

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17 (Year B) (JB)
A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11 (Year B) (JB)

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting 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.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (Year B) (JB)

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

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16 (Year B) (JB)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 2:13-25 (Year B) (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Blackwood Catholic Community

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent Year B

7th March 2021

**St Paul of the Cross**

cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde
Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way

4-6 Laffers Rd
Glenalta

Introduction: The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given by God to Moses on Mt Sinai. They teach us how to live in right relationship with God and with one another. If we seek to live by the Commandments we will avoid the trap of materialism, of being more concerned with buying, selling, and making money, than with loving God and our neighbour

Entrance Antiphon:

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands, and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord

Prayer of the Faithful:

Lord hear our prayer.

Memorial Acclamation:

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

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home. And the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise

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

PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION

Oliva 22 could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership.

You can pick up Project Compassion boxes and envelopes from the foyer of both churches

Catholic Clergy/Laity Golf Day

On Monday 1st March Blackwood parish was represented by a team of six golfers, Bryce Allanson was runner up in "A" grade and Michael Cogman won a nearest the pin. Our three highest scorers (Bob McEvoy, Bryce Allanson and Felix Tan) tied for first place in the overall competition. Well done.

Lenten E-Retreats with Mark's Gospel Lead
by Rev. Dr Michael Trainor.

The story of Jesus' death and resurrection offers a profound narrative to retreat with Jesus in his suffering, death and resurrection and explore its meaning for ourselves during Lent 2021. It offers a wonderful spiritual preparation for Holy Week.

Join in via Zoom to these 3 e-retreats on Saturday mornings, 10-11am

Saturday 6 March Jesus' last meal and his Gethsemane agony

Saturday 13th March Jesus' religious and civil trials

Saturday 20th March Jesus' death and resurrection

If you would like to join the 3 one-hour sessions, email michael.trainor@acu.edu.au

Exposition Reminder –12th/13th March

There are still a small number of times throughout the day where we do not have people to sit with the Lord. Please have a look at your diaries and add your name to the roster in either church. Confirmation times will be emailed or sent by SMS if we have your details.

Easter Rosters Reminder

Please check the Rosters in the church foyers. We need COVID Marshals, in particular for Palm Sunday, Easter Saturday evening and 8am Mass on Easter Sunday. If you are available, please put your name on the Roster in the church porch

Contact Tracing

Please continue to either use the QR code or sign in sheets available at all Parish Venues. Remember that each venue has a separate QR code.

Southern Cross for the month of March is available in the foyer of both churches. Cost \$2.00**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

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, 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), Janine Kinnear, Anna Mackie,

Anniversaries:



Today Sunday 7th March—Morning Tea at St. Paul of the Cross after 8am Mass.

Today Sunday 7th March—Morning Tea in the Cottage after 10am Mass

At both Mass Centres the Vinnies Knitting and Sewing Group will be displaying some of their work that will be given to needy people in our Archdiocese. The ladies meet on a Wednesday during School Term (after Mainly Music) at 11.30-1.30pm in the Cottage and during School holidays 10.00-12.00pm.

Anyone interested is welcome to come along and enjoy good company while helping the needy in our community.

Tuesday 9th March . Card and Board Games in the Cottage 10.00am-12.00pm. All welcome. Experienced or learners.

Today Sunday 7th March Parish Finance Meeting

A parish finance meeting will be held following 10.00 Mass. Finance reports for 2020 and the budget for 2021 will be available on the day. Please understand that there will be limited opportunity for questions during the meeting but be assured that any matters raised and not answered adequately will be followed up and reported at a later date.

Please remember to sign into the cottage using the QR code or the manual sheets even though you have done so at Mass.

Sunday 14th March Parish Meeting

The Parish Report for 2020 is available in the Church Porch of both churches today.. A General Parish Meeting will be held **on 14th March 2021** following 10am mass. If you have any questions about the parish reports please send them through to the office as soon as possible addressed to Peter Shepherd, Chair of the PPC. Doing this will give time for appropriate information to be sourced from the relevant groups prior to the meeting.

Please remember to sign into the cottage using the QR code or the manual sheets even though you have done so at Mass.

Tuesday 16th March—Parish Walking Group

Thank you Barb Colla for the February Sturt River Linear park walk photo. Our next walk is at 9am Tuesday 16th March along the Minnow Creek path. Please meet at the carpark at Hawthorndene Oval and for coffee after at Joan's Pantry. New walkers welcome. Bob 0412 310 947

Senior Singles and Carers Group

Remember to check your diaries and note **Sunday 21st March** is our visit to the Old Government House at **1.00pm**.

Also include on your calendar **Monday 19th April 2021**, as this will be our April 'get together,' A Luncheon at the Torrens Arms Hotel at 12 noon. Contact Geoff Sugars 8278 5650 or Judy Betros 0439 713 017 for bookings or more information

COVID-19 Restrictions

The **1 person per 2 square** metres continues to apply at all venues within the parish. Physical distancing principles are still in place and you should attempt to stay at least 1.5 metres apart from those you do not know well.

Serving of Food

Please be patient at Morning Tea and other activities within the parish. No shared utensils or platters are allowed so you must be served at all times

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognise. Many times, they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue