

# LOOKING IN

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## **Priests visit Murray Bridge from the Philippines**

Fr Al Vincent Tumlos (Fr Vincent) & Fr Rufino Reggie Pamposa (Fr Reggie – Vicar General) from the Archdiocese of Capiz, Roxas City, Philippines.

Fr Vincent and Fr Reggie came to visit South Australia on a recruitment program of the Archdiocese of Adelaide called "Taste and See". Apparently, our Archbishop Patrick knows well the Archbishop of Capiz due to their working together at the ICEL (International Committee on English Liturgy). The visit of these two priests was the result of a conversation between the two bishops.

They came to Murray Bridge at the invitation of Fr John Vildzius who had told them about the quite large number of Filipinos in the parish.

And so, on the 28th April 2024 they came and celebrated the 11am Sunday Mass at the Most Holy Redeemer Church - Fr Reggie as main celebrant, Fr Vincent and Fr John Vildzius, concelebrating and Dcn Arturo, assisting.

After the Mass, the Filipinos in Murray Bridge put up a feast to welcome them.

**Dcn Arturo**



## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

*To reflect and encourage the social interaction of Catholic Families and Communities in the Districts.*

**We believe that the only way to know what is going on inside is to be inside.**

***Will we see you at church next weekend?***

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Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other, "Does this taste funny?"

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but couldn't find any.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024

This year 8 children from the Taillem Bend Parish joined us for the preparation of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. There were 19 children confirmed by Archbishop Patrick O'Reagan on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Fr Philip and Deacon Arturo supported us during the celebration and in the supper to celebrate this momentous occasion in the lives of our children and their families.

The children from Taillem Bend received Communion for the first time with Fr Philip at the 9am Mass on June 9<sup>th</sup> while 8 children received their First Communion at the 11am Mass with Fr Philip. The remaining 3 children received Communion for the first time with Fr John Vildzius celebrating Mass. Congratulations to all these children and their families and may God Bless You.

**Deb Holland**



### **Murray Bridge**

Max Sobels, Noah Chapman,  
Sierra Willason, Riccah Mae Pellerin,  
Ryker Clint Pellerin, Jazz Ayunon, Jay  
Ayunon, Ingrid Rosabella Corado, John  
Tiamzon, Spencer Rowland,  
Lucy Waterman, Sophia-Rose Jubb.



### **Taillem Bend**

Arabella Frahn, Matilda, Lucy, Ruby,  
Eve, Estelle, Molly and  
Lottie Mason.

Jacob  
Fiebig was con-  
firmed on May 12th  
at Meningie.

## **Meningie News**

We certainly have been in a very cold spell alas as we age our old bones seem to feel the cold so much more, well for me it is so never mind in a few months I will be complaining about the heat, but we give thanks to the Lord for the recent rains.

Mothers Day was a special occasion for our Church as Jacob Fiebig was confirmed into our faith, Father Philip officiated assisted by Deacon Arturo and after the service a delicious afternoon tea was enjoyed by all.



Congratulations Jacob, May God continue to bless you and your family. Thank you to Father John V, Father Richard and to Deacon Arturo for being available to celebrate Mass with us when they are able. God bless you and we will keep you in our prayers.

Thank You to Roger and Tom for emptying the Vinnies bin and taking the bags to the Taillem Bend op shop.

Well folks keep warm and stay away from that dreaded Covid.

**God Bless Rayleen Hurlle.**

## Mass Times

### Murray Bridge

**Recon MB Saturday** 5:20pm—5:50pm

**Saturday** 6 pm Mass/LWHC

**Sundays** 11 am Mass/LWHC

### Mannum

**Saturday** 4:00pm Mass/LWHC

### Tailem Bend

1st and 3rd Sunday 9am Mass/LWHC

2nd and 4th Sunday 10am LWHC

### Meningie

1st and 3rd Sunday 9am LWHC

2nd and 4th Sunday 9am Mass/LWHC

### Pinnaroo/Lameroo

Mass/LWHC Sunday 10:30am

## Finances

Our parishes rely on the generosity of parishioners. The first collection goes to support the priests of the Archdiocese. The second collection goes to support our local parish. The second collection is comprised of planned giving (envelopes) and unpledged donations. Many thanks to all our generous supporters.

## SOME REALLY BAD JOKES

Two fish swim into a concrete wall one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

Two eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.

I didn't think the chiropractor would improve my posture. But I stand corrected

I took my new girlfriend out on our first date to the ice rink and entry was half price. She called me a cheap skate.

## ACTUAL HEADLINES

Something went wrong in jet crash, experts say.

Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers.

Drunk gets nine months in violin case.

Survivor of Siamese twins joins parents

Eye drops off shelf

Iraqi head seeks arms

Safety experts say school bus passengers should be belted

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## **I WILL SUCCEED**

I will succeed, I simply cannot fail

The only obstacle is doubt

There's not a hill I cannot scale

Once fear is put to rout.

Don't think defeat

Don't talk defeat

The word will rob you of your strength.

I will succeed, this phrase repeat

Throughout the journey's length.

The moment that "I can't" is said

You slam the door right in your face.

Why not exclaim "I will" instead

Half won, then, in the race.

You close the door to your success

By entertaining one small fear.

Think happiness, talk happiness,

Watch joy coming near.

Anon

## **WHAT GOD MADE MOTHER'S FOR**

To watch over you when a baby,

To sing you to sleep with a song.

Try to be near you, comfort and cheer you.

To teach you the right from the wrong

To do all she can to make you a man,

And over a million things more.

Sigh for you, cry for you, yes even die for you.

That's what God made mother's for.

