



MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Information on our parishes & our communities



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THE HOLY WEEK, PRELUDE TO EASTER

16th March 2025

Lent commences with the Ash Wednesday celebrations, and for five weeks, Christians all over the world will perform acts of spiritual preparation and purification, reaching culmination in the Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday beginning of Holy Week, we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem: many people lining up the streets and acclaiming him as a great and wonderful prophet - many believing that he is the long awaited Messiah, some even wanted him to be made king. And yet, we know that he came into the city riding on a humble donkey, the very image of a people's king coming in peace - as opposed to that image of a proud conqueror riding in on a war horse!

In the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, again, we get to be inspired by the humility of Jesus, who, though he is the Christ, showed his followers that he is there to serve and not to be served. We are in a state of suspense as to what comes next in the drama of salvation ...

On Good Friday, we cannot help but feel for the suffering Christ, who, though He is the Son of God, chose to accept the humiliation and the interminable punishment dealt on him by his tormentors - to show us that even in suffering, God is with us ... and that therefore, this experience of the human Jesus has to be, all for our sake and our salvation. We are sad and mortified ...

On the eve of Holy Saturday going into Easter Sunday, we commemorate and rejoice at the resurrection of Christ, his triumph over death and sin - restoring us to a righteous relationship with God. We celebrate that through this great act in his mission of salvation, Christ showed us that we too have a chance to eternal life, if we but keep faith. We are grateful.

In all these celebrations commemorating the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the very story of our salvation, the challenge is to focus more on the reason for and the meaning of the celebrations.

It is a common tendency to put lots of effort in the perfection of the execution of the rituals - for example: is that banner appropriate and timely? is the dripping of melted wax from the lit candles minimized? were the ringing of the bells timely? were the hymns sang to perfection? etc. And yet these are mostly trimmings, by the by. These celebrations are occasions of prayer, both individual and communal! It quite understandable that people need to be allowed to share their talents - and that in doing so, be also recognised for it - but it must be kept in mind that these are community events, not individual performances. These celebrations are for the good of all; that, hopefully, we will grow together in faith and knowledge of God.

Therefore, this is the real challenge from the Spirit: to discern and be aware of God's presence in all things, even in hectic and seemingly overwhelmingly awesome activities.

Deacon Arturo Jimenea

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT- YR C

First Reading **Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

**God enters into a Covenant with
Abraham, the man of faith**

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14**
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

**Our homeland is in heaven, and
from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us**

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel **Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus is transfigured before them

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

2025 Lenten Family Resources and Activities

The Archdiocesan Office and Catholic Education Office offer the following resources for families during the Lenten season. The digital versions may be shared in your Parish communications or printed out for Children's Liturgy. [Weekly Family Lenten Pages](https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html) (<https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html>). The Archdiocesan Lenten Reflection book is freely available from the back of the church but is also available online at: <https://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au/publications.html>

Good Friday

This year we are going to have a re-enactment of The Stations of The Cross on the oval at the back of the church. For this to happen we will need volunteers to help. Children, adults. Please speak with Bev Villaver / Trudy Shirvington if you are interested in helping. Thank you
Would anyone be able to make crosses for the day? We need to put them out on the oval.

Bridge Family Group

Bridge Family Group outing at The Greyhound Precinct in Doyles Function Centre for a roast Sunday lunch. Sunday 6th April, arrive 12.30 for 1pm seating. RSVP April 2nd, 2025. Phone Lyn Reilly Mobile: 0427372565.

Knights of The Southern Cross

KSC will be holding an Easter raffle, tickets will be available from this weekend 15/16 March, from Taillem Bend and Murray Bridge churches. Tickets are \$2- each or 3 for \$5- . There will be 3 prizes and winners to be drawn on Sunday 13th April.



National Liturgy & Music Conference : Transformed through Sacrament and Song

Registrations are now open for the APMN & NLC biennial conference to be held in Adelaide from October 1 to 3, 2025 at the Hilton Adelaide Hotel, Victoria Square. This is a great opportunity for parish musicians, school APRIMS and RECs, parish priests and pastoral associates to hear international and national speakers in the field (Fr Ricky Manalo CSP, Rita Ferrone, Fr Richard Leonard SJ) together with other inspirational and prophetic Australian voices.

worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au or 8210 8130

Festival of Hymns

The annual Festival of Hymns returns for 2025 on Sunday March 16th at 1pm in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. Come along and join in an hour of hymn singing! Cathedral organist, James Lloyd will lead this free Fringe Festival event.

