

**First Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.*

'Console my people, console them,' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her

that her time of service is ended,

that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,

every mountain and hill be laid low,

let every cliff become a plain,

and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed

and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,

joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,

joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,

say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,

his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,

his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,

gathering lambs in his arms,

holding them against his breast

and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

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

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

**R.** Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

clothed in majesty and glory,

wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch our the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot,

you walk on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers

and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,

with its moving swarms past counting,

living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you

to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up:

you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,

returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the earth. **R.****Second Reading**

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

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

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.*

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**DEACON**

Rev'd Tee Ping Koh

**PASTORAL CO-ORDINATOR**

Charlie is on leave

Please direct any queries to the office

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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

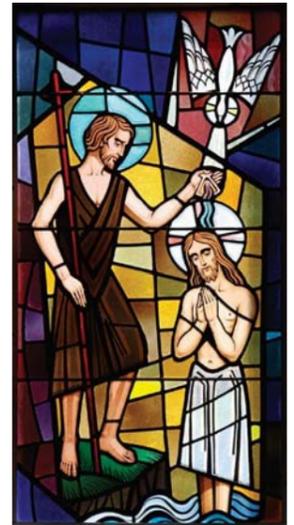
**CONFESSIONS****SPC** - Friday 10:30 to 10:55am**OLW** - Saturday 5:30 to 5:50pm**HOLY HOUR****OLW** - Wednesday 7:30 to 8:30pm**BENEDICTION****SPC** - 3rd Sunday of the Month

Following 8am Mass

**ROSARY FOR PEACE****OLW** - Monday 10:30am**Blackwood Catholic Community****Parish Newsletter**

**St Paul of the Cross**  
 cnr of Simla & Coromandel Pde  
 Blackwood 5051

**Our Lady of the Way**  
 4-6 Laffers Rd  
 Glenalta 5052



## 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022

# Baptism of the Lord

**PRAYER BEFORE MASS****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 parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who

will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. **Amen****INTRODUCTION****THE CLEANSING WATERS OF RE-BIRTH**

In Luke's Gospel, the baptism of Jesus marks the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of a new era, that of the saving ministry of Jesus. This feast, which occurs early in the new year, is a good time for us to resolve to begin a new era in our own lives. Putting the past behind us, let us commit ourselves to making a fresh start in our service and love of our brothers and sisters.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened,

and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,

and the voice of the Father thundered:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O

Lord, until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

**PRAYER FOLLOWING MASS****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**

*St Joseph pray for us.***If you need pastoral assistance please contact****Fr Tony: 0418 882 470**

**January 2022**

There will be no morning tea or cards during January.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination - Fr Michael**  
10am St Joseph's Catholic Church Brighton. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Activity Centre at Brighton.  
The invitation and details are on the notice boards.

**February 2022**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning Tea - SPC**  
Under carport following 8am Mass.  
**Morning Tea - OLW**  
In The Cottage following 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Cards and Boardgames resume**  
10am - 12 midday in The Cottage. Novices and experienced players welcome.

In line with requirements from (CSH&W SA) Catholic Safety Health and Welfare South Australia we draw your attention to the following procedure

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION**

*In the event of an emergency please follow directions of the Parish Priest, reader or commentator who shall act as the Chief Warden and take control of the emergency response. The collectors shall assist as wardens.*

*When directed to evacuate the church:*

- Move quickly and orderly to the nearest safe exit, do not run;
- If required, provide assistance to disabled persons and the elderly;
- Alert the Chief Warden / Warden if someone is unable or unwilling to evacuate
- Proceed to the designated assembly area in front of the church and await further instructions from the Chief Warden or emergency services;
- Do not re-enter the building until advised by the Chief Warden or emergency services.

**Annual Reports**

If all group coordinators could have their reports into the office as soon as possible it would be extremely helpful and would avoid you being nagged by the office!

Please let the office know if you have any problems.

The Parish Assembly gives parishioners the opportunity to nominate for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Nominations will be called for in February. The PPC provides invaluable support to our parish priest.

If you think you may be interested please speak with a current member of the PPC or Fr Tony.