Anon



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# MILESTONES

## RECENTLY DECEASED



Josephine Dirrmann	Patrick Kinsella
Nan Anderson	Rod Ayres
Rocco Fresiello	Roberto Di Cerbo
Kathleen Byass	Luke Morris
Catherine Carey	Anastasia Pica

We pray for those who have died, their Families and Friends

## WEDDING



The wedding of Erika and Robert Roylance was officiated by Dcn Arturo on 7th April. We wish the couple all the best wishes for a happy and blessed relationship.

## CONFIRMATION



Joyleen Stock was confirmed on the 16th March and welcomed by parishioners and her sponsor, Michael Callery.

## We pray for those who are not well

Eda Abbondandola	Luigino Antonello
Thomas Arnold	Carolina Cazzolato
Lyn Ayunon	Marion Ayres
Greg Baily	Kathy Broster
Jim Byrne	Joan Carey
Alyn Catipay	Kathalia Celestine
Jackie Clarke	Peter Connolly
Bob Connolly	Pat Connolly
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Kevin Shillabeer	Charlotte Tottman
Isaac Scells	Margaret Vial
Abby Vivian	Bernadina Wassenner
Jan Winter	



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to parishioners who have reached another milestone. Wishing you many more happy years.



Happy birthday to Meradith who celebrated with friends.



Congratulations on your 90th Elaine



Happy 70th Dcn Arturo

## CWL NEWS



A Member Organisation of CWLA Inc.

During the last quarter, we have been very pleased to help numerous families as a part of their saying a final goodbye to their loved ones, after a funeral service. This fee-based service is something that has always been available in our parish. Dcn Arturo can refer any families enquiring about this service to us. Whilst we do not do any cooking, we can advise families where to source food. We prepare the hall and tables, receive the food, prepare it for serving at the tables and have tea and coffee ready to serve.

Thanks to your support through raffles and wakes, we have been able to donate \$2,000.00 to our Parish to offset the costs of termite eradication in the Presbytery and \$200 to the Breakfast Programme at St Joseph's School.



Thanks also to our generous parishioners who have left donations at the office for Hutt Street. They were delivered to the Hutt Street Centre and were gratefully received – the demand for their services has increased exponentially in recent times and especially with the onset of winter.



A memorial Mass dedicated to deceased members and supporters of the CWL was well attended. A list of members was read out during the beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr Philip. It was a very meaningful service, appreciated by those who had links to the deceased members.

Remember, you are most welcome to join our meetings or cuppas on the second Tuesday of each month, following the Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

*Dianne Czechowski, President*

## MALLEE BORDER NEWS

Our April Mass saw Fr. Philip arriving full of cheer and good advice. His homily suggesting more time for rest, reflection and healing was a good idea, if one could heed it. We always enjoy the time for fellowship during the afternoon tea that follows.

Lameroo hosted our next Mass in May. Our numbers were boosted by the attendance of many of the Filipino folk who find the afternoon Mass easier to attend because of their work commitments. It is great getting to know them a bit more as we are needing their help to keep the churches functioning. We again enjoyed a bright chatty afternoon tea.

Due to illness and hot weather, it was not till June that Pinnaroo was able to host Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Arturo. We were pleased with the numbers who were able to attend. We are aware it is a long way for Deacon Arturo to come.

Lameroo continues to support the local Op Shop despite their dwindling numbers.

Rosary continues at Pinnaroo on a weekly basis as there are always many people asking for prayers.

We hope that rain will come soon. While most people have sown the crops dry, rain is certainly needed for the next stage.

*Raelene*

It's not what you think, it's what you do that matters.



Started by the men of the M&M's group but all men are welcome.

Just pop into the Community Club around 12:30pm on the last Friday of the month and enjoy lunch and a few drinks and laughs together.



### Men's group

Lift available if needed

## OUR SANDSTONE FUTURE

Australians who survived the horrors of the Great War WW1 and the Spanish flu epidemic that followed, were soon faced with the shock of the Great Depression. History records long dole queues, shanty towns and destitute men roaming the countryside in search of work of any sort, with over 1/3 of the Australian workforce unemployed. Australia was one of the hardest hit countries in the world. High levels of debt and the collapse of wool and wheat prices left Australia exposed and on the brink of national insolvency.

The hardships endured on every level of society meant there were pockets of anger and anxiety, but most people “made do” and helped each other. The men and women who had returned home alive, some with lifelong injuries, were traumatised and somehow needed to “shed the mindset of war”. Men from our parish and town were honoured for their bravery. One of the earliest ones was Mr E W Shepherdson who was honoured for his service to the AIF in Egypt on the Western Front. The spiritual guidance and the encouragement given to returned Anzacs and the bravery and dedication of every member of the Armed Forces was recognised by the townspeople. and helped them feel “valued” by the town.

The establishment of war memorials in prominent spots as an expression of public gratitude for their patriotism still stand, as a permanent reminder of the price paid for our freedom

Pope Pius XI issued an encyclical on the issues facing the whole of Christianity. The seeds for the establishment of many Catholic Charities date back to this time. The St Vincent De Paul society began in the Norwood parish.

The government brought in a sustenance system and ration coupons were issued for fuel, firewood, food and clothing just enough to keep people alive. The local council depots issued these coupons and worked closely with all religious leaders of the region. This was a “caring” time, although there was so little to give ministers of every religion helped those in need regardless of their faith. Mothers had to be “good managers” and imaginative cooks. Children had to do garden or farm work and catch rabbits which was the main meat supply for many families. No rabbits the fall back meal was porridge or bread and dripping. (melted fat)



The oldest ewes were killed for special occasions and families were generous in their support of their Parish Priest and the Sisters at the school giving with the meat, butter, vegetables and firewood. As children outgrew their clothes and shoes they were passed down or on to other families.

