



# St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Northern Light Parish

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

Year A Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

29 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.*

## ADMINISTRATOR PRIEST

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**Entrance** *Matthew 21:1-11* (read outside)  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

**Second Reading:** *Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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*

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



**READINGS**

**HOLY WEEK – PASCHAL TRIDUUM - Year A**

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

**First Reading:** *Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 115:12-13, 15-18*

**R.** Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ.

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:** *John 13:1-15*

**Good Friday, Passion of the Lord**, 3 April, 3pm at OLOV, Nuri

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 30:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25*

**R.** Father, I put my life in your hands.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

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.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel:** *John 18:1 - 19:42*

**Easter Vigil Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**, 7.00pm at Kapunda

**First Reading:** *Genesis 1: 1, 26-31*

**R.** Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

**Second Reading:** *Exodus 14:15 - 15:1*

**R.** Let us sing to the Lord; he has covered himself in glory

**Third Reading:** *Isaiah 54:5-14*

**R.** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

**Fourth Reading:** *Romans 6:3-11*

**R.** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Matthew 28:1-10*

**Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am at Nuriootpa and Balaklava

**First Reading:** *Acts 10:34, 37-43*

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (JB)*

**R.** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad

**Second Reading:** *Colossians 3:1-4*

**SEQUENCE**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** *John 20:1-9*



**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, Peter Swann, Inez Healy, Bat Tran

**DECEASED:** Kathleen Hayes, Bernie Giersch, Michael Brady

**ANNIVERSARIES:** We remember Raymond Higgins, Joyce Dawson, Donald Gaghan 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**

**Feast Day of Divine Mercy**

A Catholic devotion emphasizing God's infinite love and mercy, based on private revelations given to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. It centres on trusting in Jesus, receiving his mercy, and being merciful to others, featuring specific prayers like the Chaplet, the Novena (which commences on Good Friday), the 3 o'clock prayer, and Divine Mercy Sunday.

**This year the feast day falls on Sunday 12 April.** More information on noticeboards and attached to email.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

**ST ROSE CHURCH**

**Op Shop Roster: March**

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





**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.

**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.

**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY MEETING ROOM**

All parishioners are encouraged to use the Meeting Room for any Church related function. All Bookings to be written in book located on the shelf in the kitchen. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.  
*Pat Macdonald OLOV*

**CHRISM MASS**

We welcome all to celebrate **Mass of the Oils** on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March** at St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral at 6.00pm. Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact Community, Life and Worship on 8210 8130



**COMING EVENTS**

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

**CONFESSION TIMES**

Hamley Bridge Sunday 29 March after 11.15am Mass



**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, Nuri  
**Easter Vigil** Sat. April 4th  
7pm at Kapunda  
**Easter Sunday**, April 5th  
9am Mass OLOV, Nuri  
9am Mass Balaklava (Fr Leon)  
11.15am Hamley Bridge

**PPC MEETING** Wednesday 8 April at 7pm, Kapunda



**We are not alone other Parishes are facing the same challenges.**

A Synod Retreat was held this month in Adelaide for those who are representing the Parishes of the Archdiocese in the upcoming Diocesan Synod. Results from the dialogue week from across the Archdiocese were given. There are many of the Parishes with similar issues to ours. In times of uncertainty it can often feel as though the Northern Light Parish is facing its struggles in isolation. Declining attendances, financial pressures, volunteer fatigue, changing communities, plus, Parish Priests today have much larger Parishes to service, especially in the rural and regional areas. All these needs can weigh heavily on even the most committed congregations. However, it is important to remember that we are not alone in this experience. Across the Nation many Parishes are facing similar challenges. Shifts in demographics, evolving expectations of parish life and the broader pace of modern living have impacted communities of faith everywhere. What we are experiencing is not unique to us, but felt also by part of the wider Communities. This shared reality offers not just perspective, but also hope. Other Parishes have begun to respond in a synodal way following Pope Francis’ encyclical, strengthening Parish Communities, pastoral care and outreach and finding new ways to engage people of all ages. Their experiences remind us that while the landscape may be changing, the mission remains strong. Rather than viewing our situation in isolation, we can see it as a collective journey. By learning from others, supporting one another and remaining open to renewal, we can move forward with confidence and faith. **We are not alone. Together there is a way ahead.**  
Geoff Redden



**Good Friday Night Walk**

Young people and families are warmly invited to join an evening pilgrimage walk through the heart of the city.

