



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Northern Light Parish

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

Year A

The Resurrection of the Lord

5 April 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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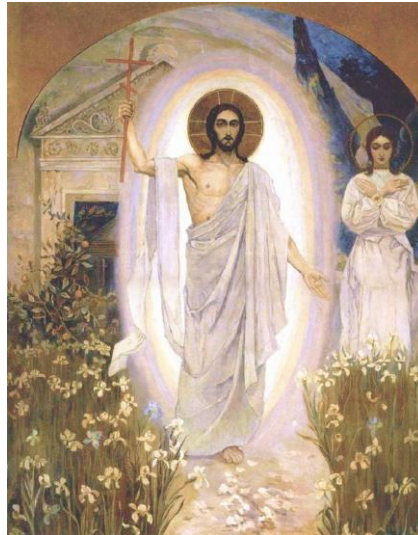
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First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain

witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation
Sequence (to be read 1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

All:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9
It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'
So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A April 12th
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

1st Reading Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting

2nd Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - APRIL



For priests in crisis.

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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, Judy Huezenroeder

ANNIVERSARIES: We remember Len Biagi, Colin Ronald Falkenberg, Peter, John, Anthony Hart, Mark McCarthy 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

8 DAYS OF ALLELUIA'S: CELEBRATING EASTER OCTAVE



For Catholics, the joy of Easter Sunday is so immense that it cannot be contained to a single day. In fact, the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ for eight full days, culminating in the feast of Divine Mercy Sunday (see previous bulletin). This eight-day period is known as the Easter Octave, and it is a time of profound grace and spiritual renewal. But the Easter Octave is more than just a prolonged feast. The Church teaches that during this time, the floodgates of God's mercy are opened wide, and special graces are available to the faithful. These graces flow from Christ's Paschal Mystery – his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension – and are poured out in abundance through the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



ST ROSE CHURCH

Op Shop Roster: APRIL

7th Heather, 14th Bernie, 21st Cheryl, 28th Chris

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION – resuming mid April



As this is my first Easter celebration with the parish, I thank everyone who has assisted with the preparations of the Holy Triduum ensuring that all are able to have a good and meaningful celebration. I wish everyone a Happy Easter and abundant blessings from Our Lord to guide, every one step, of their individual life within our Northern Light Parish. Happy Easter.

Fr My Tran



BAPTISM of ALORA WINNIE RAE SARA

celebrated by Fr Leon Czechowicz, Easter Sunday at Balaklava. The Northern Light Parish along with local church community, St Andrew's, welcomes Alora, her parents, family and friends

WE WELCOME to the Northern Light Parish CANDIDATES; Jane Comas, Ann Cooper, Kasey Hancock entering into full Communion with the Catholic Church on the Easter Vigil



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.



FUNERAL

OLOV parishioner Judy Huezenroeder's Funeral will be held at St Rose Catholic Church on Friday 10th April at 10.30am celebrated by Monsignor John.



COMING EVENTS

PPC MEETING Wednesday 8 April at 7pm, Kapunda

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET –Sunday 12 April, 3pm – St Rose, 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

THEOLOGY @ THE BAR

Faith, ideas & conversation.

Come along, all welcome! 6:30pm start for 7pm talk. Interstate Guest speaker: Fr Jerome Santamaria (from Melbourne).

Date: Wed April 15. At the Ern Malley Bar, Magill Rd, Stepney SA.

Snacks, toasties and drinks available at the bar



We celebrate **with parishioners of Polish Heritage**, the feast day of their **patron St Stanislaus (11 April), Bishop and Martyr**

Archbishop of Kraków, [Karol Wojtyła](#). Wojtyła, as [Pope John Paul II](#), called *Saint Stanislaus the patron saint of moral order.*

GROWING IN FAITH - DID YOU KNOW?

At Easter, we rejoice in the empty tomb—Jesus's resurrection. Easter is the day Jesus rose from the dead after being crucified. The empty tomb means that Jesus's words rang true. He fulfilled the promises of Scripture and conquered sin and death. Had Jesus not risen from the dead, the world would have seen Him as just a prophet or teacher instead of who he is: the Son of God, the Messiah. Jesus overcoming death is the reason we know His name today. It's the foundation of all Christianity. With His death and resurrection, Jesus opened heaven to all of us. Because of Easter, we know that no matter what sufferings we experience or what sins we struggle with, God is always with us. Easter is everything. <https://hallow.com/easter/#intro>

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

CAN YOU GUESS WHO I AM?
 Draw a line from the clue to the person it describes.



 Mary Magdalene


I was crying, but then I heard Jesus say my name and saw Him standing in front of me!


 Simon Peter



 Angel


I was guarding Jesus' tomb. When I saw the angel, I got very scared.


 Roman Guard



 Angel

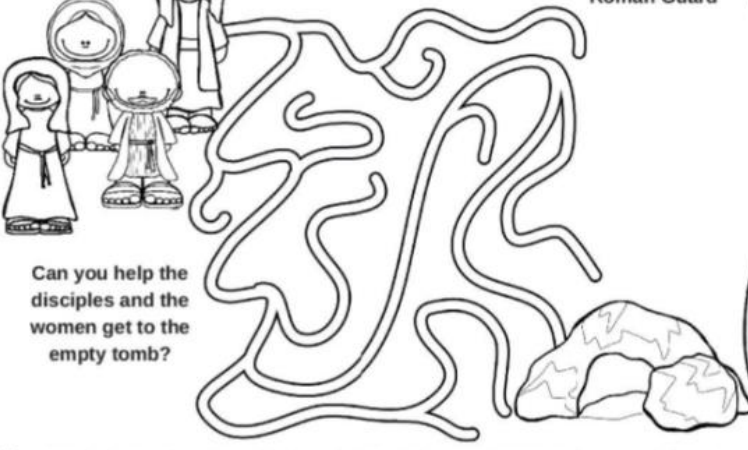
Jesus asked me if I loved Him three times - and I said "Yes".


 Roman Guard


 Mary Magdalene

I told the women, "Do not be afraid; Jesus has risen from the dead!"


 Roman Guard



Can you help the disciples and the women get to the empty tomb?

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

| Community | Address | 4/5 Apr | 12 Apr | 19 Apr | 26 Apr | 3 May |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Nuriootpa | Our Lady of the Valley 26 Gawler St, Nuriootpa | 9.00am Mass | 4.30pm Mass | 9.30am Mass | 10.30am LWC | 10.30am LWC |
| | Kapunda St Rose of Lima Branson Cres, Kapunda | 7.00pm Vigil | 10.30am LWC | 11.15am Mass | 4.30pm Mass | 9.30am 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 | 9.00am Mass | 9.30am Mass | 2.00pm Mass | | |
| Pt Wakefield | St Vincent de Paul 25 Edward St, Pt Wakefield | | | | 9.30am Mass | 2.00pm 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 |