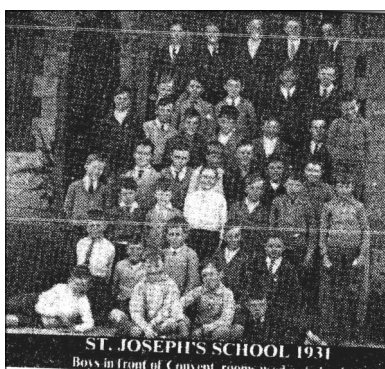
The talking point in the town was the bituminising of the road between Murray Bridge and Tailm Bend making contact between these two country towns much easier.

An Irish priest, Fr Jerome Barry was appointed to Murray Bridge in 1935. He endeared himself to everyone by his understanding kindness, but about eighteen months later he was transferred and Fr Dennis O’ Connell was appointed, a relative of Fr Edward, who had been Parish Priest some years before. For the next 21 years our Parish grew and expanded thanks to this devoted and self effacing servant of the Church and its local people.

Those who knew him and there are many current parishioners who did, describe him as a man who never really cared about himself, who showed tremendous practical compassion to the needy wherever he went. He knew his parishioners personally, friend to every denomination in the town and every level of society

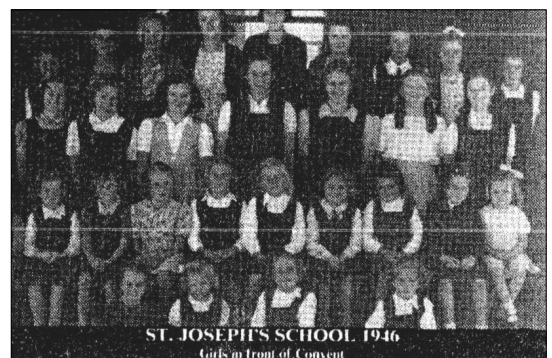
Father Dennis was also known as the “priest with the pliers in his pocket”. He was then always able to help a farmer, while talking about the Good God, or fix a gate where an old lady’s dog was escaping or even help prune a rose bush for a gardener, a really caring man!

This was the time of the Nazi regime overseas. The palpable uncertainty of impending war lasted for many



months, Fearful people, made more so by some of the worst dust storms the Murraylands had ever experienced. Schools closed just after lunch as it was too dark to see.

About this time the electricity to Murray Bridge changed from direct current to alternating current and the supply reliability improved dramatically.

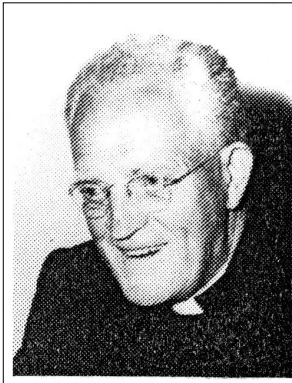


## OUR SANDSTONE FUTURE

On 3rd September 1939, it was announced that that war had been declared. People's worst fears had come true. Young people everywhere enlisted in the Armed Forces. In Murray Bridge, the River Murray Football League abandoned all matches for several years as more than 80 players had enlisted in a couple of weeks

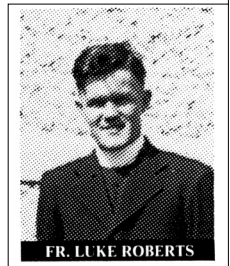
Parents saw their children risking their lives, the poverty and the restrictions of rations on all essentials and the worrying atmosphere would have been very hard for the priest, but he had strong faith and constantly directed worried parents and children to the Church door, always unlocked - "go to God when you are worried."

With military call ups and volunteers for priests to be "army chaplains" extra duties fell on Parish priests as many young people who enlisted wanted to get married before going to war. In January 1941, even the weather seemed against them. A rain deluge of 10 inches of rain in 1 1/2 days compared to 7 inches for the whole of 1940 brought severe damage to the region. The town united as one, but Murray Bridge was classed as a "vulnerable town".



Just two bridges over the river and the troop trains to and from the Eastern states crossed several times a day. ...Many Catholics met the troop trains, encouraging the young people as they stopped at the refreshment rooms at all hours of the day or night. The government ruled that no lights in the town were to be visible for more than 100 feet. The sanctuary lamp went down on the floor, but was never extinguished.

There was a shortage of building materials, but Father O'Connell was not deterred. Both the presbytery and the convent were in dire need of repair and the Church was "bulging at the seams" with the increasing population. Father Dennis's zeal came to the fore and he worked tirelessly on the Church, no menial task was too much for him. The beautiful curved sanctuary we have now was built from the same hand chiselled sandstone as the rest of the church under his directions.



The current presbytery was built along side the church and the priest moved out of the house in Florence St. It was blessed by Archbishop Beovich in April 1954.

Father O'Connell was always concerned for the children in the Parish. The school was expanding, the Sisters had given up most of their convent to classrooms. Most families had a jar for any loose change which was saved to build classrooms.

With the assistance of the sisters and the amazing support of the parents another classroom was added giving three stone classrooms as well as the famous "red room". Another convent was procured and the school in Tailm Bend was opened at Father's O'Connell's insistence, so that the children from the county received the full benefit of a Catholic education. In 1959 Father suffered a heart attack and was transferred to Dulwich Parish.

The parish owes this hard working Irish missionary priest a tremendous debt of gratitude, not only for his understanding pastoral care of a congregation severely affected by war, but also the expansion of the school and centralisation of the church administration. He, like many other priests, past and present, literally gave their working lives and still do so that we may "keep the faith" in which we are baptised. Please pray for our priests and deacon Arturo and for more vocations to the priesthood.

