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MASS TIMES

Monday 10.30am Rosary Our Lady of the Way

Tuesday 9.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

Tuesday 11.30am Rosary and Mass 12pm Nativity

Wednesday 9.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

Wednesday 7.00pm Mass Our Lady of the Way

and Exposition and Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 9.15am Mass Nativity

Friday 9.30am Mass and Reconciliation 10am -

10.30 am St Paul of the Cross

Friday Exposition and Adoration 11am - 12pm

and 12.00 p.m. Mass Nativity

Saturday 11am Rosary at Nativity

Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45 pm Reconciliation at

Nativity and

Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass at Nativity

Sunday 7.30am Mass St Paul of the Cross

Sunday 9.00am Mass Our Lady of the Way

Sunday 11am Mass Nativity

VESPERS

As advertised.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

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Holy Family Catholic Parish

Southern Hills

Integrating the Catholic Communities of Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood in the Archdiocese of Adelaide

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a welcoming, growing and vibrant Catholic Community that embraces the diversity of people and culture through our love of God.

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



REFLECTION

For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



Church of the Nativity
26 Sunnymead Drive
Aberfoyle Park

St Paul of the Cross
cnr Simla & Coromandel Pde
Blackwood

Our Lady of the Way
4-6 Laffers Road
Glenalta

We acknowledge the Kurna people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

JANUARY 2025

TUESDAY 7th

Tuesday Trekkers will recommence their weekly walk starting in the Nativity Church carpark at 9am. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

OFFICE HOURS ABERFOYLE PARK

Bianca Cotton is on leave until the 21st of January. The office will be open as usual from the 7th January.

The Southern Cross

Free copies are available for parishioners. There is a special article on the 50th Anniversary celebration of Our Lady of the Way Church and knitting group.

Celebrating the Year of Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis proclaimed 2025 a Jubilee Year for the whole Church, with the theme **Pilgrims of Hope**. The Vatican Dicastery [Department] for Religious or Consecrated Life added **'on the path of peace'**. This year, 2024, was declared a Year of Prayer in preparation. To read the attached article use the QR code and see how you, the People of God in your own parish (or region), could celebrate as Christians in our world.

National Deacons Conference Appeal: Thank you

Thank you for your generous response with your financial donation to help the deacons from the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide in hosting the National Deacons Conference in Feb 2025.



The organising committee appreciate your support, giving them encouragement to soldier on. Donations are welcome till 27 Feb 2025 as we are still very short of funds. They can be either via direct deposit or use the envelope at the foyer and hand to Dcn Tee Ping. The donated sum collected to-date is currently being audited and the total sum be published shortly. For those who provided contact details, the Treasurer is sending out a receipt to acknowledge your donation.

Holy Family Catholic Parish Website update

Our website is a practical example of how we can outreach to those both in and outside our parish. It will take another month or two before we can legally

Please forward all Parish Bulletin requests by Wednesday 5pm to parishpriest@nativityparish.com.au

All the notices to go in our bulletin are sent to the Parish Priest for approval who in turn forwards them to the editors for publication.

use the HolyFamilyCatholicParish domain but redevelopment is already underway and progress can be followed on the present site.

Our development team is keen to receive suggestions from parishioners for specific sections, or particular items, prayers, links etc.. We would also like our younger people to become involved in setting up a page to focus on issues of particular interest to teens and young adults. You can email the team with thoughts and ideas at pfc@nativityparish.com.au or call 0407613749.

Financial Support for our Churches

Our Parish is grateful for your financial support. This QR code works with any smartphone, safely linking you to the Holy Family Catholic Parish on the Giving page of the Adelaide Archdiocese website. You can then select and make a one-off contribution or set up a regular amount which we can then acknowledge as part of the Parish's Planned Giving program. You can also contribute to the first collection and special appeals using the app. For further details of our program or using the QR code, contact the Parish office or email either bwoodpar@gmail.com or pfc@nativityparish.com.au. Alternatively, you may call 0407613749.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Fr Mwaura would like to especially thank all our wonderful volunteers who put so much time and effort into the preparation of the liturgies and wonderful music at each of our Christmas Masses.

The presence, support and participation of our parishioners was wonderful.

A wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



A Message from Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

RETURNING TO THE HEART

My dear sisters and brothers,

It seems that all the world watched with horror, and was mesmerised when on Monday April 15 2019, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris was burning. How could this happen, people wondered. At the time a lot of people said it felt like their heart sank.

Only two days later, President Macron set a five-year deadline for its restoration. On the weekend of December 7/8 this year, that promise was fulfilled. Symbolically and in fact, there was a return to the heart, and a beating heart.

Whatever this year has held for you, and for some the hits seem to keep on coming, Christmas is that time where we find once again what is at the heart of life and of faith. The birth of a small child in a secluded, abandoned place, little old Bethlehem, still echoes in many people's hearts because it returns us to what is most important, that which is at the core and heart of being human and what faith is all about.

