

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
 who made a way through the sea,
 a path in the great waters;
 who put chariots and horse in the field
 and a powerful army,
 which lay there never to rise again,
 snuffed out, put out like a wick:
 No need to recall the past,
 no need to think about what was done before.
 See, I am doing a new deed,
 even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
 Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
 paths in the wilds.
 The wild beasts will honour me,
 jackals and ostriches,
 because I am putting water in the wilderness
 (rivers in the wild)
 to give my chosen people drink.
 The people I have formed for myself
 will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
 we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
 it seemed like a dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
 the Lord worked for them!'
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!
 Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
 as streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears
 will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
 carrying seed for the sowing:
 they come back, they come back, full of song,
 carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

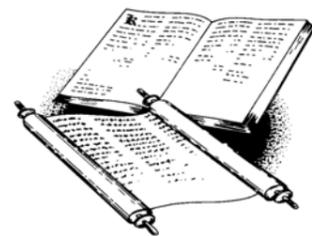
I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
 supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For
 him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on
 everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and
 be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection
 by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law,
 but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in
 Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to
 know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share
 his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That
 is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection
 of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not
 yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize
 for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
 brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All
 I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for
 what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize
 to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
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Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
 With all your heart turn to me,
 for I am tender and compassionate.
 Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel reading inside the newsletter

Next week: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the
 Lord

Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-
 23:56

Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter
Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr C
 7th April 2019

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde
 Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way

4-6 Laffers Rd
 Glenalta

Introduction: The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful
 event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Je-
 sus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and res-
 urrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus
 produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in baptism. Let us
 pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

Entrance Antiphon:

Give me justice, O God,
 and plead my cause against a nation that is
 faithless.
 From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
 for you, O God, are my strength.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Grant this, almighty God

Memorial Acclamation:

When we eat this bread and drink this Cup,
 we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you
 come again.

Communion Antiphon:

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one,
 Lord.
 Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin
 no more.

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, 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 11:1-45
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. - It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied:

'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.'

The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas - known as the Twin - said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the

Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Stewardship Reflection

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honour.

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in a low voice, 'The Master is here and wants to see you.' Hearing this, Mary got up quickly and went to him. Jesus had not yet come into the village; he was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were in the house sympathising with Mary saw her get up so quickly and go out, they followed her, thinking that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Mary went to Jesus, and as soon as she saw him she threw herself at his feet, saying, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' At the sight of her tears, and those of the Jews who followed her, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

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

**If a Priest is required call
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You may remember Salma, who featured in Project compassion 2013. At the time she was pregnant with her first child, sick and terribly frightened. In distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

Today Sunday. Morning Tea at SPC after 8am Mass, and at OLW after 10am Mass. All Welcome

Tuesday 9th April. Cards and Board Games in the Cottage 10am to 12 noon. Novice and experience players welcome.

Saturday 13th April. Palm Sunday Youth Mass. There will be no gathering following Mass this week.

Sunday 14th April PALM SUNDAY—EASTER LUNCHEON. Parishioners and their families are invited to a shared luncheon in the Cottage at 11.30am (after 10am Mass). Please bring a plate of finger/fork food to share. Drinks provided.

**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

to Fr. Tony and the parishioners who helped her last Sunday when she felt unwell during Mass.

Adult Faith Group Between the 6 people attending we had a very productive discussion on discernment at our recent meeting. Here are the dates of the next 2 sessions.

June 11th 7.30-9pm in the Cottage—The role of women in the catholic church—the ideas of Mary McAleese . We will watch a video and discuss.

July 30th 7.30-9pm in the Cottage. We will look at the last chapter of Greg Sheridan's book, God is Good.

Pauline Webster

	This Week 07/04/2019			Next Week 14/04/2019		
	6pm	8am	10am	6pm	8am	10am
MC		Cathie Luke	Cyril Brown			
Reader	Tee Ping Koh	Paul Luke	Leo Fogarty			
Special Minister	Claire Jennings Brian Fogarty Pam Buckerfield	Beatrice Lemm Simon Honner Vicki Davey	Julie Langman Laurence Borda			
Offertory		Pisters Family				
Altar Server			Jack and Noah Borda			Jack and Noah Borda
Music	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller and Arthur Finch	Kathryn and Sarah Kuerschner	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller and Arthur Finch	
Hospitality	Brenda Parkinson	Ann Harman	Jytte Smailes	Brenda Parkinson		
Flowers		Maria Marwede	Barbara Baggoley		Maria Marwede	Barbara Baggoley
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