**Thank you**



**March 2022**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ash Wednesday**  
9:30am Mass at St Paul of the Cross  
7:00pm Mass at Our Lady of the Way

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Morning Tea - OLW**  
Following 10am Mass  
**Parish Assembly**  
11:30am in the Cottage following 10:00am Mass

**Please pray for members of our parish community listed below and those named previously.**

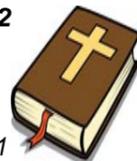
**Sick:** Carmel Balnaves (Cathy Luke's mother)



*If you would like names added to this list please let the office know.*

**Next week's readings - 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading** Isaiah 62:1-5  
**Psalm** Ps 95:1-3, 7-10  
**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
**Acclamation** 2 Thessalonians 2:14  
**Gospel** John 2:1-11



All volunteers at a Catholic Church are required to undergo Mandatory Reporting Training every three years.

The Blackwood Parish is offering a 90 minute training session on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. If you volunteer in any capacity please make a note of this date. We are able to accept Working With Children Checks and Mandatory Training from other organisations as well so if you happen to have these from your place of work or with another organisation please send them through as soon as possible.

Thank you

**World Development Committee  
News from Lolotoe**

Just before Christmas we sent \$A3,450 to the sisters at Lolotoe. They are looking for land to build a new Convent. The old Convent would have been condemned in Australia.

Fundraising in India has been brought to a standstill because of COVID so we agreed to help fund the purchase.

A letter of thanks from Sr Mary Gladys is available on the notice boards.

If you are interested in becoming involved please contact me.

Robert Cunningham

**mainly music** est. 1990



Mainly Music Team: Front row L-R: Vicki Davey, Nati Hulks, Ann Collins. Back Row L-R: Jill Tierney, Mary Cogman, Terry Tierney, Carol Pisters, Louise Sortino, Judi Betros, Mary Quirk

**T**hank you to all parishioners who donated to the mainly music Christmas book project. Your generosity enabled us to distribute a book to every child at our final session on Dec 8th.



**Mercy Grove Roster**

Please pass the buckets and hoses on to the next person on the roster when you have completed your week.

**Any problems or issues, please contact  
Terry Tierney on 0419227655**

Name	Week beginning
Peter & June Donovan	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January
Simon Honner	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January
Carol & Leo Pisters	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> January
Clem and Barb	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Julie Langman	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> February
Frances Ashman	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Frank & Loreen Tomas	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
Brian & Robyn Fogarty	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
John Simpson	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Additional volunteers needed for March and April Please contact Terry if you are able to help</b>	

**ROSTERS 2022**

The rosters for 2022 will be drawn up at the end of January. If you are interested in being involved in any of our active ministries listed below please contact the office as soon as possible.

If you could also let me know if you are going to be away, this would be very helpful. If you are no longer able to participate please let me know.

We sincerely thank you for your time and dedication to the parish. Thank you, Barbara

**COVID-19 COVID Compliance Monitoring  
Places of worship**

- Masks are mandated by law and may be removed only to receive communion.
- If you are unable to wear a mask please provide evidence of a relevant medical condition if requested.
- Masks provide a physical barrier to help stop the spread of COVID-19.
- **The wearing of masks enables us to worship and help care for our community.**



Government of South Australia

**Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.**

**Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster**

	Sat 8 <sup>h</sup> Jan	Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Sat 15 <sup>h</sup> Jan	Jan 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
<b>READER</b>	Bart Voskullen	Tony Conlon	Monica F-R	Ellie Rowe	Kay Conlon	Cyril Brown
<b>COVID MARSHAL</b>	Chris Baggoley	Peter Shepherd	Kasia Saville	Chris Baggoley	Peter Shepherd	Kasia Saville
	Frank Tomas	Terry Tierney	Jenny Horne	Frank Tomas	Terry Tierney	Jenny Horne
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>	-	Stephen Gensemer	Michael	-	Michael Anderson	Michael
	-	Michael Anderson	Rebekah	-	Patrick Rodda	Rebekah
<b>ALTAR PREP</b>	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Annette Harrison	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Annette Harrison
<b>MUSIC</b>	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Georgian Singers	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney	Folk Singers
<b>FLOWERS</b>		Jill Foster	Barb Ward		Jill Foster	Barb Ward