



MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Information on our parishes & our communities



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26th January 2025

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The Southern Cross

Looking at our National flag, we note those stars. There is that star all by itself, the biggest among the lot - this is the Commonwealth star and it symbolises our federation of states and territories. A grouping shows the Constellation of the Southern Cross, which is indicative of our geographical location in the Southern Hemisphere.

If you look up and studied the 'dark sky' that Murraylands has been blessed with, you can actually discern the constellation of stars called the Southern Cross. We know that this sighting is possible only in the Southern Hemisphere and as such, Australians are really blessed to see it. Our First Nation aboriginals have been looking at it for thousands of years.

We know that it was a sign of "hope" to our fore parents, as they sailed for months through the dangerously unpredictable oceans ... and that the sight of it meant the end of the journey is at hand and the beginning of a different life in the Great South Land. To many of the people that began these journeys, it came to be a "sign" of God's presence with us. Of course, you had to look for it in a sky with many stars, but, barring a cloudy or stormy night, you can always find it. Then again, even if the clouds hid it, you would know it is still there ... a sign of God's presence ... and yes, always with that element of mystery.

God watches over this ancient land, and has always cared for it. He looks down on it through the pattern of stars that forms the outline of the very instrument by which His Son would die in His mission of salvation; and so, the Cross has become for us 'the keeper of the vision' and 'the dream' inspiring all Australians to a deeper, larger awareness beyond ourselves ... pulling us out of ourselves, unsettling our securities and leading us to self giving and care for each other. That, this should lead us to a point where we can then answer the challenge of Jesus: to take up our own cross of action, reflection and contradiction. This cross in the sky ... it calls us in its nearness ... and its remoteness ... in its absence or its presence ... in its clarity and its mystery ... a sign that will guide us just as truly as it did the sailors of history ... a sign of salvation ... a sign of God's care of our country.

A sign put there in the firmament ... God's blessing on Australia.

And so, by all means, let us thank Him !!!

(by Carmel Critchley)



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

First reading Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 18(19):8-10,15

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R**

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part

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body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

Plan Giving Murray Bridge and Mannum. The report of giving to the end of December 2024 is available for collection at your churches.

A PROMENADE (DEACONS' CROSS)

For a number of years, whenever a deacons' conference has been held in a particular place, a cross, expressly designed for the National Association of Deacons, has been installed at the conference location for its duration.

This year's conference will be held in the Adelaide area (specifically Hahndorf) from Feb 27th to Mar 2nd, the organising committee would like to take the cross on a pilgrimage through some of the parishes that have, or have had, deacons actively involved in ministry within the parishes. It's also our opportunity to say thank you for the generous donations your parishes have made to support the running of the conference and to use the opportunity to explain the ministry of the diaconate.

- Lefevre Parish (25/26 January);
- Murray Bridge Parish (01/02 February);**
- Greenacres/Walkerville Parish (08/09 February);
- Cathedral Parish (15/16 February);
- Glenelg Parish (22/23 February)



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
JUBILEE OF THE WORLD
OF COMMUNICATIONS.



To be "pilgrims of hope" we need to communicate the Gospel of Christ through our words and actions. Communication is about bringing people together on a shared journey through stories and images that connect us. Communication is also about giving voice to the voiceless on the outskirts of humankind. Through truth filled messages, we can build a more just and peaceful world and uphold the dignity of all people.

School Guided Tours
FEB | 7 | 2025
 St Joseph's School, Murray Bridge
 2:30pm, 3:30pm & 4:30pm
 Register your attendance via the link or QR code

Gala Dinner
FEB | 8 | 2025
 Bridges Event Centre
 Murray Bridge Racing Club
 6:00pm
 Tickets include 2 course sit down dinner & entertainment
 Please purchase your tickets via the website: www.trybooking.com/CXWL

Murray Bridge Catholic Parish Mass
FEB | 9 | 2025
 Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
 11:00am

School Open Day
FEB | 9 | 2025
 St Joseph's School, Murray Bridge
 12:30pm until 2:30pm
 Register your attendance via the link or QR code

