



# Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

## *Archbishop of Adelaide*

30<sup>th</sup> May, 2024  
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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

### **RE: Holy Family Catholic Parish**

Grace and peace, I hope that this note finds you well.

The first reading in today's Mass is from 1 Peter 2: 9-10. It reminds us of who we are:

*"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people at all and now you are the People of God; once you were outside the mercy and now you have been given mercy."*

I am writing to you today to advise you that the Parishes of Aberfoyle Park and Blackwood have been merged by decree and will hence forth be known as Holy Family Catholic Parish.

I have appointed Fr Paul Mwaura as Parish Priest. Deacon Tee Ping will also serve as Deacon, in this new Parish.

The Community, with the support of Parish leadership and Archdiocesan staff have been on a journey for just under 12 months that has involved consultation, prayer, communication, and development. The new naming of the new Parish and working towards becoming one Parish.

A combined Parish Pastoral Council began meeting at the beginning of year. I met with them on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to listen to their reflections about the process and any learnings, and to communicate my ratification of the process. There was an overall positive support around the process and the announcement of the new name.

The Parish will continue to review appropriate Mass times, and this will be dealt with at a local level. Further Parish listening sessions will be run in the Parish in late June around this. Property and finance matters will be dealt with by the Parish Finance Council, in conjunction with the Archdiocese.

If you have any questions, you are encouraged to contact Fr Dean Marin, Vicar General [vicargeneral@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:vicargeneral@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or Sarah Moffatt [smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au)

In Domino,

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