

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION (Year C)

20th April 2025

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Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Knit & Natter

Thursday
8th May
10am - 12

Alpha Youth

Sundays
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Candlelit Mass

Mondays
8pm

Blokes Luncheon

Friday
16th May

Readings

EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Acts 10: 34,37-43
Ps 117:1-2,16-17,22-23
Col 3: 1-4
Jn 20: 1-9

SECOND SUNDAY of EASTER

Acts 5: 12-16
Ps 117: 2-4, 22-27
Rev 1: 9-13, 17-19
Jn 20: 19-31

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!



Today we gather to celebrate the greatest victory in history; the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the day that changed the world. The cross, once a symbol of shame and death, has become a sign of love and victory. The tomb, once sealed in finality, now stands empty as a monument of hope.

The women who arrived at Jesus' tomb early that morning did not expect to encounter a miracle. They came with spices to anoint His body, hearts heavy with grief. But instead, they were met by angels who asked, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here; He is risen!" These words have echoed through the centuries and continue to stir our hearts today.

The Power of the Resurrection

The Resurrection is not just a historical event. It is the heart of our faith, the foundation of our hope, and the promise of our future. St. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:17, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." But because He has been raised, we are set free. Sin no longer has the final say. Death is no longer the end. Because Jesus lives, we too shall live. The empty tomb is God's resounding "yes" to a world filled with "no." It is His declaration that love is stronger than hate, mercy is greater than sin, and life has the final word over death. The Resurrection assures us that no matter how dark our circumstances, no matter how heavy our burdens, there is always hope.

From Despair to Joy

Think of the transformation in the lives of the disciples. On Good Friday, they were scattered, afraid, heartbroken. Their Master was crucified, their dreams shattered. But Easter changed everything. The Risen Jesus came to them; not in judgment, but with peace. He showed them His hands and His side. He breathed His Spirit upon them. Their despair turned into joy, their fear into courage.

And that same transformation is available to us. How many times have we felt like the disciples; lost, uncertain, burdened by the weight of life? Easter invites us to bring those burdens to the Risen Christ. He meets us in our brokenness, breathes new life into our hearts, and reminds us that resurrection is not just a promise for the future; it's a power for today.

A Call to New Life

But Easter is not only about what happened to Jesus; it's about what happens in us. Romans 6:4 says, "Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of

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the Father, we too may live a new life." The Resurrection invites us into a new way of living; a life marked by faith, not fear; love, not bitterness; purpose, not aimlessness.

It calls us to forgive, because we have been forgiven. It calls us to serve, because Christ came to serve. It calls us to proclaim the Good News, just as the women ran from the tomb to tell the disciples. Our world is in desperate need of resurrection hope. As followers of the Risen Lord, we are called to carry that hope into every corner of our lives.

As we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus we are called to be Easter people. Now, what does it mean to live as Easter people?

- It means we believe that no sin is too great for God's mercy.
- No sorrow is too deep for His comfort.
- No night is so dark that His light cannot shine through.
- It means we live with joy even in suffering, with courage in the face of uncertainty, with peace in the midst of chaos; because we know that Jesus is alive, and He is with us.

This means that we are not supposed to lie buried in the tomb of our sins, evil habits, dangerous addictions, despair, discouragement, or doubts. Instead, we are expected to live a joyful and peaceful life, constantly experiencing the living presence of the Risen Lord in all the events of our lives and even amidst the boredom, suffering, pain and tensions of our day-to-day life.

As we celebrate this glorious Easter Day, let us leave the tomb behind. Let us step into the light of Resurrection. Let us be a people who walk in newness of life, who shine with hope, and who boldly proclaim: Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

I wish you all **A VERY HAPPY EASTER**. May your lives be filled with the love of Christ who emptied himself for love of humanity.



Pilgrimage & Mass with Archbishop O'Regan in Sevenhill

Archbishop O'Regan will be making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Pilgrimage Site of St Aloysius Church in Sevenhill on Saturday June 28, where he will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm. If you wish to attend this Mass, please register at the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DASOD> or scan the QR code. Reconciliation will be offered from 11am, and tea and coffee will follow the Mass. All are welcome!

- Saturday, 28 June 2025 – St Aloysius Catholic Church, Sevenhill 12:30pm, with Reconciliation from 11am
- Saturday, 23 August 2025 – St Joseph's Church, Penola 4:30pm, with Reconciliation from 3:30pm
- Saturday, 11 October 2025 – St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide 11:30am with Reconciliation from 10am

Parishes are encouraged to organise pilgrimages with their parishioners to these sites at any time during the Jubilee Year of Hope. However, if a parish pilgrimage coincides with the Archbishop's Mass, registration is required due to church capacity limits.