Loving the Least of These

"Embrace Life" invites you to an interactive forum "Loving the Least of These" with Ms. Juli Sharpe, Executive Officer of Genesis Pregnancy Support Services Wednesday **March 19, from 6pm-7-30pm at John and Mary Fennessy Rooms, Level 2, Centacare, 45 Wakefield Street.** Free parking in the Cathedral carpark.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

The Catholic agency for international aid and development

This week, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed.

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22 nd March Saturday	Mannum (Vigil Mass) - Fr John	4pm	1 st Collection (for the Priests of the Archdiocese)	\$664.65	\$380.00
22 nd March Saturday	Murray Bridge (Vigil Mass) - Fr Leon	6pm			
23 rd March Sunday	Meningie (LWHC) - Fr Richard	9am	2 nd Collection - for the Parish (Loose Plate)	\$411.55	\$262.40
23 rd March Sunday	Murray Bridge (Mass) - Fr Richard	11am			
16 th March Sunday	Taillem Bend (Lwhc) -	10am	2nd Collection - for the Parish (Planned Giving Envelopes)	\$736.00	\$262.40
16 th March Sunday	Pinnaroo (Lwhc) -	10.30am			
Tuesday (LWHC)	Murray Bridge	9.30am	Donations (Candle Money)	\$319.85	
Wednesday (LWHC)	Murray Bridge	9.30am	Donations (Friday Lunch)	\$8.00	
Wednesday (LWHC)	Mannum	11am			
Friday (Adoration)	Murray Bridge	11am			
Friday (Mass)	Murray Bridge	12noon			

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, Ange a 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, Joel Paca-anas, Ross and Pauline Pfeiffer

Anniversaries: Terry Critchley, Carmelo Gvianco, Ines Barichello, Maria Anunciacion Jimenea

Deaths: Rose Critchley

Volunteering at Calvary - The power of a smile

You can make an impact volunteering at Calvary Adelaide Hospital which has a number of volunteer 'patient support' positions available. These roles provide valuable support to patients, visitors and staff - enhancing the service provided by Calvary to the community.

The benefits of volunteering just a few hours a week are many. You'll feel a heightened sense of wellbeing, purpose and appreciation, while those you support will be forever grateful. If you like spending time in service for others and have a positive approach to life; if you're kind, sensitive, responsible, have a sense of humour, then we would love to hear from you! For further information, please email CHCA-volunteers@calvarycare.org.au or contact Jessica on 0427 012 336.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
3rd Sunday of Lent:
(23rd March 2025) Yr C**

1st Rdg: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15
2nd Rdg: Corinthians 10:1-6,10
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Looking In Magazine

Please have any stories, pictures, information, prayers, that you would like to have published in our Looking In Magazine, by Thursday 20th March. Email Jan Berger or the parish office your contributions.

Volunteers

We are really in need of more volunteers for ministries in particular at MHRC. Please speak with Deacon Arturo, Mary or any ppc member if you can spare some time to volunteer at your church. PLEASE

Reminders

Weds 19th March - Whole school mass 9.30am, at school.

Finance Committee M/B mtg - Thurs 20th March at 4pm in mtg rm.

Weds 25th March - Prayers service 10.30am (yr 2) in MHRC

M & Ms family group

M&M's outing for March, Swanport Hotel for a senior's lunch at 12 noon, Monday March 17th

M&Ms committee meeting - Wednesday 26th March at 1pm, parish hall

Next Week's Roster

Church	Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge	Tailem Bend
Dates & Time	22 nd March 6PM	23 rd March 11AM	23 rd March 10AM
Commentator	Wyne/Mark	Meradith O'Loughlin	Luke Henry
Lector 1	Anne-Marie G	Bev Villaver	Pat Duxbury
Lector 2	Chris Law	Bronny Rossiter	Mitzie Luna
P.O. Faithful	Valerie Scott	Deb Holland	Luke Henry
Euch. Ministers	Sharon Gregory	Mary Jimenea	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 1	Jo Hancock	Kathy Bratkovic	Edwin Pope
Welcoming 2	Marie Scannell	Di Howson	Leader Anne Henry
Offertory			
POF Writer	Mark Scott		
Grounds Maintenance (MB)			