



# St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Northern Light Parish

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

Year A

Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

12 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.*

## ADMINISTRATOR PRIEST

Fr My Tran

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## First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according

to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

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

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. **R.**

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

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

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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

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

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year A April 19<sup>th</sup>

**1st Reading** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

**R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

**2nd Reading** 1 Peter 1:17-21

### Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

### Alleluia!

**Gospel** Luke 24:13-35



## 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, Inez Healy, Bat Tran

**DECEASED:** Peter Swann, Judy Huezenroeder, Kathleen Hayes, Bernie Giersch,

**ANNIVERSARIES:** We remember Mark McCarthy, Joan McAuley, Rose Ryan, Peter Goodfellow, Francis Clair Spain 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

### EASTER SEASON

The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation **as one feast day**, or better as one "great Sunday." The 50-day Eastertide, is the longest season on the Church calendar. These above all others are the days for the **singing of the Alleluia**.

### Introduction to the Via Lucis

The Stations of the Light is a spiritual journey with Christ that takes one through fourteen of the most inspiring events of His post-Resurrection life on earth. In the early Church this practice was known as the Via Lucis, or Way of the Resurrection. It invites participants to walk along a path of transforming joy by following in the footsteps of the Risen Christ and his friends. (*Similar to Stations of the Cross*)

[Download the accompanying prayer guide.](#)

## 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 SORAYA SHARI APPLETON** at Mallala. The Northern Light Parish along with the local church community, at St Malachy, welcomes Soraya, her parents, family and friends.



**Sincere Thanks** to John and Kylie Hayes for leading the RCIA program, along with Rosemary and Maria, culminating on the Easter Vigil. We also thank Fr My Tran for celebrating this special occasion.

**PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS**

**Please return ENVELOPES & BOXES.** There will be collection plates at entrances and/or place them into the collection plates at your local church centre.



**FUNERAL NOTICE – PETER SWANN**  
Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioner, life-long resident of Kapunda and faithful member of St Rose Catholic Church community. We give thanks for a life of faith, service, and dedication to our community. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St Rose Church, Kapunda on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 11.30am.

**CARE AND SHARE SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April at 12.00 noon. \$5 per head for Bread/sausage/s etc plus sweets, tea and coffee. Come and join in the fun. Book at the back of the Church to assist with numbers for catering. Val Stokes



**COMING EVENTS**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** Sunday, 12 April at 3pm, Kapunda



**Decision-Making and the Archdiocesan Synod**

In the structure of the Church, there are a variety of roles and responsibilities. **Every baptised person bears the responsibility to participate in the life of the community.** Some are responsible for leading, making and taking decisions. In parishes, the parish priest bears the responsibility of taking decisions, but they are informed through listening, consultation, and shared discernment with members of the parish including the Parish Pastoral Council members who have a special responsibility to advise on pastoral matters.

**Reflection Question:** How have you been involved in decision-making processes in your home, community or parish? How might decision-making become more synodal in your parish or community?



Eucharistic Congresses began in the 1880s to promote reverence for Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, uniting Catholics in prayer and worship...and the congress will be coming to Sydney in 2028!

**THEME: "This is My Body, Given for You"**

**Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP** ..Inviting the Australia Church to experience the Eucharist as a mystery to be encountered...invites us to be renewed in Christ and formed more deeply as Eucharistic missionary disciples.

2026 year has been designated a 'Year of Prayer' in preparation for Eucharist28. "A year for us to deepen our communion with Christ so that we might be ready for all that lies ahead. A year of openness to encountering Him in our daily lives, ascending the mountain of the Lord as often as we can for Mass, Adoration, prayer. To see Him, be with Him, share with Him our joys and anxieties, our hopes and thanks. To ask Him to transform us by His grace and make us fruitful."

More info check out the **website:** <https://eucharist28.org/>

**CAILINS** We will be having lunch at the Tarlee Pub on the 16th of April. Lyne is our host and is organizing the attendance numbers.

Please let her know if you are a **YES or a NO** by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Lyne's Phone 0408814207

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

During the Easter Season the **Regina Coeli** replaces the Angelus.

- V.** Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:
- R.** For he whom you merited to bear, alleluia,
- V.** Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
- R.** Pray for us to God, alleluia.
- V.** Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
- R.** Because the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.



**Let us pray.** O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant, we beg you, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, his Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. (Roman Breviary)

[Listen to the Regina Caeli chanted by clicking here.](#)

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**CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?**



Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me,  
 you have believed; blessed are those who have not  
 seen and yet have believed." John 20:28-29 NIV

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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	4/5 Apr	12 Apr	19 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
<b>Nuriootpa</b>	Our Lady of the Valley 26 Gawler St, Nuriootpa	9.00am Mass	4.30pm Mass	9.30am Mass	10.30am LWC	10.30am LWC
<b>Kapunda</b>	St Rose of Lima Branson Cres, Kapunda	7.00pm Vigil	10.30am LWC	11.15am Mass	4.30pm Mass	9.30am 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	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	2.00pm 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