



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Northern Light Parish

Communities: Balaklava, Freeling, Hamley Bridge, Kapunda
Mallala, Nuriootpa, Pt Wakefield, Tarlee

Year A Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2026

PARISH MISSION

We will be a welcoming, diverse and inclusive parish and an evangelizing faith filled community, compassionate to all.

PARISH VISION

A flourishing community guided by the Holy Spirit to an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

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Responsorial Psalm: Ps 129

Response: *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

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

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.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

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.

Gospel: *John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45*

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Year A Sunday, 29th March 2026

Entrance *Matthew 21:1-11*

1st Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading *Philippians 2:6-11*

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel *Matthew 26:14 – 27:66*



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - March **For disarmament and peace.**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Stefan Zimmerman, John Kain, Gail Newburn, Lorraine Hayes, Monsignor John Swann, Inez Healy, Bat Tran

DECEASED: Kathleen Hayes, Bernie Giersch

ANNIVERSARIES: We remember Jill O'Reilley, Jill Mosey, Darrell Hearnden, Brian White, Fr Bill Modystack whose anniversaries occur about this time.

We keep in mind and our prayers for the many people from our community who are ill, and those who care for them, those who have died and those who grieve.

CATHOLIC CORNER



REVISIT YOUR LENTEN COMMITMENTS

"Take a moment to review the promises you made at the beginning of Lent. Whether it was fasting from a specific food, giving up a habit or dedicating time to prayer, assess how well you've kept these commitments. If you've veered off track, use these remaining days to recommit and finish strong.

Intensify your prayer life; attend Holy Week services; read the Passion narratives; practice almsgiving; forgive and seek forgiveness, reflection of the Stations of the Cross; fast with purpose; read spiritual books or devotionals ..."

(EWTN)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



ST ROSE CHURCH

Op Shop Roster: March

3rd Kerry, 10th Bernie, 17th Heather, 24th Chris, 31st Cheryl

Cailins – 3rd Thursday of month

Kath Ryan 0458 662 999

Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of month.

Contact: Kath Ryan

Morning Tea

1st Sunday of month

Shared Meal after 4.30pm Mass

4th Sunday of month. Bring a dish to share

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH

Rosary - Tuesdays 10am

Nardy Elkins 0418 840 662

Friday Morning Tea – 10.30am

Liz Henderson 0408 179 841

Care and Share – 3rd Tuesday of month

Val Stokes 0408 623 895

Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass

3rd Sunday of Month.

Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of month during school term

Contact: Del Hearnden.

LENTEN REFLECTION – Weekly Saturday

St Rose Meeting Rooms 10.30-11.30am.

Bring a Missal. Contact: John Hayes 0488 245 990



NLP COMMUNITY NEWS



Anointing of the Sick – March

Fr My Tran will be carrying out the blessing throughout the month of March at all Mass centres, hospitals and nursing homes within NLP and at individual homes as needed.

FUNERAL

Kathleen Hayes, Balaklava Parishioner and mother of John Hayes – Thursday 26 March at 11am, Balaklava



At this stage Thursday Mass at Kapunda 9.30am will still proceed unless notified otherwise.

RCIA CANDIDATES

Presentation of the "Our Father" Sunday 22 March and Sacrament of First Confession 4-4.30pm

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY MEETING ROOM

All parishioners are encouraged to use the Meeting Room for any Church related function. It would be appreciated, however, if when it is required a responsible person book the room in advance to avoid a conflict of usage.

An appropriate book is located on the shelf in the kitchen.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
Pat Macdonald OLOV



COMING EVENTS

Stations of the Cross - Fridays through Lent
St Rose Kapunda, 7.00pm

CONFESSION TIMES

Tarlee	Wednesday	4-Mar	after	11.00am Mass
Nuriootpa	Sunday	15-Mar	before	9.30am Mass*
Balaklava	Sunday	15-Mar	after	2.00pm Mass
Pt Wakefield	Sunday	22-Mar	before	9.30am Mass*
Mallala	Sunday	22-Mar	after	11.15am Mass
Kapunda	Sunday	22-Mar	after	4.30pm Mass **
Freeling	Wednesday	25-Mar	after	11.00am Mass
Hamley Bridge	Sunday	29-Mar	after	11.15am Mass
*Nuriootpa & Pt Wakefield from 8.30am-9.30am				

PALM Sunday 29 March – Kapunda parishioners please make other arrangements, scheduled LWC is cancelled. For nearby Masses see back of Bulletin.

EASTER MASS TIMES – Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, April 2nd
7pm at Kapunda

Good Friday, April 3rd

Stations of the Cross 11am at Kapunda

Passion of the Lord 3pm OLOV

Easter Vigil Saturday, April 4th, 7pm at Kapunda

Easter Sunday, April 5th

9am Mass OLOV

9am Mass Balaklava (Fr Leon)

11.15am Hamley Bridge

PPC MEETING Wednesday 8 April at 7pm, Kapunda



THE PEOPLE OF GOD and the Archdiocesan Synod

"... a reminder that each of us, ... is called to exercise our Baptismal responsibilities as priest, prophet and king... **Priest:** called to live a life of service, charity, and prayer. **Prophet:** called to give witness to Christ's love in word and action. **King:** called to be leaders in the way of Jesus, in service and humility, seeking justice, raising up the lowly, and laying our lives down out of love."

Reflection Question: In what ways are you called to live out your baptismal identity?



