



MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Information on our parishes & our communities



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## PREPAREDNESS

23rd March 2025

There is a saying that 'change is inevitable'. Big or small, change is bound to happen some time and that only God is truly constant and unchanging.

If this is so, what can we do so that when change does happen, we are not caught unprepared and thus be able to act sensibly. 'Plan ahead', 'know what is possible or not', 'canvass resources and assess utilization modes and opportunities' would be just some of the advices that a life counselors would give.

Planning ahead does apply to succession planning, especially at work. This means: we train and share our knowledge with people who are to succeed us, so that we can get on to other things, for instance: get promoted, or get on to better job prospects, or retire. This is on the principle that if nobody is there to take over what we do, we cannot get away at all to do other things such as, go on a holiday (!) Notwithstanding that this goes against the very notion of indispensability – that is, 'we are so important a cog in the operation of things that if we are not there, the machinery will not run properly.' While this may make our jobs seemingly secure, this notion leads to stagnation, for conservative practices will be encouraged and no innovative ideas or practices are to be entertained – "this is the way we have always done it".

However, when someone new comes into an organization, this will usually upset the prevailing status quo, and if no one is prepared to bend and accommodate, then the inevitable change to come will be quite disruptive. Still, if we embrace the change that is coming and take steps to welcome and assimilate the new person then the pain of integration will be that much less and be tolerable – this is that part where the technical phrases: 'know what is possible or not', 'canvass resources and assess utilization modes and opportunities' pertain.

Having said that, the goodwill of the community is an asset that is best used for the continuing revitalization of the parish, that is, when we all work together in support of each other, we can accomplish much, together.

But, most important of all is that, we all pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to inspire us to do the right thing, that God will continue to bless our Parish communities.

Deacon Arturo Jimenea

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT- YR C**

#### **First Reading Exodus 3:1-8,13-15**

**'I AM has sent me to you'**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This,' he added, 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

#### **Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11**

*The Lord is kind and merciful.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion, **R**

The Lord does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R**

#### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12**

**The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us**

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

#### **Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **Gospel Luke 13:1-9**

**'Leave the fig tree one more year'**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

## 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. **A big thank you to Mr Michael Callery & Mr John Berger for making 16 wooden crosses for Good Friday.**

## Bridge Family Group

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



## Knights of The Southern Cross

KSC will be holding an Easter raffle, tickets will be available from 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.

## M&Ms Family Group

" M&M's outing Thursday April 17<sup>th</sup>, John Denver show, Arts and Function centre at 11am. Please do own booking online or at the Art Gallery. Meet at the Community Club for lunch at 12:30pm afterwards. Come to one or both if preferred. " Thank you, Jan

## Chrism Mass

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 14 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact Community, Life and Worship on 8210 8130.

## Volunteer rosters

There are blank rosters in the church foyers for you to put your name on for ministries during Holy Week. Please consider volunteering and not leaving it up to the same people. Thank you kindly



## **Lift Up' Good Friday Night Walk - A Journey of Reflection & Hope**

This Good Friday, you are invited to walk together in the spirit of a pilgrimage, inspired by the 2025 Jubilee Year - *Pilgrims of Hope*. This journey is an opportunity to step away from the everyday and reflect. Our Good Friday night walk is a meaningful way to connect with the Easter story, each other, and the deeper themes of resilience, forgiveness and hope. This event is open to all ages, however it has been inspired and designed with young people in mind by COYYA (Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults). Our journey begins at The Monastery in Urrbrae at 7.30pm. From there, we will walk towards the city. Along the route, we will pause for reflection at St Raphael's in Parkside before continuing towards our final destination - St Francis Xavier's Cathedral. The walk is roughly 6.5km total. Please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CZHVW>



**Caritas**  
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The Catholic agency  
for international aid  
and development

This week, Project Compassion brings us the story of Lam, a young man from rural Vietnam. Lam's disability made his upbringing difficult. Sometimes people look at those with disability a little like the fig tree. They judge them and dismiss them.

Through the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia's partner in Vietnam, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Lam was able to pursue his dreams and become more independent. He enrolled in a six-month IT Technician training course in Da Nang that not only equipped him with professional skills but also rekindled his social connections and confidence. Lam's dedication during the training paid off as he launched a freelance graphic design business from his home.

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29 <sup>th</sup> March Saturday	Mannum (Vigil Mass) - Fr Richard	4pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (for the Priests of the Archdiocese)	\$722.30	\$177.20
29 <sup>th</sup> March Saturday	Murray Bridge (Vigil Mass) - Fr Richard	6pm			
30 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday	Meningie (LWHC) -	9am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - for the Parish (Loose Plate)	\$493.90	\$84.00
30 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday	Murray Bridge (Mass) - Fr John	11am			
30 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday	Taillem Bend (LWHC) -	10am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - for the Parish (Planned Giving Envelopes)	\$691.00	\$90.00
30 <sup>th</sup> March Sunday	Pinnaroo (LWHC) -	10.30am			
Tuesday (LWHC)	Murray Bridge	9.30am	Donations (Candle Money)	\$	
Wednesday (LWHC)	Murray Bridge	9.30am	Donations (Friday Lunch)	\$	
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, Judith Meaney

**Anniversaries:** Maria Anunciacion Jimenea



**Marathon for Cancer Council**

Fr Charles Lukati, Parish Priest of the Croydon Park Parish, will run the Clare Valley Half Marathon on Sunday April 6 to raise money for Cancer Council SA. By running the marathon, Fr Charles is living out the call of Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year to be a Pilgrim of Hope "always on the move". Please help him to support everyone affected by cancer, by donating to this Cancer Council Fundraising Event. The target has been set at \$20,000. Let's see how far we can reach!

[Do It For Cancer - Fr Charles Lukati - Marathon for Cancer Council](#)



**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:  
4th Sunday of Lent:  
(30th March 2025) Yr C**

**1<sup>st</sup> Rdg:** Joshua 5:9-12  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Rdg:** Paul 5:17-21  
**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3,11-32

**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 help out**

**Reminders**

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March - Prayers service 10.30am (yr 2) in MHRC

**Working With Children's Clearances.** Please ensure that you have a current WWC. It is mandatory for any volunteer to have a current working with children's check. There are forms in the foyers of all churches. There is currently a 3 week wait in processing applications. Any problems please speak with Trudy. Thank you

**Children's liturgy** will be on Sunday 30th March, 11am Mass with Bev.

**Next Week's Roster**

Church	Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge	Tailem Bend
<b>Dates &amp; Time</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> March 6PM	30 <sup>th</sup> March 11AM	30 <sup>th</sup> March 10AM
Commentator	Helena Williss	Deb Holland	Doris Connolly
Lector 1	Sharon Gregory	Trudy Shirvington	Vicki Stevens
Lector 2	Rosie Scott	Lynn Ayunon	Cindy Malone
P.O. Faithful	Michael Gates	Meradith O'Loughlin	Doris Connolly
Euch. Ministers	Dianne Cz	Billy Dimaano	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 1	Carol Giles	Bev Villaver	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 2	Marie Scannell	Trudy Shirvington	Leader - Sr Michele
Offertory		Dimaano Family	Music - Edwin Pope
POF Writer	Deb Holland		
Grounds Maintenance (MB)	Michael Callery and John Berger		