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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

Please contact Pastoral Associate for further
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Holy Family Catholic Parish

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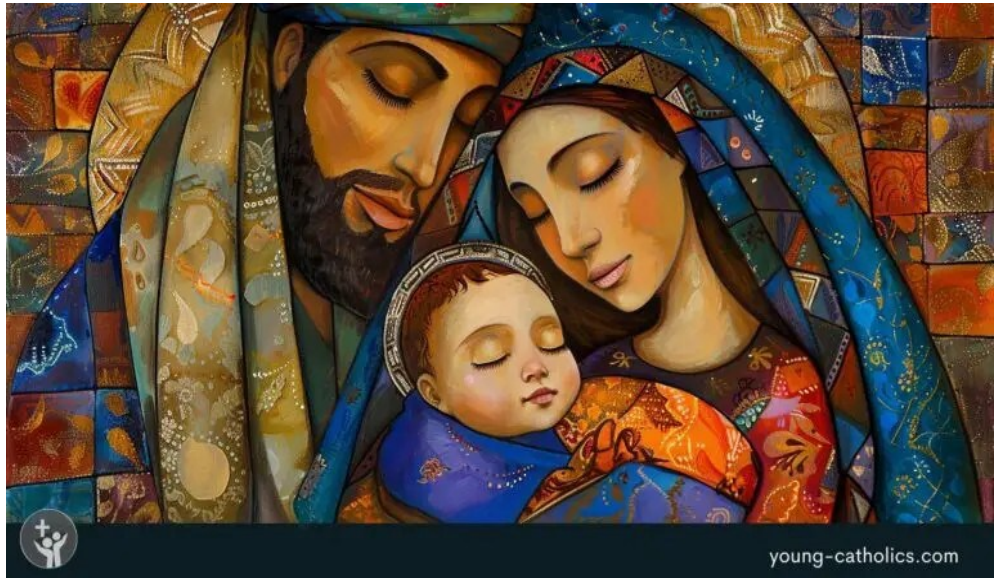
Integrating the Catholic Communities of Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood in the
Archdiocese of Adelaide

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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



REFLECTION

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Pilgrims Of Hope

Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith; helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



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.*

DECEMBER

SUNDAY 29TH

Adoration and Vespers

Feast of The Holy Family

Vespers will be held at St Paul of the Cross Church at 5 pm

JANUARY 2025

WEDNESDAY 1st

New Year's Day Mass on Wednesday 1st January will be at **9:30am** St Paul of the Cross Blackwood and **12pm** at Church of the Nativity, Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. *Please note there will be no Adoration on Wednesday evening on New Year's Day.*

PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

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 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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view our [2025 Prospectus ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/](https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)

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: George Mintoff, David Ward, Fr. James Thomson

Anniversary: Julie Walker, Mieczyslaw, Lucyna, Zofia, Bridie Cogman, Laurie Maidment, Belo Forster, Nigel Reeves, Gary Reeves, Loretta Archilla, Racheal Inaldo, Eric Kokoschko, Vic Keane

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



Parish Weekend Roster

5th January 2025

	SUN 7:30am SPC	SUN 9:00am OLW
SACRISTAN	Vickie Davey	Annette Harrison
WELCOMERS	Carol Pisters	Barb Colla
	Peter Sawley	Brian Fogarty
COMMENTATOR	Bob McEvoy	Tony Egan
READERS	Tony Conlon	Cyril Brown
		Leo Fogarty
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS		Barb Ward
		Tony Ward
MUSIC	Jill Tierney	Loreen Tomas
CANTOR	Trish Fuller	
FLOWERS		
	SAT 6:00pm NAT	SUN 11:00am NAT
GATES/SACRISTAN	Paul Ridings	Kiara Ryan
WELCOMERS	Nadia Procter	Rosemary Buckley
	Gemma Roberts	Mary Procter
COMMENTATOR	Charlotte Jeijka	Millie Starrs
READERS	Kellie Matalone	Allan Rebello
	Gilda Gaufo	Mitchell Ryan
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Liz Brown	Rene Pols David Higgins
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Ewa Starrs
MUSIC	Computer	Dan Ryan
SUPPER		
FLOWERS		
CLEANERS	Maria and James Robertson	

FIRST READING *Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28*

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him'.

When a year had gone by the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for and the Lord granted e what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 83: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R.**
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING *St John 3: 1-2, 21-24*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's

presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these: That we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Acts 16: 14*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 2: 41-52*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors,, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' 'But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature and in favour with God and men.

Next week's readings - 5 January 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading	Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Ps	Psalm 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Second Reading	Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel Acclam	Matthew 2:2
Gospel	Matthew 2:1-12



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