



MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Information on our parishes & our communities



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16th February 2025

## THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord."* (James 5:14)

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of the Catholic Church which celebrates our faith in the healing touch of Christ in our lives. In the Sacrament, we pray that the sick person be healed in body, soul and spirit. The Sacrament offers forgiveness and healing.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (¶ 1520-1523):

The Effects of the Celebration of this Sacrament:

1. A particular gift of the Holy Spirit. the first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age.
2. Union with the passion of Christ. By the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion.  
*"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."* (Matthew 8:17)
3. An ecclesial grace. By celebrating this sacrament the Church, in the communion of saints, intercedes for the benefit of the sick person, and he, for his part, though the grace of this sacrament, contributes to the sanctification of the Church and to the good of all men for whom the Church suffers and offers herself through Christ to God the Father.  
*"And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."* (Mk 16:17-18 17)
4. A preparation for the final journey. If the sacrament of anointing of the sick is given to all who suffer from serious illness and infirmity, even more rightly is it given to those at the point of departing this life.

Over the centuries the Anointing of the Sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death and because of this it received the name "Extreme Unction." Nevertheless, the liturgy has never failed to beg the Lord that the sick person may recover his/her health, if it would be conducive to his/her salvation.

That is why it should be and is rightly called the Sacrament of Anointing of the SICK.

Deacon Arturo Jimenea



## **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR C**

### **First Reading     Jeremiah 17:5-8**

#### **A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord**

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:

if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

### **Responsorial Psalm     Psalm 1:1-4,6**

#### ***Happy are they who hope in the Lord.***

Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night.

#### ***Happy are they who hope in the Lord.***

He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.

#### ***Happy are they who hope in the Lord.***

Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind:  
for the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

#### ***Happy are they who hope in the Lord.***

### **Second Reading     1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20**

#### **If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

### **Gospel Acclamation     Luke 6:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel     Luke 6:17,20-26**

#### **Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> to Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 (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)

### Bridge Family Group

Sunday 9th March we will be hosting the morning cuppa after 11am mass. Followed by our planning meeting for 2025. Please bring along a light shared lunch and your ideas to assist with the years events. Thank you Helena Williss.

Saint Valentine is the patron saint of love. Believers say God worked through his life and teach people how to recognize and experience true love. This famous saint and Italian doctor who later became a priest, inspired the day Valentines Day.



## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The official logo for the Catholic Jubilee Year 2025 features the motto "**Peregrinantes in**

**Spem**" (Pilgrims in hope) prominently displayed in green letters. The logo symbolizes humanity coming together, represented by four stylized figures embracing each other, indicating unity and hope. The theme of the Jubilee is "**Pilgrims of Hope**", reflecting the spirit of the event.



**World Day Of Prayer** - This year it is The Cook Islands. Friday 7th March at 10am hosted at MHRC. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who come together for prayer and cation for peace and justice. We are looking for a flag from the Cook Islands or any artifacts which we could use to decorate the church. If you are happy for us to use them, please leave items at the parish office. Thank you in anticipation. Catholic Women's League. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **RCIA Save the Dates!**

For those parishes preparing candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil, please save these dates. Rite of Election: **March 9** – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, afternoon tea and discussion with the Archbishop 2–4pm, liturgical rite 4–5pm. Information and registration will come out in this month. This rite is required for all those who will be baptised this, Easter.

Mystagogia Mass: **May 24** – St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, 6pm. All those who were baptised at the Easter Vigil are invited to celebrate with the Archbishop. Reception to follow.

MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER			Weekly Giving	M/B	M/M
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Saturday	Mannum ( <b>Vigil Mass</b> ) - Fr Richard	4pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (for the Priests of the Archdiocese)	\$784.15	\$386.00
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb Saturday	<b>Murray Bridge (Vigil Mass)</b> - Fr Richard	6pm			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Sunday	Meningie ( <b>Mass</b> ) Fr John	9am	2nd Collection - for the Parish (Loose Plate)	\$503.20	\$359.30
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Sunday	<b>Murray Bridge (Mass)</b> - Fr Alan Winter	11am			
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb Sunday	Tailem Bend ( <b>LWHC</b> ) -	9am	2nd Collection - for the Parish (Planned Giving Envelopes)	\$688.50	\$2100.00
Tuesday ( <b>LWHC</b> )	<b>Murray Bridge</b>	9.30am			
Wednesday ( <b>LWHC</b> )	<b>Murray Bridge</b>	9.30am	Baptisms/Funerals	\$	
Wednesday ( <b>LWHC</b> )	Mannum	11am	Appeals (unborn child)	\$157.45	
Friday ( <b>Adoration</b> )	<b>Murray Bridge</b>		<i>Thank You!</i>		
Friday ( <b>Mass</b> )	<b>Murray Bridge</b>	12am			

**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, Helen Hogan, Vin Hollis, Carol Hunt, Roger & Raylene Hurle, Maureen Johnson, 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, Bill Allam

**Anniversaries:** John Uren, Clem & Dorothy Roades, Velesco Cazzalato, Ronald Maffara, Maureen Byass

**Deaths:** Coral Henry, John Kiely



**Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal** We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and

the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time:  
(23rd Feb 2025) Yr C**

**1<sup>st</sup> Rdg:** Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Rdg:** Corinthians 15:45-49  
**Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

**Birthline Pregnancy Support**

Are you a compassionate person? At Birthline, we're searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of Telephone Counsellors enquiries, please email [tcc@birthline.org.au](mailto:tcc@birthline.org.au) or call on 0413 380 883. Website: [birthline.org.au](http://birthline.org.au).

**Project Compassion Sunday**

is the weekend of March 1st & 2nd. Please make sure you have taken a donation box and or envelope home with you. They are in the church ready for your collection. **CARITAS AUSTRALIA**

**Reminders**

Sunday 16th Feb - M&Ms planning day & cuppa.  
Tuesday 18th Feb - CWL meeting at 10am, in meeting room.  
Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday 6pm Mass  
Sunday 9th March - BFG hosting cuppa after mass.

**Next Week's Roster**

Church	Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge	Tailem Bend
<b>Dates &amp; Time</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 6PM	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 11AM	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 10AM
Commentator	Mark & Wayne	Deb Holland	Luke Henry
Lector 1	Rosie Scott	Bronny Rossiter	Tess Brereton
Lector 2	Chris Law	Ros Oates	Vicki Stevens
P.O. Faithful	Valerie Scott	Bev Villaver	Luke Henry
Euch. Ministers	Michael Gates	Rodel Maranan	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 1	Carol Giles	Kathy Bratkovic	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 2	Marie Scannell	Fely Cooper	Leader- Anne H
Offertory		Maranan Family	Music- Edwin P
POF Writer	Deb Holland		
Grounds Maintenance (MB)			