*Carmel Critchley*

**I'm watching a 3 year old pull up apps on a cell phone.**

**Me, I just figured out how to turn mine off without taking the battery out.**

- Bob Mohr  
Like Bob @ Facebook.com/ComedianBobMohr

**I accidentally wore a red shirt to Target today and, long story short, I'm covering for Debbie this weekend.**

**Last night I was walking home and decided to take a short cut past the cemetery... 3 girls walked up to me and explained that they were really scared to walk past the cemetery at night, so I agreed to let them walk along with me. I told them "I understand... I used to be freaked out too when I was alive..."**

**Never seen anyone run that fast!!.. 🏃🏃🏃🏃🏃🏃🏃🏃**

**My Saturday was going pretty well until I realized it was Sunday..**

My grandma talking to my mom about her new hearing aid, "it's the most expensive one you can buy, it cost me \$4,000"

My mom: "What kind is it"

My grandma: "it's 4:15pm"

**PEOPLE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE NEW IPHONE BUT NO ONE HAS CAUGHT UP WITH THE AWESOME TECHNOLOGY OF USING YOUR BLINKER WHEN YOU DRIVE.**

Vision without action is merely a dream, action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world.

Success depends on your backbone, not your wishbone

**FAMILY GROUPS**....a place where friends meet and everyone cares.

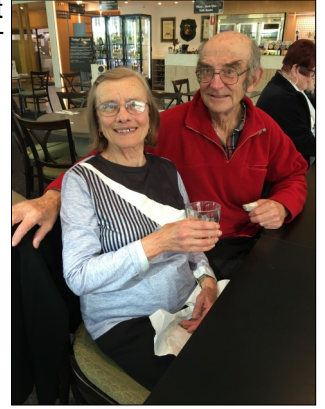
**Bridge Family Group**



On Wednesday 8th May, our Bridge family group attended the Movie/luncheon morning at Wallis theatre Mt Barker. It was the 70th anniversary of the making of the film, "SABRINA" starring Audrey Hepburn, William Holden and Humphrey Bogart. What a great movie as it had everything! Laughter, romance, the wonderful costumes of that era and a beautiful and very young, Audrey Hepburn. The film was in black and white!

Then we headed down to the Hotel next door for a most enjoyable meal. All had a lovely day out. Ticket and meal \$29. Definitely put on the agenda for 2025.

**Rosie**



**RSL**

On Friday 21st June, the M&M family group invited our Bridge Family Group to join them for dinner at MB RSL. It was a lovely evening, with a lot of laughter and great conversation! The meals were nicely presented and delicious, the service was quick and prices reasonable. I'm sure our group would like to join M&M's again next year. **Rosie**



We were so pleased that Mary and Arturo were able to join the groups and to socialise with us. **ED**

**RSL**

On June 21st, the Bridge and M&M Family Groups joined together at the RSL Club. We were so pleased to have 47 of our members come together and enjoy a meal. You could tell by the chatter and laughter going on around us, that it was a great idea to all catch up. The food and service were excellent! I for one, was happy with my meal. It was unanimous that we should do this more often.

**Jo**

*My meal was scrumptious also, ED.*



## FAMILY GROUPS....a place where friends meet and everyone cares.

### M&M's lunch

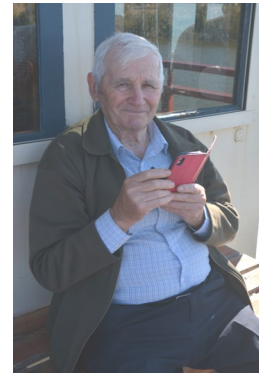
Some of our members met at the Community Club for a get together lunch. We all enjoyed a tasty meal and had a few laughs.

We quietly celebrated Elaine's birthday. The Mundys gave her a beautiful posy of roses. *Jan*



### Captain Proud

What a glorious day to sail the Murray River! Blue was the sky and so was the river. The meal was very satisfying both in plateful and taste. The company was happy and excited to relax and enjoy the time on the Captain Proud. *Jan*



Row, row, row  
your boat  
gently down  
the stream,  
merrily, merrily,  
merrily, merrily,  
life is but a  
dream.



### Soup and Bread

We weren't sure how many would turn up for our delicious soups but when 45 arrived there was plenty for all. It was such a pleasure that Fr Richard was able to join us as well.

There was chicken, pea and ham, pumpkin and corn and minestrone. What a choice! How to decide! Well, why not try a small amount of all of them. Partnered with the French sticks, brown and white, buttered or unbuttered there was ample for our friends as well as our visitors from Tailem Bend, Mannum and beyond.

A grateful thank you to Wayne and Deanna, Joyleen and Michael, Terry, Gloria and Trevor for their warm, soothing and delectable soups that received high praise from the tasters.. *Jan*



# Laugh a Little

"If one doesn't have a sense of humour, it's very difficult to be happy" - Pope Francis

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?  
 What disease did cured ham actually have?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

LARVA WAS A GREAT BAND BEFORE THE BEATLES EMERGED

SWARMS OF FLYING INSECTS THREATEN TOWN! POLICE DEPLOY THE SWAT TEAM!

JAMES BOND SPORTS GRAY HAIR IN HIS LATEST FILM "NO TIME TO DYE"

GREAT HIDE AND SEEK PLAYERS ARE REALLY HARD TO FIND

MY LANDLORD WANTS TO TALK ABOUT MY HIGH HEATING BILLS I TOLD HIM MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN

BEING IN DEBT ATTRACTS A LOT OF INTEREST FROM BANKERS

SOCCER NOT ALLOWED SOCCER MAY ONLY BE PLAYED IN ARCHERY RANGE

I'M GOIN<sup>2</sup> COLLAGE  
 Well, good luck with that...

BEST GARAGE SALE SIGN EVER  
 CRAP YOU MAY NEED!  
 \$22 Bazaar  
 (with arrow pointing to the sign)

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):  
 "When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."

POTHOLES AHEAD  
**WARNING**  
 No Swimming  
 No Fishing  
 No Bungee Jumping allowed in Potholes!  
 This is no Camping Area.