Good Friday Night Walk

Young people and families are warmly invited to join an evening pilgrimage walk through the heart of the city. As we journey together into the stillness of the night, we will pause to reflect on the

significance of this sacred day and create space for hope, even in moments of darkness. **Date:** Friday 3 April 2026

Time: 7:30pm start until approx 11:30pm

Walking Distance: Approx 6–6.5km

What to Expect: 3 moments of contemporary prayer, reflection, and worship—at the beginning, midpoint, and end of the pilgrimage.

Free Registration using the QR Code or thru: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIYHL>



PLEASE NOTE: Holy Places Appeal Friday 3 April Collections will be taken up to support the life and works of all Christians in the Middle Eastern regions, especially in the light of recent happenings.

11am Stations of the Cross at Kapunda

3pm Passion of the Lord at Nuriootpa

PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return ENVELOPES & BOXES anytime during the Triduum – from HOLY THURSDAY onwards. There will be collection plates at entrances and/or place them into the collection plates at your local church centre. Many thanks.



Sent in by parishioner Bill Reilly

GROWING IN FAITH - DID YOU KNOW?

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Wednesday 25th March

Christ and Mary are our models for how salvation is accomplished **by fidelity to God's will**. For this reason, Christ came into the world: *'Behold, I come to do your will.'* Like Mary, we, too, must conform our wills to God's *"let what you have said be done to me."*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Balaklava *Seeking Rep*
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Kapunda
 Kylie Hayes 0493 450 635
Mallala
 Margaret Sands 0459 265 464
Nuriootpa
 Marie Wittwer 0429 064 232
Pt Wakefield
 Lucio Guden 0413 783 393

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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 Adrian McCabe 0427 973 024
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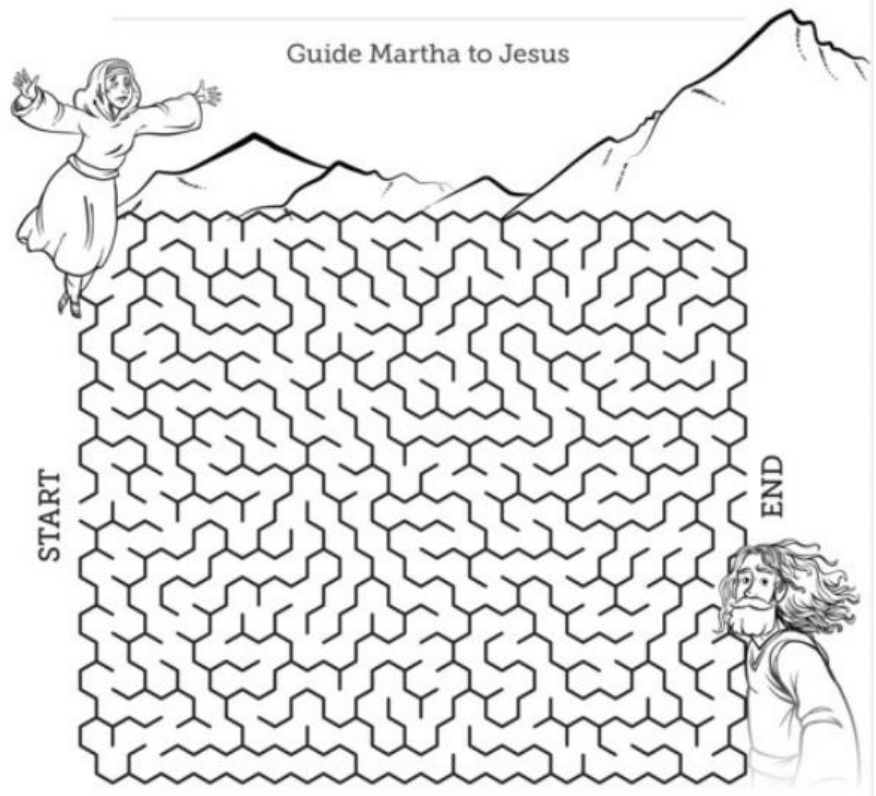
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**"I AM"
 THE RESURRECTION &
 THE LIFE**



Dear Jesus,
 You said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life."
 Help us to believe in You like Martha did.
 When we feel afraid or sad, remind us that You are always with us.
 Help our hearts to trust in You and to follow You each day. Amen



The Northern Light Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Community	Address	1 Mar	8 Mar	15 Mar	22 Mar	*29 Mar
Nuriootpa	Our Lady of the Valley 26 Gawler St, Nuriootpa	10.30am LWC	4.30pm Mass	9.30am Mass	10.30am LWC	9.30am Mass
	St Rose of Lima Branson Cres, Kapunda	9.30am Mass	10.30am LWC	11.15am Mass	4.30pm Mass	NO MASS
Hamley Bridge	Our Lady of the Nativity Albert St, Hamley Bridge	11.15am Mass				11.15am Mass
Mallala	St Malachy's Wasleys Rd, Mallala		11.15am Mass		11.15am Mass	
Balaklava	St Andrew's 13 Baker St, Balaklava		9.30am Mass	2.00pm Mass		2.00pm Mass
Pt Wakefield	St Vincent de Paul 25 Edward St, Pt Wakefield	2.00pm Mass			9.30am Mass	
Freeling	St Benedict's 25 Gray St, Freeling	Monthly Weekday Mass Only				
Tarlee	Sts John & Paul, 3481 Horrocks Hwy, Tarlee	Monthly Weekday Mass Only				

WEEKDAY MASS

MONTHLY WEEKDAY MASS

NURSING HOME MASS

Nuriootpa	Kapunda	Tarlee	Balaklava	Freeling	Walara	Barossa Village
Fri 10.00am	Thurs 9.30am	1 st Wed 11.00am	2 nd Wed 11.00am	4 th Wed 11.00am	3 rd Wed 10.30am	Roster by BV