

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:12-14 (Year A)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 129 (Year A)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ear be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-11 (Year A)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 11:25, 26 (Year A)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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GOSPEL

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45 (Year A) - Short Version

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary 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.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. 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.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They 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.

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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

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



26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent Yr A**INTRODUCTION**

'THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE'

The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. 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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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**

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**

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

March

Sunday 26th

Dedication & Blessing of New Hymnals - SPC

The new hymnals (Catholic Worship Book 2) with their dedication bookplates will be dedicated and blessed at the 8.00am Mass at St Paul's this weekend. If you dedicated a book please come along as the new books will be available for viewing following Mass.

Monday 27th

Blackwood Carers and Singles Group

Meet in OLW Church car park at midday to go to Beerenberg in Hahndorf for lunch or coffee. Please contact Bridgid for more information on 0488 901804.

Wednesday 29th

Knit and Natter

10am to midday in the Cottage. Bring along your own project or start to work on something for Vinnies. Novice or experienced members most welcome - or just come along for a cuppa and chat.

Friday 31st

Stations of the Cross - SPC

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

Friday 31st

Centennial Park Blessing

6pm outside in the Jubilee Complex and Function Rooms. Please register your attendance by calling 8275 2278 or email: marketing@centpark.org Light refreshments will be available following the service. Officiating Priest will be Fr John Shanahan.

April

Sunday 2nd

PALM SUNDAY - EASTER LUNCHEON

11:30am (after 10am Mass) in the Cottage. Join your parishioner friends from both Mass centres to celebrate the coming of Easter 2023. Please bring a small plate of sweet or savoury finger/fork food to share. If you have not been to an Easter luncheon, try and come this year.

Sunday 2nd

Morning Tea - SPC

In the Meeting Room or under the car port following 8am Mass. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 2nd

Vinnies bottle drive

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

Next week's readings - 2nd April 2023

Palm Sunday Yr A

First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7*
Psalm *Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*
Second Reading *Philippians 2:6-11*
Acclamation *Phil 2:8-9*
Gospel *Matthew 26:14-17:66*



Monday 3rd

Chrism Mass

6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, see below for more information. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 6th

Holy Thursday

7:30pm Mass at OLW followed by confessions and adoration until 10:30pm.

Friday 7th

Good Friday

10:30am Stations of the Cross at OLW
 3pm Good Friday Liturgy at OLW

Saturday 8th

Holy Saturday

10am - Midday Confessions at SPC
 7:30pm Easter Vigil at OLW.

Sunday 9th

Easter Sunday

8am Mass at SPC
 10am Mass at OLW



GET INVOLVED!

Join the Birthline Pregnancy Support team of telephone counsellors! You can make a real difference to women and their families facing unplanned pregnancy and pregnancy loss. To help you get started, we are offering a no cost telephone counselling course. To find out more or to register your interest, please email birthline@birthline.org.au or contact Grace on 0413 380 833. More information on www.birthline.org.au

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS

This week's Lenten Reflections session will be held in the Cottage following 10am Mass at OLW. Everyone welcome.



CHRISM MASS

April 3rd, 6pm
St Francis Xavier Cathedral

The Chrism Mass is one of the most solemn and important liturgies of the liturgical calendar. It is the special Liturgy where the bishop of a diocese blesses the Oils (also called chrisms) that will be used in the various Sacraments throughout the year.

We are seeking representation from our Parish to collect the Holy Oils at the Chrism Mass after they are Blessed by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan
 Please contact Deacon Tee Ping if you are available.



WANTED

The Parish Office is looking for a number of volunteers to undertake specific tasks.

You will be required to work on a PC using Microsoft Programs as indicated next to each role below.

- Weekly Newsletter - Publisher
- Presentations - PowerPoint (OLW only)
- Rosters - Excel
- Week day Mass responses. - Word or Excel

Training can be given.

The tasks may be shared by one or more people.

You must have a police clearance or be willing to obtain one as well as undergo mandatory reporting training.

You must also be capable of maintaining the strictest confidence and not disclose information obtained within your working environment.

Over the next few weeks additional tasks will be added.

Please contact Barbara on 0417 858 170 or bwoodpar@gmail.com



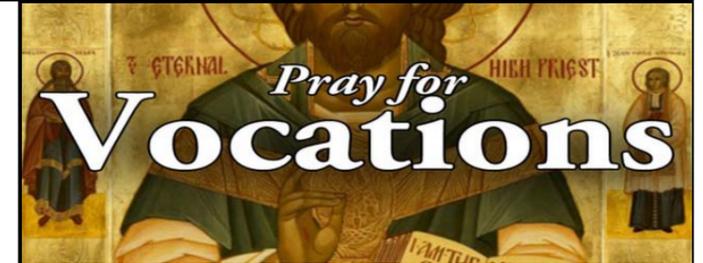
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

5th Sunday of Lent

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."



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.

This weekend we welcome:

- **Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General** at 6pm on Saturday evening and
 - **Mons Bob Rice** for both the 8am and 10am Masses this weekend.
- and thank them for celebrating Mass with us.



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

Sick: Jen Dunstan, Joseph Cobiac, Trevor Kuerschner

Recently deceased: Alek Henschke

Anniversary: Colin Wattochow

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



EASTER ROSTERS

The Easter Rosters are available in both churches. If you are not going to be away please have a look at where you may be able to help out.

Add your name and contact details and we will confirm your role.
 Thank you

Blackwood Catholic Parish Weekend Roster

	Sat 25 Mar	Sun 26 Mar		Sat 1 Apr	Sun 2 Apr	
	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am	OLW 6pm	SPC 8am	OLW 10am
MC	Bart Voskulen	Peter Donovan	Cyril Brown	Louise Sortino	Simon Honner	Chris Wright
READER	Chris Baggoley	Phil Doyle	Pauline Webster	Brian Fogarty	Carol Pisters	Pauline Webster
HOSPITALITY	Kevin Gogler	Trish Fuller	Barb Ward	Barb Baggoley	Peter Sawley	Annette Harrison
	Barb Baggoley	Jane Donovan	Tony Ward	Kevin Gogler	Terry Tierney	Julie Langman
ALTAR SERVER		Patrick Rodda	Rebekah B		Michael Anderson	
		Peter Shepherd	Michael B		Patrick Rodda	
ALTAR PREP	Barb Baggoley	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh	Barb Baggoley	Trish Fuller	Annette Harrison
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Jill Tierney	Marian Singers	Loreen Tomas	Trevor Fuller	
CANTOR		Kay Conlon			Choir	
FLOWERS		Lent	Lent	FLOWERS	Lent	Lent