DEAD PEOPLES THINGS FOR SALE

FREE TARS

THE BANANA WENT TO THE DOCTOR BECAUSE IT WASN'T PEELING WELL

CHILDHOOD INJURIES:  
 FELL OFF MY BIKE  
 FELL OUT OF A TREE  
 TWISTED MY ANKLE  
 ADULT INJURIES:  
 SLEPT WRONG  
 SAT DOWN TOO LONG  
 SNEEZED TOO HARD

BEING IN DEBT ATTRACTS A LOT OF INTEREST FROM BANKERS

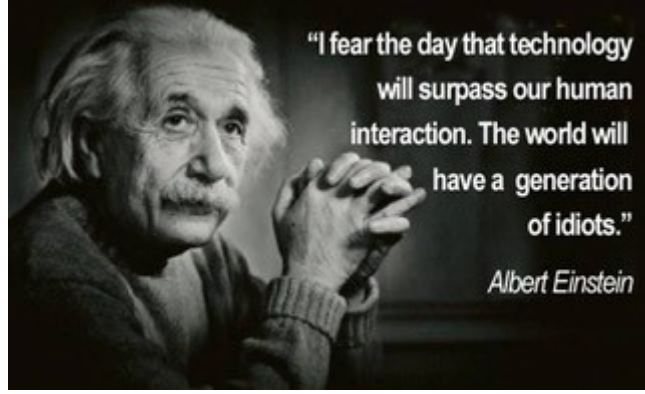
Pat is at the airport with a sack over each shoulder and when he is stopped at customs they find that both sacks are full of mobile phones. When asked why Pat said, "Well, while I was on my travels in America, I got a phone call from my mate Mick and he told me that he is starting up a jazz band and could I bring him back two saxophones."

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK, IT'S WHAT YOU DO THAT COUNTS.



Hi DARLING!  
 USE MY ATM CARD, TAKE ANY AMOUNT OUT, GO SHOPPING AND TAKE YOUR FRIENDS FOR LUNCH  
 PIN CODE:  $\int_0^1 (3x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 4) dx$   
 $\sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 2}$   
 I LOVE YOU HONEY

DITCHER, QUICK & HYDE  
 DIVORCE LAWYERS



A Man asked a Fairy to make him desirable and irresistible to all Women. She turned him into a credit card.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back.  
 If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.  
 The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

## 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Dennis and Helena Willis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 13th. They were married on Saturday 13th July 1974 in the MHRCC by Father John Honner, the Priest at that time. They remember vividly having several meetings with Fr Honner preparing them for the sacrament of marriage. "We were fortunate," Helena said. "The sun shone on our special day, as it was during winter and the very next day it did not stop raining!"

On coming out of the church after the ceremony we were unexpectedly but pleasantly surprised by a guard of honour by the Murray Bridge Rowing club members (of which Dennis was a member) forming an arch of oars.

Their reception was held in the Ramblers Football Club Hall with the rowing club ladies supplying the delicious food. Our guests were entertained and enjoyed dancing to a local live band. Dennis' mother made the 5 tiered fruit cake which was decorated by our sister in law. And yes we still have the top tier of the cake. Which was brought along to the celebration. They were joined by family and friends and members of the bridal party. (however no plans to eat it for afternoon tea.

Our children still wonder how I managed to sway their father in wearing a magnificent purple suit in our wedding! I managed to convince him then it was a nice shade of Purple. Besides the colour of the suits with the mauve body shirts featuring lace trims at the front, matched up with the frocks the Matrons of Honour wore, which were all made by my friends mother. (Oh! those fashions of the day!)

Following the wedding we had a motoring honeymoon to Queensland's Gold Coast. A very special and emotional moment for us to recall, whilst on our trip to the Holy Lands in 2019, our guide Fr Jack Boog, renewed our wedding vows in Cana, Nazareth where Jesus performed his first miracle changing water into wine. We now look forward to a blessing in our church where we married 50 years ago wonderful memories and thankful for all our blessings **Helena and Dennis.**



## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS



A sausage sizzle was held after Mass and put on by the Knights of the Southern Cross.

Kevin, Wayne and Dennis made sure they were cooked to perfection.