Sometimes in life we can be overwhelmed by the incongruities, or paradoxes or inconsistencies of life. However when we return to the heart of things we can see differently. We see with hope. We find God.

I think of all of you and your loved ones as you gather to celebrate Christmas this year. I picture the many beautiful churches across the Archdiocese, where you will gather to remember the birth of Jesus. Some of you may be at home, or in aged care; wherever you are, I send my greetings to you.

As we reflect upon this year, we remember another uncertain year. And yet we are inspired by the witness of so many generous people who daily make a difference by providing shelter to the homeless; feeding the hungry, and who continue to accompany people with such empathy. Seeing communities supporting one another, reminds us of the goodness which truly exists and surrounds us - we see people at their very best when we return to the heart.

This is my fifth Christmas in Adelaide, and it is home. I know that despite all the challenges that this year has presented, and often it feels otherwise, we are not alone, we are directed to the heart and dare to dream as the people of the world did that what has happened for Notre Dame can happen for us. Christmas shows us that even in chaos and uncertainty God is with us. God is at the heart of who we are.

May Christmas 2024 be a time to return to the heart; of great peace; trust and forgiveness, for you and your families and friends. May we rediscover who lies at the heart, ***Jesus Christ our true light for God is Good, Good indeed.***

2025 Enrolments are open

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PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .

Sick: Fr George Nader, Mei Koh, Ted Galkowski, Trevor Boote, Monique Crabb, David Graetz, Siegfried Encarnada, Marisa Bezzina, Lesley Souter, Trevor Kuerschner, Roger Matthews, Leonata Griffiths, Magdalena, Debra Dillon, Wendy Walter, Cecilia Quinn, Lorenzo Hogan (Maureen's grandson), Jonathan Reading Moore, Krystina Lekstan, Lisa Marie de Silva

Recently deceased: Serena (DIL of Brenda Parkinson)

Anniversary: Stefan, Nina, Mary Percy, Mardelena, Nushi, Mei Koh, Magdalene Lau, George and Helena Cartwright, Joan Forster, Julie Walker, Bridie Cogman

Please contact either parish office to have names added to or removed from the prayer list.



Parish Weekend Roster

12th January 2025

	SUN 7:30am SPC	SUN 9:00am OLW
SACRISTAN	Vicki Davey	Mary Ann Koh
WELCOMERS	Tracey Tessitore	Louise Sortino
	Dale Cook	Brian Fogarty
COMMENTATOR	Tony Conlon	Barb Colla
READERS	Damien Borda	Monica F-R
		Peter van Leeuwen
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		Corrie Frosco
		Leo Fogarty
MUSIC	Choir	Georgian Singers
CANTOR	Choir	
FLOWERS	Jan Dunkley	Jen Dunstan
	SAT 6:00pm NAT	SUN 11:00am NAT
GATES/SACRISTAN	Nadia Procter	Rosemary Buckley
WELCOMERS	Mary Procter	Gavin McGlaughlin
	Michelle Lamb	Tani Reeves
COMMENTATOR	Paul Ridings	Vee Pols
READERS	Liz Brown	Erika Dixon
	Asmitha Devanand	Paul Mensforth
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Amanda Devanand	Sharyn Black Ewa Starrs
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Bianca Cotton
MUSIC	Loreen Tomas	Duane Crabb
SUPPER	Olivia and Joel	
FLOWERS	Belinda Boote and Marilyn Monten	
CLEANERS	Rosemary and Peter Hammer	

FIRST READING (Isaiah 60:16)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look around: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the loves of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING (Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 2: 1-12)

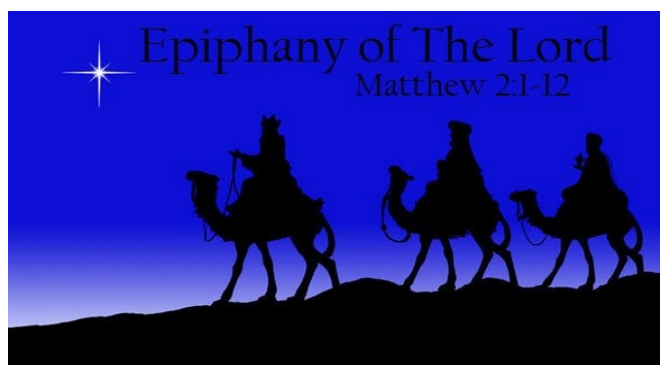
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' when King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him. 'for this is what the prophet wrote: *And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.*' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child', he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.

Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next week's readings - 12 January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading	Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Ps	Psalm 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30
Second Reading	Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7
Gospel Acclam	Luke 3: 16
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