

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kaurna People

FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT (Year C)

6th April 2025

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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass (except on Public Holidays)

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:

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during lent
7pm

Knit & Natter

Thursday
10th April
10am - 12

Alpha Youth

Sundays
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Candlelit Mass

Mondays
8pm

Playgroup

Tuesday
8th April
9.30 - 11am

Blokes Luncheon

Friday
16th May

Readings

5th SUNDAY of LENT

Is 43: 16-21

Ps 125:

Phil 3: 8-14

Jn 8: 1-11

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Is 50: 4-7

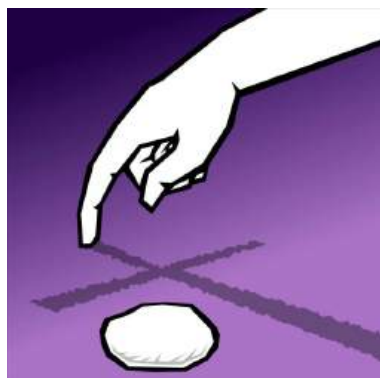
Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil 2: 6-11

Lk 22: 14-23: 56

"The power of just mercy is that it belongs to the undeserving."

(Bryan Stevenson)



Reminding us of God's readiness to forgive sin and to restore people to His friendship, today's gospel challenges us to show the same mercy to others around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation. The gospel also encourages us to reflect seriously on the ultimate example of God's compassionate love for us. It reminds us that we cannot stand by self-righteously and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion. The sinful woman's story of sin committed, and sin forgiven in today's Gospel shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus grants to sinners. It invites us to recognize and experience in our lives both God's Justice and His Mercy. We bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and determining to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and by determining to forgive those who have offended us.

The incident happened in Jerusalem, in the precincts of the Temple where Jesus had been teaching. The scribes and Pharisees brought forward a woman caught in the act of adultery. The Mosaic penalty for such an offense was death by stoning, although there is no evidence that this ever took place, certainly not in Roman times. Besides, Moses commanded that both partners in adultery should be stoned, not only the woman. (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22). Stoning was mostly done in cases of blasphemy; such was the case with Stephen, whom we read about in the book of Acts of the Apostles. The Jewish civil and criminal code considered three grave sins as punishable by death, namely idolatry, murder and adultery. Deuteronomy prescribes death by strangulation for a married woman caught in adultery. If the guilty woman is betrothed, she has to be stoned. In both cases they have violated God's sixth commandment and have destroyed the fidelity and unity of marriage. "It is a terrible thing for a sinner to fall into the hands of his fellow sinners." (F. B. Meyer). His opponents wanted to use the occasion to embarrass Jesus, because he had the reputation of proclaiming God's mercy toward sinners. If he insisted on following the Law exactly, his reputation as a prophet of God's mercy would be open to question. Besides, if Jesus consented to her death by strangulation or stoning, he would be violating the Roman law, which forbade killing by private citizens. If he took the side of the adulterous woman, he was open to the charge of ignoring God's Law and God's Justice as given by Moses. This was the clever trap they had set for Jesus.

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Initially, Jesus showed his lack of interest in the case by simply writing on the ground. Then, perfectly understanding the secret intentions of her self-righteous accusers and the helplessness of the woman, Jesus gave his verdict: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Thus, Jesus turned the accusers' attention back on themselves and made them realize that they, too, were sinners. St. Augustine puts Jesus' stand as follows: "Let this woman be punished, but not by sinners; let the law be applied, but not by its transgressors." Thus, Jesus cleverly escaped from the trap by leaving the judgment to the consciences of the accusers. This reduced the accusers to silence, prompting them to leave in shame. According to Jewish custom, the eldest should have begun the stoning. But the accusers melted away, beginning with the elders, who had probably brought the charge. By appealing to the Justice of God and the injustice of humans, Jesus upheld God's mercy. The moral of the story is not that sin is of no importance, or that God does not punish sin, but that God extends mercy to repentant sinners in order that they may turn from their sins. Since Jesus knew that her sin was a violation of the sixth commandment, "You shall not commit adultery," he gave the woman the strong warning, "Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore." Without minimizing her sinfulness, Jesus showed the sinner the respect she deserved as a human being, treating her with compassion. The story clearly communicates to us that we need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation. We are often self-righteous like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict and the shop-lifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to always remember that we have no right to judge others. We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our just and merciful God and show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness.

Jane Kumudramalal

**Henley Beach Parish HOLY WEEK
Mass Times**

Second Rite of Reconciliation: Will ONLY be available at the Parish Retreat Day on Saturday **5th April** or individual confessions on Saturday mornings during LENT at 8:30am.