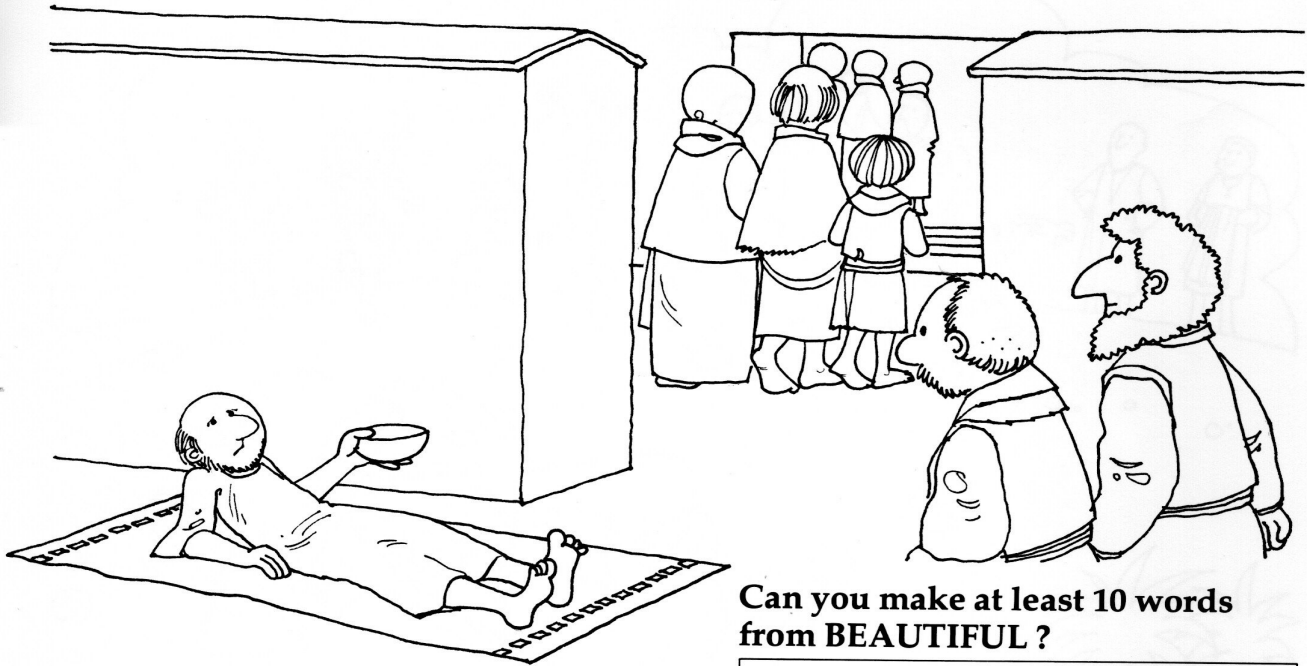


Never kick a cow chip on a hot day. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.  
 Never miss a good chance to shut up.  
 Studies show cows produce more milk when the farmer talks to them. It's a case of in one ear and out the udder.  
 Always drink upstream from the herd

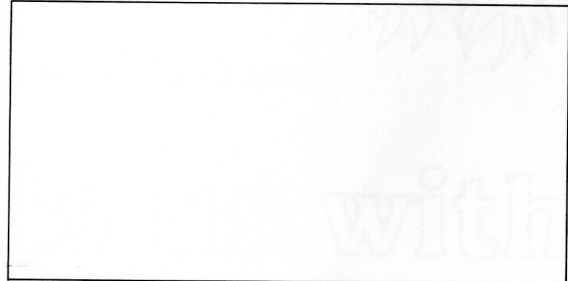
Healing of a Lame Man

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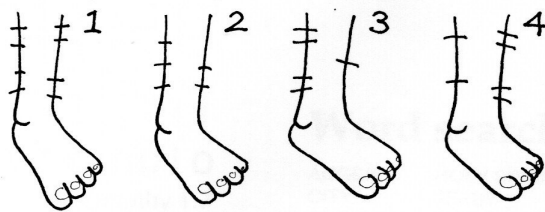
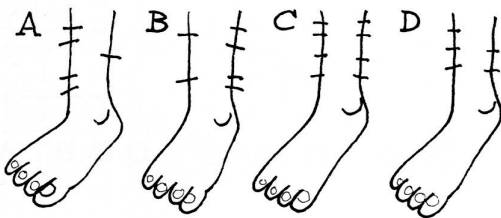


Can you make at least 10 words from BEAUTIFUL?



# Healed

Can you pair up these feet?



Word search

H	T	G	N	E	R	T	S	H	O	A
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- ANKLES
- BEAUTIFUL
- BEGGED
- FEET
- GATE
- GOD
- HAND
- HELP
- JESUS
- JOHN
- JUMPED
- LAME
- MONEY
- NAME
- PETER
- PRAISING
- PRAYER
- STRENGTH
- TEMPLE
- THREE
- WALKED



## Parish Interview

### Teresa Hassall



Born on 15<sup>th</sup> February 1951 in Ormoc City Leyte, in the Philippines, Teresa was baptised in the St Peter and Paul Catholic church soon after. Her Mother was a dressmaker and her Father was a chef.

She is the fourth child of a family of six children having three older brothers and two younger sisters. Being the eldest of the three girls her mother used to say to her customers that she was her “right hand” as she helped her with the many chores of running a household. Her family was loving, close and happy.

Her Mother was a devoted Catholic and strong in her faith. She was a devotee of Our Lady (Mother) of Perpetual Help and took Teresa to become a devotee member too.

Teresa also joined the Legion of Mary. Every Sunday after the Mass, she joined with the other members teaching Catechism to the children in her Parish.

In 1979, at 28 years old, she married an Australian. They produced two healthy boys, but unfortunately the marriage only lasted 10 years.

Teresa, then faced with bringing up her two boys, studied Communication at Port Adelaide. Her first career path was as a domestic cleaner at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. After 5 years as a domestic, she applied for a sterilising attendant at the same hospital and her career path changed when she was hired.

Then in 1997, Teresa married her second husband. He is and has been a sports person all his life so he taught her how to row in the double scull. They started rowing together in 2003 and competed in the Masters Rowing Regatta in West Lakes, Renmark and Mannum. Up till now they row every Monday and Wednesday and practice on the rowing machine on Fridays.

Teresa believes that in marriage or any relationship, it is important to do activities together, respect and listen to one another and above all “a wife should be water when her husband is fire”. These are her Mother’s words before she got married. Her Mother said to her: “arguments between a husband and wife are very common so when it happens, a women must learn to stay calm and don’t argue when the husband is angry. Pray, hope and don’t worry.” Teresa and her husband will be celebrating their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on his birthday.

Her interests are going to church, reading and playing various games, crocheting and gardening and sometimes walking.

*Thank you, Teresa, for sharing snippets of your life and giving us your Mother’s interesting perspective on marriage harmony. ED*

### “Looking In” thank you



Wayne, Phil and John congratulate Jan on her contribution to the producing of the Looking In journal. Jan has been contributing, firstly as a writer when Fr Kym was the Priest and Sister Michelle asked her to write some articles. Then when Fr John Herd was Parish Priest, he asked her take on the role of editor, firstly jointly with Kerry Wilson for a while, then when she wasn’t able to help, on her own.

