

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.****SECOND READING**

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to The Romans.

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Cf: John 4:42, 15

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give
me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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GOSPEL

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of
eternal life.*

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to
eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.

God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah - that is, Christ - is coming; and when he comes he will tell us

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Blackwood**Our Lady of the Way**4-6 Laffers Rd
Glenalta**12th March 2023****Third Sunday of Lent Yr A****INTRODUCTION****THE WATER OF LIFE**

Jesus is the saviour of the worlds. In today's Gospel he offers the water of life to a Samaritan woman who, in turn, becomes the first missionary of Jesus. She hurries to tell the people of town about him. We, who have received the life of God in baptism, are also called to be missionaries by inviting others to come and see Jesus.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

**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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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

BENEDICTIONSPC - 3rd Sunday of the Month
Following 8am Mass**ROSARY FOR PEACE**

OLW - Monday 10:30am

March

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

Tuesday 14th

Cards and Boardgames

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

Wednesday 15th

Churches together SA Interfaith Vigil

Praying together for peace and justice. All cultures, All faiths. 6pm in Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide. Near Tarntanyangga, Victoria Square.

Friday 17th, 24th and 31st

Stations of the Cross - SPC

10:30am followed by Mass. Please support the volunteers who have prepared this years program. Confessions will also be available during this time.

Saturday 18th

Youth and Young Adults Retreat Day

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. 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 or M: 0472 577 112.

APRIL

Sunday 2nd

Vinnies bottle drive

Please contact John Simpson on 8278 8058 to arrange collection. This incentive helps our local Vinnies raise funds to support those in our community.

People's Choice

Thank you

COMMUNITY LOTTERY

An amazing \$4,518 was raised by the parish this year. Thank you to everyone for their support. We will keep you informed on how the money will be spent.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

We are excited to announce that Sofia F, Elisa, Joseph, Celeste, Sofia K and Emese will be Confirmed by the Archbishop and receive First Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th 2023, during 10am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as the date approaches and come along to support them on the day (Mass will be followed by morning tea).



World day of Prayer

A big thank you to all of you who so willingly contributed to, supported and attended our 2023 World Day of Prayer service.

There is a saying, "It takes a tribe to raise a family", and it takes a community together, to put on such an event. All your efforts culminated in a very meaningful and prayerful service and an amazing, celebratory morning tea.

I for one learnt so much about Taiwan and its people, from the Taiwanese women who prepared the service during the COVID 19 pandemic of 2020, 2021, and our guest speaker, Pastor Tim, who shared not only about Taiwan, but privileged us in sharing his wife Sophie's incredible and moving story. He spoke with love, and a little bit of humour.

Our own Deacon Tee Ping brought it all together with his warm and inclusive welcoming, highlighting the thread of ecology running through the service, and in his final address and blessing, relating the Pope's significant message to all of us to "Walk Together on The Way".

A massive \$1,031.20 was raised, by the more than 100 people present, for the Bible Society's promotion of the wellbeing of the immigrant brides to Taiwan and their families, and toward supporting School Ministries with High School Chaplaincy here in SA, and the work of Scripture Union in Schools in NT.



Many Thanks
Barbara Colla
On behalf of the Representatives
Of local Christian Churches

Feasts and Memorials - March

17th	Saint Patrick	Feast
20th	Saint Joseph	Feast
25h	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.



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.



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everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Stewardship Reflection
3rd Sunday of Lent**

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

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

Sick: Jen Dunstan, Joseph Cobiac, Trevor Kuerschner, Chris Baggoley



Recently deceased: Alek Henschke

Anniversary: Colin Wattchow

Please contact the office to have names added to the prayer list.

This weekend we welcome back

- **Fr Michael Brennan** for all Masses this weekend.

and thank him for celebrating Mass with us.



Next week's readings - 19th March 2023

Forth Sunday in Lent Yr A

First Reading	<i>Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13</i>
Psalms	<i>Ps 22</i>
Second Reading	<i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>
Acclamation	<i>Jn 8:12</i>
Gospel	<i>John:9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38</i>



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

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

This week's session will be held in the in the Cottage.

Everyone welcome.



Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster

	Sat 11 Mar	Sun 12 Mar		Sat 18 Mar	Sun 19 Mar	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
MC	Louise Sortino	Tony Conlon	Tony Egan	Leo Fogarty	Terry Tierney	Jenny Horne
READER	Bart Voskulen	Simon Honner	Rebekah B	Ellie Rowe	Patrick Rodda	Corrie Froschio
HOSPITALITY	Barb Baggoley	Helen O'Loughlin	Corrie Froschio	Brian Fogarty	Peter Shepherd	Ann Collins
	Kevin Gogler	Peter Sawley	Mario Froschio	Louise Sortino	Carol Pisters	Judy Betros
ALTAR SERVER		Michael Anderson	Michael B			
		Patrick Rodda			Michael Anderson	
ALTAR PREP	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Georgian Singers	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	Folk Group
CANTOR		Trish Roosa			Choir	
FLOWERS		Lent	Lent	FLOWERS	Lent	Lent