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| MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE , MALLEE BORDER | | |
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| 1 st February Saturday | Mannum (Vigil Mass) | 4pm |
| 1 st Feb Saturday | Murray Bridge (Vigil Mass) | 6pm |
| 2 nd Feb Sunday | Murray Bridge (Mass) | 11am |
| 2 nd Feb Sunday | Tailem Bend (Mass) | 9am |
| 2 nd Feb Sunday | Meningie (Lwhc) | 9am |
| 2 nd Feb Sunday | Pinnaroo (Lwhc) | 2.30pm |
| Tuesday (LWHC) | Murray Bridge | 9.30am |
| Wednesday (LWHC) | Murray Bridge | 9.30am |
| Wednesday (LWHC) | Mannum | 11am |
| Friday Adoration | Murray Bridge | 11am |
| Friday (Mass) | Murray Bridge | 12noon |

| Weekly Giving | M/B | M/M |
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| 1 st Collection (Priests of the arch-diocese) | \$805.60 | \$120.05 |
| Envelopes (Planned Giving) | \$877.10 | \$105.00 |
| Loose Plate | \$305.40 | \$81.05 |
| Baptisms/Funerals | | |
| Donations | | |

Thank You!

Please pray for the sick:

Eda Abbondandola, Luigino Antonello, Thomas Arnold, Marion Ayres, Lyn Ayunon, Greg Baily, Simon Boyce, Kathy Broster, Jim Byrne, Joan Carey, Alyn Catipay, Kathalia Celestine, Jackie Clarke, Peter Connolly, Pat Connolly, John Cooper, Cynthia Crosley, Kathleen Daniel, Eugenia Delena, Pat Duxbury, Shona Edwards, Kevin Glancy, Niall Glancy, Lottie Grabski, Alex Gregory, Angela Groves, Nilda Guadagnin, Cynthia Harbour, Duane Henness, Coral Henry, Helen Hogan, Vin Hollis, Carol Hunt, Roger & Raylene Hurle, Maureen Johnson, John Kiely, Adriana Lai, Lorraine Ledgard, Anita Lindner, Ann Loughran, Ashley Mason, Sam May, Bernard McInerney, Lillian Nagy, Mick Nearmy, Virgie Nicholls, Arturo & Ronda Jean Nigro, Raelene O’Driscoll, Pat Pfeiffer, Maria & Vince Rocca, Liz Rossiter, Ron Scannell, Robin Scott, Yvonne Shillabeer, Charlotte Tottman, Isobel Turner, Abby Vivian, Bernadina Wassenner, Jan Winter, Nucileide Jesus Da Silva.

Anniversaries: Maureen Mobbs, Von O’Neil, John O’Neil, Noreen O’Neil, Kevin Veitch

Deaths:

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita Mass – Sunday, February 9

You are invited to join the African Catholic Community to celebrate the feast of St Josephine Bakhita Eucharistic celebration on Sunday February 9 at 2.30pm, in St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral. All are welcome. Please see poster/flyer attached. For more information, please contact the Justice Healing and Inclusion Office E: jhi@adelaide.catholic.org.au

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
(1st Feb 2025) The
Presentation Of The Lord.

1st Rdg: Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19
2nd Rdg: Corinthians 12:31-13
Gospel: Luke 4:21-30



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Doris and Peter Connolly of Taillem Bend. Congratulations and may God bless you with many more anniversaries.

Reminder

M/B - PPC meeting will be held on Friday 7th February at 4.30pm.

Sunday 16th Feb - M&Ms planning day.

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday 6pm Mass

Room to let

Fully furnished with A/C and heating. Located on Myall Ave Murray Bridge. Shared accommodation with one other female, shared bathroom. Full pantry available. If you are interested please call

M: 0411 541 323

Dawn McLoughlin

Next Week’s Roster

| Church | Murray Bridge | Murray Bridge | Taillem Bend |
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| Dates & Time | 1st February 6PM | 2 February 11AM | 2 February 9AM |
| Commentator | Erin Eckermann | Meradith O’Loughlin | Sr. Michele |
| Lector 1 | Valerie Scott | | Edwin pope |
| Lector 2 | Mark Scott | Bronny Rossiter | Victoria Gazzola |
| P.O. Faithful | Wayne Hollitt | Trudy Shirvington | Sr. Michele |
| Euch. Ministers | Sharon Gregory | Rodel Maranan | Peter Nearmy |
| Welcoming 1 | Carol Giles | Kathy Bratkovic | Victoria Gazzola |
| Welcoming 2 | Jo Hancock | Di Howson | Music- Edwin P |
| Offertory | | Maranan Family | Tess & Cindy |
| POF Writer | Sr. Michele Madigan | | |
| Grounds Maintenance (MB) | Wayne Hollitt & Mirian Henry | | |