The journal in its current form has been produced by Jan for 11 years. She was presented with a surprising collection of goodies from the Farm Fresh Market by the PPC.

She wishes to thank all contributors and photographers. There is a team of wonderful supporters who regularly contribute news.

Without their articles and the support of the Advertisers “Looking In” wouldn’t exist.

**After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.**

**The moral:** When you’re full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

## ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL NEWS



Term 2, 2024 at St Joseph's began with the beautiful May weather we had been experiencing. We welcomed some new families and staff to our school.

The school commemorated National

Reconciliation Week with a whole school activity day organised by Ms Amy Rogerson our school's Aboriginal Education Support Officer. The students took part in several activities run by Aboriginal elders and local people.

The students learn about Ngarrindjeri language, painting, weaving, and how to look after their health and fitness. We also had a Ngarrindjeri flag raising ceremony and community prayer service thanking God for our First Nations People and how we can support the Reconciliation process. We flew this flag for the remainder of Reconciliation Week. Each class looked at the reason for Reconciliation Week to remind us we can all do something to work together for reconciliation and recognition of our First Nation's People.

At one of our Community prayers led by our School Captains and Religious Leaders, Mrs Pamela Holmes who retired at the end of last year returned to present a blanket to the school that she had put together from the scarves that students had made in 2023. These students in their recess break learnt how to knit with Mrs Holmes and became quite proficient at making scarves and beanies.

Once again students in Upper Primary were given many opportunities to participate in sporting events in our local area as well as competitions in Adelaide. Football and netball were especially popular and cross country gave our long-distance runners a chance to shine. Some classes managed to go on excursions, camps and our Reception and Year 1 students took part in Gymnastics activities.

Students who had been preparing for Confirmation were Confirmed by Archbishop Patrick on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and then during June Masses they received Communion for the first time. During Terms 2 and 3 we are also collecting warm clothing, blankets and food for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. We concluded the term with a Pyjama Day.

*Deb Holland*



Raising the flags for NADOC week



Students camping

### St Joseph's School, Murray Bridge 100-year celebration 2025



Next year, 2025 is the centenary, 100 years of Catholic schooling in Murray Bridge. St Joseph's School will begin the year with celebrations for this momentous occasion on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2025. Invitations and more information will be disseminated throughout 2024.

The 100-year celebration committee are looking for memorabilia from past students and families. For example: photos, books, uniforms, trophies. Items can be left at the school office.

Enquiries can be made at the school **85342000**, **Michael Gates 0422325441** or

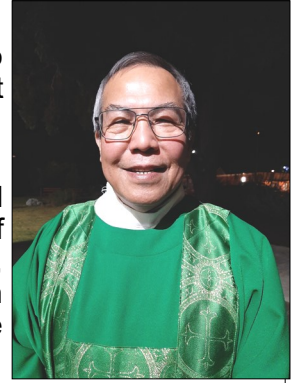
**Deb Holland 0438310636**

## Inspiration from our Deacon

What's up, it's mid year!

It's July again – half of the year has gone. It is the middle of winter and it seems to be a lot colder this year?! It's a new fiscal year starting and time to start looking at filing income tax returns and annual financial reports.

However, for the Catholic Church, it is back to Ordinary time in its Liturgical Calendar – that is, most of the great liturgical feasts are over – seasons of Christmas and Easter. The Church Liturgical Year starts with the Season of Advent, goes on to the Season of Christmas, a short period of Ordinary Time and then proceeds to the Season of Lent that leads to the celebration of Holy Week and the Season of Easter and then back again to Ordinary Time.



Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is not special or less significant but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinals, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent).

Time to re-stock, maybe?

This year, the first Sunday in July is the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time.

In our communities, what has been happening so far – we had that review conducted by Fr Dean Marin, the Vicar General about the parish administration model currently in place for the Murraylands cluster of parishes (Murray Bridge, Murray Mallee and Mallee Border parishes) with a permanent Deacon as Pastoral Director/Parish Administrator and a Priest Moderator (Fr Philip Marshall) exercising oversight. It was gratifying to see your interest in letting the diocese know your thoughts about the matter.

Unfortunately, the main request coming out of the consultation – that of a resident priest - cannot be easily acted upon because of the serious shortage of priests in the diocese – so the community is stuck with a permanent deacon for the near foreseeable future. Notwithstanding this, I hope we have put in such a strong voice on the matter that this request will not be overlooked.

One thing that has been acted upon, after protracted negotiations with the diocese, is that we now have Ms Orla Wright as Pastoral Support Person on assignment from the Diocesan Office of Community Life and Worship. She will be working in the Murraylands cluster for a while to help train and set up pastoral teams in the Parishes. We hope that with these teams set up, we (all parishioners) will be able to participate more fully and effectively in our liturgical celebrations, pastoral care and social interactions.

Small steps to begin with and as all of us grow more into our ministries – with the Grace of God – our communities shall flourish and become vibrant ... so we pray!

*Deacon Arturo Jimenea*

### BEQUESTS

Envelopes are available at the back of the church for Parishioners, should you wish to make a donation to the future work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in lieu of flowers

House  
blessing  
East  
Timorese

It's a dog's life. God bless all dogs



## Poems for the Elderly

### Peace

If we but had the eyes to see  
God's face in every cloud  
If we but had the ears to hear  
His voice above the crowd  
If we could feel His gentle touch  
In every Springtime breeze  
And find a haven in his arms  
Neath sheltering leafy trees  
If we could just lift up our hearts like flowers to the sun  
And trust His easter promise  
And pray "Thy will be done"  
We'd find the peace we're seeking  
The kind no man can give  
The peace that comes from knowing  
He died so we might live.  
anon

### A motorist's prayer

Each time I drive, Lord may I feel  
Your hands on mine upon the wheel  
Give me a careful, watchful eye.  
For young and old when I drive by.  
Keep me from speeding needlessly  
Passing earth's beauties heedlessly  
I want to use this car for you  
To drive my friends with safety too  
But all these things can never be  
Unless O Lord You drive with me.



