGHT ON MARY**

**Wednesday 8th March**

Come and discover a little more about Mary's life, words and legacy!

Be inspired! These sessions will be varied. There will be story-telling, songs, short times of reflection, quiet time in the Precinct Chapel – and, of course, the obligatory 3Cs: a cuppa, cake and chat! Each session is a 'stand-alone': come once, or occasionally, or come monthly.

*Come - alone or with a friend*

**LENTEN REFLECTIONS**

Deacon Tee Ping is running Lenten Reflections following 10am Mass at Our Lady of the Way throughout Lent.

This weeks session will be held in the Church as there will be morning tea in the cottage.

Grab yourselves a cuppa and head back to the Church as quickly as you can.

Everyone welcome.



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**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**

**Mass times for Easter**

	Our Lady of the Way	St Paul of the Cross
<b>Holy Thursday - 6th April</b>	7:30pm	
<b>Good Friday - 7th April</b>	3:00pm	Confessions 10:00am - Midday
<b>Easter Vigil - 8th April</b>	7:30pm	
<b>Easter Sunday - 9 April</b>	10:00am	8:00am



	Stations of the Cross	St Paul of the Cross
	10th March	10:30am
	17th March	10:30am
	24th March	10:30am
	31st March	10:30am



**Caritas for Turkiye and Syria**

Father Charles Is Running Again For Turkiye And Syria – For Caritas Australia

Father Charles Lukati, Parish Priest of Croydon Park, has joined with Caritas Australia in raising funds to help communities impacted by the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Please support him as he runs the half marathon in Clare Valley on Sunday April 2, 2023. To join the cheer squad or participate in the run, please contact Tracey Tessitore on M: 0439 810 250.

Donations can be made via the QR Code link.



**Feasts and Memorials - March**

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

**SYRIA - TURKIYE EARTHQUAKE PRAYER**

Prayer for God of Compassion, we call on your name in times of need.

We pray for the thousands upon thousands of our sisters and brothers who at this moment are feeling the terrible impacts of earthquake.

We remember especially those who have died, those who grieve, the communities struggling with basic needs, the workers who are trying to help.

We ask that you open the hearts of all people, even those far away, to contribute to the rebuilding of a broken world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who suffers with all who suffer.

**Amen.**



**Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster**

	Sat 4 Mar	Sun 5 Mar		Sat 11 Mar	Sun 12 Mar	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
<b>MC</b>	Bart Voskulen	Simon Honner	Chris Wright	Louise Sortino	Tony Conlon	Tony Egan
<b>READER</b>	Ellie Rowe	Carol Pisters	Barb Colla	Bart Voskulen	Simon Honner	Rebekah B
<b>HOSPITALITY</b>	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Julie Langman	Barb Baggoley	Helen O'Loughlin	Corrie Froschio
	Brian Fogarty	Peter Shepherd	Bridgid Medder	Kevin Gogler	Peter Sawley	Mario Froschio
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>		Patrick Rodda	Rebekah B		Michael Anderson	Michael B
		Peter Shepherd	Michael B		Patrick Rodda	
<b>ALTAR PREP</b>	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
<b>MUSIC</b>	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller		Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Georgian Singers
<b>CANTOR</b>		Stephen Gensemer			Trish Roosa	
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Lent	Lent	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Lent	Lent