Booking details for the other sites will be released at a later date. We look forward to celebrating this special journey

Blokes Luncheon—16th May Attention all Adult Males



Please note the BLOKES LUNCH is not just for Seniors. All adult males free on that particular FRIDAY are welcome too. Newly retired and those who might be working shifts are encouraged to come and meet your fellow parishioners.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased

Graham Spurling, Mark Hansen, Gerald Sutton, Christopher Evans, John Kennedy, Gerald Dee, Michael Tambakis, Holly Leiper, Carlos Vaschetto, Gerald Victory, Annette Smith, David Bampton, Shirley Rowberry, Terence Byrne, Fr Chris Murphy MSC, Padma Mathavan, Betty Hill.

Anniversaries

Glenell Nicolay

Sick Parishioners

Nicholas Cutajar, Sani Strehovski, John Boeyen, Peter Stevens, Sean Kennedy, Wendy Boeyen, Graham Blacket, Brian Fitzgerald, Margaret O'Connor, Peter Tierney, Sonia Bennie, Amelia D'Aloia, Terry Cashin, Rene Young, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green.

Henley and Grange RSL Anzac Day Service for 2025

This year the service will be held at:



Place: Soldier's Memorial at the Henley Town Hall

Address: Corner of North Street and Seaview Road Henley Beach

Date : Friday 25th April 2025

Time : The Dawn Service will commence at 6.30 am.

To commemorate 110 years since the Gallipoli landing, surf life saving cadets will be doing a beach landing and joining the march with our veterans and the Catafalque Party

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation



We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. We believe that all God's children and young people have the right to be healthy and safe, and to have their voice heard, respected and valued. A Safe Environment for All.

To find out more about our child safe policies and procedures please contact the Parish Office or the Archdiocesan Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

Social Justice Action Group Restocking the Vinnies Bunker

Over the next 4 weeks, can you please bring the following items to church and place in the containers? This will help the Vinnies to restock the Bunker and those in need in our community.

Please bring:



- Peas and Carrots 420 gram
- Tins of fruits 825 grams
- Tuna Cans 425 grams
- Long grain rice 1 kilo
- Jam 375 gram
- Vegemite 220 gram
- Coffee 100 or 200 grams

Thank you for your Support

Alpha Youth @ Henley Parish

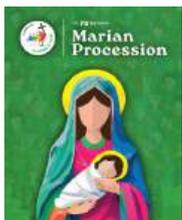


Alpha Youth is for High School aged students Years 7-12 and is held in the Church Hall, on Sunday from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

Alpha Youth creates a space for young people to chat about life, faith, identity & purpose. There is food and games and a chance to ask questions.

For more Information contact Barb Conlon at the Parish Office.

Marian Procession



The 76th Marian Procession
Free Parish Event
Sunday May 18
Gather at 12 noon
Lunch in the church Hall
Bus ride to the city and home again
Donations Appreciated

The Southern Cross

The latest edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness.

As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Caring for our Place of Worship

Just a reminder. It was noted that a lot of food items were spilled over the carpet in the church and the hall. Please do not bring food or drink into the church.

If any parents want to feed the children please make use of the kitchen and the hall and please leave the area clean.

Thankyou

Knit and Natter



Our group will be taking a break during the school holidays. We will be returning on Thursday the 8th of May. Thankyou for your donations of wool.

Carmel Kay 0499 907 011

Police Clearances

There are a large number of volunteers whose Working With Children (WWC) clearance is due to expire in the next three months. You are asked to take action to ensure your clearance renewal occurs in a timely manner.

Please ring Ivy Hill on 0413 081 421 to make a time to bring in documents confirming 100 points so that the renewal form can be completed and sent to the Archdiocese Screening and Verification Unit (SAVA). If you are no longer acting in a volunteer role and therefore do not require a new WWC clearance, please let Ivy know.

Thankyou all for your great contribution to our many ministries.

Marian Procession

The 76th Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 18, 2025, beginning at Victoria Park and processing up Wakefield Street into Victoria Square. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient to 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!

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Help your garden grow



Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilled. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship.

Join a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. Schedule a live-in weekend for 2-4 May 2025 at the Lyndoch Motel or a live-out weekend on 31 Oct – 2 Nov 2025 – venue tbc. For more information, call Jo & Jon on 049 3747 478 or email sabookings@wwme.org.au. Alternatively, visit WWME.org.au and apply online today.

Giving App

Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals.



Or go to adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Social Justice Action Group Thank you!



To everyone who contributed to the raffle by donating items or buying tickets.

Just over \$900 was raised towards the next clean water project a fantastic effort!

Congratulations to our winners too: Angela L & Pam T

YOUR LOCAL PARISHIONER & LAWYER, GERARD FERRAO

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If you have a legal concern, big or small, feel free to reach out. I'm here to help with practical solutions and peace of mind.



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Wishing all at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish and Community a very Happy Easter.

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