**PALM SUNDAY:
Saturday 12th April:**

- 9:15am and 6:00pm

Sunday 13th April:

- 9:30am and 5:30pm

HOLY THURSDAY: 17th April: 7pm
Please remember to bring with you:

- Non-perishables for Vinnies
- Flowers to dress the altar
- Bells for the Gloria

GOOD FRIDAY: 18th April

- 10:30am - Stations of the Cross
- 3:00pm - Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL: 19th April

- 7:00pm Please note there is No morning mass on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY: 20th April •

- 8:00am
- 9:30am

Please note there is No evening mass on Easter Sunday

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased

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, Denis Chaplin, Graham Bruce.

Anniversaries

Margaret Gleeson, Ross & Elia Papillo, George Papillo.

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

Playgroup



Tuesday 8th April is the last playgroup session for this term. Please join us in the hall 9:30 -11am for fun. Playgroup will resume 6th May.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.



Farewell Morning Tea for Fr Manu

Please join us to thank Fr. Manu for his wonderful contribution to our parish over the past two years. Help us to wish him every happiness and success on his return to India after 9.15 Mass on Saturday 12th April, or Sunday 13th April after 9.30am Mass. Please BYO a plate of savories or sweets to share.

Fr Manu's Farewell Gift

If you would like to contribute towards a farewell gift for Fr Manu, a labelled box will be on the back table this weekend and 11th and 12th April for monetary donations



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



Funeral Notice

The funeral of Gerald Sutton will be held on Friday April 11th from 10.30am. Please keep Gerald and his family in your prayers.

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.



Project Compassion

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes are available at the back of the church.



Mass Intentions

May we please ask that Mass Intentions envelopes include the day and time of when you wish the Mass to be said and please also include the name of who is requesting the Mass and a phone number.

This will help us to ensure that Mass Intentions are said on the day that you intended.

Candlelit Mass



Please note that Candlelit Mass is held every Monday at 8pm, except on Public Holidays when there is no Mass

Lift Up: Good Friday Night Walk A Journey of Reflection & Hope



Good Friday, April 18, - you are invited to walk together in the spirit of a pilgrimage, inspired by the 2025 Jubilee Year theme Pilgrims of Hope. This journey is an opportunity to step away from the everyday and reflect. Our Good Friday night walk is a meaningful way to connect with the Easter story, each other, and the deeper themes of resilience, forgiveness and hope.

This event is open to all ages, however it has been inspired and designed with young people in mind by COYYA (Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults). Our journey begins at The Monastery in Urrbrae at 7.30pm. From there, we will walk towards the city. Along the route, we will pause for reflection at St Raphael's in Parkside before continuing towards our final destination - St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The walk is roughly 6.5km total.

Please register at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CZHVW> to secure your spot as well as nominating for transportation provided from the Cathedral back to The Monastery should you require it. Detailed information can be found at <https://www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/liftup2025>

Stations of the Cross



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent commencing from Friday 7th March at 7pm until Friday 11th April 2025.

The Stations of the Cross is a very beautiful way for us to prepare our hearts by reflecting on Jesus' journey to Calvary for the coming of Easter. We hope you could all take some time to join us every Friday or even on any one of the Fridays in Lent. Look forward to seeing you there!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ king of endless glory!

Marriage Encounter Weekend

The journey of Marriage



Marriage is a life-long journey, and just like a car needs the odd service to keep it running smoothly, your marriage can use a tune up too. A Marriage Encounter weekend has the power to make a good marriage even better, rekindle your romance and spontaneity and help you reconnect with each other and God.

Bookings are now open for our live-in weekend on 2-4 May 2025 at the Lyndoch Motel or the live-out weekend 31 Oct -2 Nov 2025 – venue tbc. Call Jo & Jon on 049 3747 478 or

Email: sabookings@wwme.org.au. Alternatively, visit WWME.org.au and apply online today.



Blokes Luncheon Reminder

The DIARY DATE for the next luncheon is FRIDAY, 16 May 2025..

Healing Mass

Healing Mass Thursday 10th April.



Rosary: 7pm

Mass: 7:30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry with Candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize, individual blessings with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, and Benediction.

Tea/Coffee and light supper available. All welcome Enquiries phone Pauline 0403002240

Social Justice Group Easter Raffle

With 2 great prizes!



Tickets just \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Available after all masses this weekend and next.

Drawn after 5.30pm Mass Palm Sunday

Lolly bags will be available to buy too!

All funds towards our next Clean Water Project!

Carpark Repairs

Please note that there will be urgent works in the carpark on Wednesday 16th April from 9.30am.



There will be no access to the carpark for the whole day due to repair works. Inconvenience regretted.

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.

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