### AM I JUST GETTING OLD

Do you remember?  
I remember the cheese of my childhood  
And the bread that we cut with a knife  
When children helped out with the housework  
And the men went to work not the wife.  
The cheese never needed an ice chest  
The bread was so crusty and hot  
The children were seldom unhappy  
And the wife was content with her lot  
I remember the milk from the billy  
With yummy rich cream on the top  
Our dinners came hot from the oven  
And not from a fridge in some shop.  
The kids were a lot more contented  
They didn't need money for kicks  
But a game with their mates in the paddock  
And sometimes the Saturday flicks  
I remember the shop on the corner  
Where a penn'orth of lollies was sold  
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic  
Or is it I'm just getting old?



### For Friends of the Aged

Blessed are they who understand my faltering steps and shaking hand.  
Blessed are they who seem to know my eyes are dim and my thoughts are slow.  
Blessed are they who my ears today must strain to catch the things they say.  
Blessed are they who looked away when tea was spilt at the meal today.  
Blessed are they with cheery smile who stop and chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say  
"You've told me that story twice today!"

Blessed are they who know the ways of living back memories of yesterday.

Blessed are they who make it known, I'm loved, respected and not alone.  
Blessed are they who ease the days of my journey home, in loving ways.  
anon

### Never ending love

From early in the morning,  
Until I go to sleep each day,  
I know my grandparents love me,  
In a very special way.  
Sometimes it's tea and crackers,  
Sometimes a walk in the park,  
Sometimes it's just a hug when I'm scared and in the dark  
I love to hear their stories,  
About the past and where they're from,  
And I know their hearts are filled for me,  
With never ending love.  
anon



# Grandparent's Day



## Love Poems for Grandparents



Grandparents are grand!  
 Grandma or Grandpa  
 Nana, Nona, or Nammy  
 PopPop, PaPa, or Poppy  
 Warm welcomes.  
 Happy hugs, holding hearts.  
 Love, Love, Love.  
 Kids, crafts, cooking.  
 Grandparents lending life's lessons.  
 Many momentous moments.  
 Amazingly awesome!  
*anon*



Grandma's hugs are made of love  
 Everything my grandma does  
 Is something special made with  
 love.

She takes the time to add the extra  
 touch  
 That says, "I love you very much."

She fixes hurts with a kiss and smile  
 And tells good stories grandma-style.  
 It's warm and cozy on her lap  
 For secret telling or a nap.

And when I say my prayer at night,  
 I ask God to bless and hold her tight.  
 Cause when it comes to giving hugs  
 My grandma's arms are filled with love!  
*anon*

Grandpa, you are so special to me,  
 You teach me to be happy and free.  
 I love spending our fun days together,  
 We always find a new adventure.  
 You don't mind answering my questions "Why?"  
 You pick me up and carry me high.  
 My Grandpa, you take the time to teach,  
 And let me see things above my reach.  
 With you, I always feel safe and secure,  
 I'll love you forever, ever more.  
 We say goodbye with a hug and kiss,  
 As I make a big, big special wish...  
 My wish for you, Grandpa, please, please don't go.  
 Why? Because I love, love, love you so...  
*anon*



## Grandies

Few can bring the warmth  
 We can find in their embrace,  
 And little more is needed to bring love.  
 Than the smile on their face.

They've a supply of precious stories,  
 Yet they've time to wipe a tear,  
 Or give us reasons to make us laugh,  
 They grow more precious through the years.

I believe that God sent us Grandparents  
 As our legacy from above,  
 To share the moments of our life,  
 As extra measures of His love.  
*anon*



## Sunday 28th July World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

*The Holy Father  
 Pope Francis has  
 chosen a passage  
 from Psalm 71*

**"Do not cast me  
 off in my old age."**

## Wonderful Memories

Someone who will understand  
 who knows the way I feel  
 In every situation  
 her concern is very real.

Someone who has walked my ways,  
 who knows my every need.  
 Times when she would see me cry,  
 her heart would nearly bleed.

Everyone should have a great grand-  
 mother  
 just the way I do.  
 Richly blessed is what I am  
 to have a great grandmother like you!

Thanks for all the wonderful memories!  
*anon*

# CELEBRATING VISITING PRIESTS



The Parish community collected together after Sunday Mass to welcome the two visiting Filipino Priests, Fr Vincent and Fr Reggie. A delicious meal was prepared



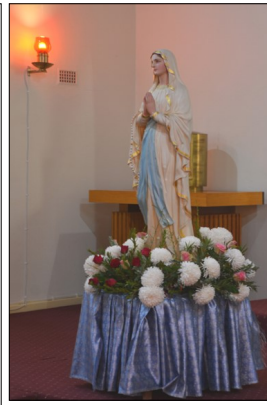
# CELEBRATING VISITING PRIESTS



## Flores de Mayo

Each year, Catholics all over the world commonly dedicate the month of May to Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ. These devotional prayers culminate in a Mass offered at the end of the month. Before the beginning of Mass, the people gather together at the back of the church and from there carry the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary (on a palanquin) in procession, all the while singing Marian songs.

At a suitable moment in the Mass, at the offertory or after communion, the people are invited to bring their flowers and put these at the foot (of the image) of the Blessed Mother – a token of their love and devotion to the Blessed Mother – such a beautiful sight to see! At the end of the Mass, the *Flores de Mayo* celebration finished off with a feast! . Happy Fiesta! Everyone!



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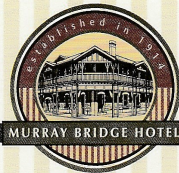


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