SEE POSTER AT LOCAL CHURCH CENTRE



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

**UNITED PUBLIC ROSARY – HOLY SATURDAY (FIRST SATURDAY)** 8.40am Saturday April 4, 2026

For the only time this year, the Legion of Mary Public Rosary and the Adelaide Men’s Rosary Crusade will unite in one powerful public witness of prayer, praying the Rosary together in solidarity for peace, conversion, and the salvation of souls. Location: Mary MacKillop Plaza (adjacent St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral)

🙏 All welcome – families, men, women, and children  
Enquiries: LoM - Patrick Greenrod: 0414769635  
Adelaide Men’s Rosary Crusade – Instagram @adelaidemensrosary or text 0419 824 582

**GROWING IN FAITH - DID YOU KNOW?**

*"Blessed palms and olive branches are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory."*

According to Canon Law (1171), blessed items are to be treated with reverence. If there is a need to dispose of such items, they must be buried or burned or return unwanted palms to the parish to be used in making ashes for Ash Wednesday the following year.

**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  
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

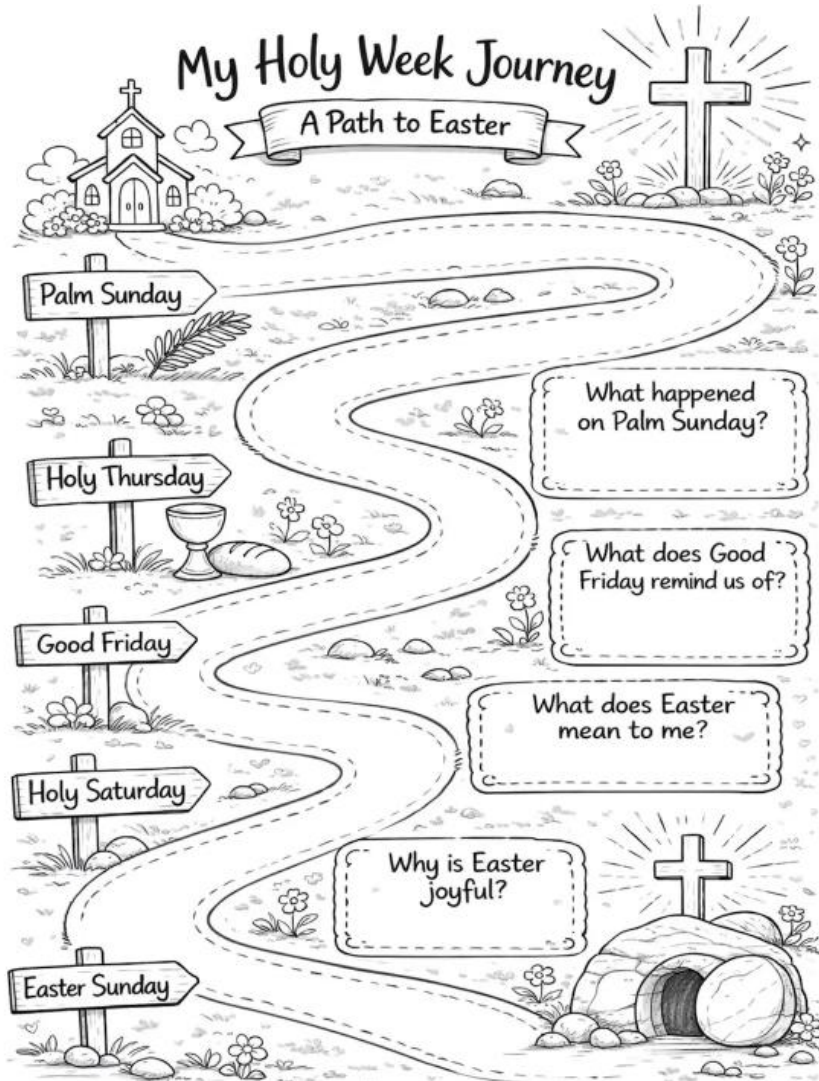
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The Northern Light Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk.

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

Community	Address	29 Mar	4/5 Apr	12 April	19 April	26 April
<b>Nuriootpa</b>	Our Lady of the Valley 26 Gawler St, Nuriootpa	9.30am Mass	9.00am Mass	4.30pm Mass	9.30am Mass	10.30am LWC
	St Rose of Lima Branson Cres, Kapunda	NO MASS	7.00pm Vigil Mass	10.30am LWC	11.15am Mass	4.30pm Mass
<b>Hamley Bridge</b>	Our Lady of the Nativity Albert St, Hamley Bridge	11.15am Mass	11.15am Mass			
<b>Mallala</b>	St Malachy's Wasleys Rd, Mallala			11.15am Mass		11.15am Mass
<b>Balaklava</b>	St Andrew's 13 Baker St, Balaklava	2.00pm Mass	9.00am Mass	9.30am Mass	2.00pm Mass	
<b>Pt Wakefield</b>	St Vincent de Paul 25 Edward St, Pt Wakefield					9.30am Mass
<b>Freeling</b>	St Benedict's 25 Gray St, Freeling	Monthly Weekday Mass Only				
<b>Tarlee</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> Wed 11.00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed 11.00am	4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 11.00am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 10.30am	Roster by BV