



MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Information on our parishes & our communities



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The Conference Cross

The biennial National Deacons Conference is being held this year 2025 at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre in Hahndorf SA from Thursday 27 February to Sunday 2 March 2025. About 80 people from the diaconal community in Australia have registered to attend.

In appreciation of the sustained support through prayers and generous donations received from parishes, parishioners, and clergy, the deacons in Adelaide desire to share something of the Conference Cross that is currently going around the parishes in the Archdiocese of Adelaide.

This lovely NAD Conference Cross was made by Vicki Clark, an Aboriginal artist based in Victoria and donated to the conference in 2015.

Here's an account of the **symbols** adorning the Cross:



- 1. Red background:** the colour of the earth of this country and the generosity of the custodians of the land allow us to walk upon it as deacons and share the presence of the Creator Spirit throughout the land.
- 2. The Southern Cross:** pointer to *Bunjil* (Creator Spirit); guide for the people on the paths they take and for the seasons of many plants.
- 3. A 'U' shape with a small one inside and a bar below:** this is for the women and children: the wife and sons and daughters and grandchildren of deacons. Their role is important – hence the symbol is right up the top.
- 4. Ten 'patches' around the borders of the Cross:** the Ten Commandments.
- 5. Seven 'U' shapes with a vertical bar beside:** these are the men with 'spears' ready to go out into the world – the seven men of Acts who were chosen, commissioned, and sent out (precursors to deacons).
- 6. Red Sash from left shoulder to right hip:** Keeping Christ and his Body and Blood (especially) close to our hearts. The deacon is minister of the Chalice.
- 7. Four hands:** the Four Gospels, with 208 dots around each, representing the broad 'church' of people with whom, and to whom, deacons bring the Word. Sharing in Christ's Gospel ministry leaves a mark on the world, a handprint of the deacon's presence.



"Pilgrims of Hope: Believe what you read, teach what you believe, practice what you teach."

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Sunday of the Word of God) YR C

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23(24):7-10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

He took to himself descent from Abraham

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

My eyes have seen your salvation

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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 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.

Murray Bridge Parish (01/02 February);
Greenacres/Walkerville Parish (08/09 February);
Cathedral Parish (15/16 February);
Glenelg Parish (22/23 February)

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Are you feeling a bit down or challenged with ill health or just plain loaded with heavy burdens in life, and needing a bit of help from the Lord The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered to those wishing to receive it on these dates;

Saturday (8 Feb) after the 4pm Mass at **Mannum** (c/ Fr Peter Sheedy)

Saturday (15 Feb) after the 6pm Mass at **Murray Bridge** (c/ Fr Philip Marshall)

Sunday (16 Feb) after the 9am Mass at **Tailem Bend** (c/ Fr Philip Marshall)

Sunday (16 Feb) after the 11am Mass at **Murray Bridge** (c/ Fr John Vildzius)

Sunday (16 Feb) after the 2.30pm Mass at **Pinnaroo** (c/ Fr Philip Marshall)

Sunday (23 Feb) after the 9am Mass at **Meningie** (c/ Fr John Vildzius)

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

On 2nd February 2025, we celebrate and give thanks for the contribution the Religious men and women have made, and are still making, to the life of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. There are also some lay women and men who are living a consecrated life. We also remember and celebrate their contribution. Members of the Consecrated Life, as 'Pilgrims of Hope' on the path of peace have served the Church in South Australia as Founders and Leaders in education, health and aged care, services for the homeless and destitute, those with disabilities, and our Aboriginal Communities. Most of these roles are now assumed by lay people. **Education, Health, Social Services & Pastoral Care.** Religious in more recent times have contributed to the development of Parishes in roles such as Pastoral Associates. We all owe a great debt to the Religious Communities for their contributions to the foundation of our Church in South Australia. With renewed thanks and asking God's blessing for you.



100 YEARS 1925-2025
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL
please join us in attending
Centenary Weekend Celebrations

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/CNSW1

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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8 th Feb Saturday	Mannum (Vigil Mass) - Fr Peter Sheedy	4pm	1 st Collection (for the Priests of the Archdiocese)	\$756.30	\$
8 th Feb Saturday	Murray Bridge (Vigil Mass) - Fr John	6pm			
9 th Feb Sunday	Meningie (Mass) - Fr Richard	9am	2nd Collection - for the Parish (Loose Plate)	\$550.40	\$
9 th Feb Sunday	Murray Bridge (Mass) - Fr Richard	11am			
9 th Feb Sunday	Tailem Bend (LWHC)	10am	2nd Collection - for the Parish (Planned Giving Envelopes)	\$683.80	\$
Tuesday (LWHC)	Murray Bridge	9.30am			
Wednesday (LWHC)	Murray Bridge	9.30am	Baptisms/Funerals	\$250.00	
Wednesday (LWHC)	Mannum	11am	Appeals	\$323.45	
Friday (Adoration)	Murray Bridge	11am	<i>Thank You!</i>		
Friday (Mass)	Murray Bridge	12noon			

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, Colleen Buchan, Janita Nearmy

Anniversaries: Celia Hull, Sean Robert Brophy, Robert John Brophy

Deaths: Sister Carita Higgins RSJ

Walk for Life

The Vicar General Fr Dean Marin is encouraging everyone to attend the upcoming ‘Walk for Life’ which will be held on **Saturday February 8** at Pennington Gardens, opposite St Peter’s Cathedral, from 10am till 12 noon.

This year’s theme is “Love the Next Generation”.

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time:
(9th Feb 2025) Yr C.**

1st Rdg: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8
2nd Rdg: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Tailem Bend

The AGM for PPC and PFC will be held on Sunday 2nd March 2025. Please submit all nominations to Mr Peter Nearmy or Mrs Victoria Gazzola. Thank you to all current and past volunteers to our church.



Happy 75th Birthday Mr Chris Law!!

Reminder

Tuesday 4th Feb, Laurels Lunch. 12noon at Murray Bridge Hotel, anyone is welcome.

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

M/B - PFC meeting will be held on Thurs 13th Feb at 4pm.

Sunday 16th Feb - M&Ms planning day & cuppa.

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday 6pm Mass

Plan Giving Murray Bridge. The report of giving to the end of December 2024 is available for collection at church.

Next Week’s Roster

Church	Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge	Tailem Bend
Dates & Time	8th February 6PM	9th February 11AM	9th February 10AM
Commentator	Mark & Wayne	Deb Holland	Vicki Stevens
Lector 1	Sharon Gregory	Ros Oates	Marie Henderson
Lector 2	Rosie Scott	Lynn Ayunon	Cindy Malone
P.O. Faithful	Michael Gates	Meradith O’Loughlin	Vicki Stevens
Euch. Ministers	Dianne Cz	Billy Dimaano	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 1	Carol Giles	Marian Allam	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 2	Marie Scannell	Di Howson	Leader– Sr Michele
Offertory		Dimaano Family	Music - Edwin P
POF Writer	Trudy Shirvington		
Grounds Maintenance (MB)			