



MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

Information on our parishes & our communities



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30th March 2025

## 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)



Lighthen up, will ya! Lent is  
not all about being solemn  
and sad. There is also  
time to be glad!

Are we there yet?  
Easter is coming  
soon...? Right?



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

### **First Reading**

**Joshua 5:9-12**

#### **The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land**

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### **Responsorial Psalm      Psalm 33(34):2-7**

#### ***Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

I will bless the Lord at all times,

his praise always on my lips;

in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad.    **R**

Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us praise his name.

I sought the Lord and he answered me;

from all my terrors he set me free.    **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;

let your faces not be abashed.

This poor man called, the Lord heard him

and rescued him from all his distress.    **R**

### **Second Reading      2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

#### **God reconciled himself to us through Christ**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### **Gospel Acclamation      Luke 15:18**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

#### **The prodigal son**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

### **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 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. **NO** onsite car parking will be available. 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

### **Lent 2025 Online Mission with Bruce Downes – The Catholic Guy**

Experience spiritual renewal this Lent through an inspiring online Mission Event with Bruce Downes with people from all around the world. Online and easy to access, this powerful resource is perfect for individuals, families, and parish groups.

**Starts April 5, 2025. Registration required.**

🔗 Register now at: [missionevent.thecatholicguy.com](https://missionevent.thecatholicguy.com)



### **Pastoral Letter for Lent from Archbishop O'Regan**

Archbishop

Patrick O'Regan's Pastoral Letter for Lent 2025, Pilgrims of Hope: A Lenten Journey in Light of the Synod and Jubilee Year is a message of hope and mercy.

Please scan e this QR code to read the letter.



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**Irene** lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her



children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

### **Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade**

Public Rosary: The Adelaide Men's Rosary Crusade is a global movement which invites men to honour Our Lady, offer reparation against her and fulfil the first Saturday devotion. Join us for the next Men's Rosary Crusade. Rosary starts at 12.15pm (Mass at 11.30am; Confession available to 1pm) Saturday April 5. (First Saturday of every month) You are invited to join on the grassed area (Adjacent to St Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 12.15pm (after the 11am Mass). **All welcome.** Adelaide Men's Rosary – [instagram@adelaidemensrosary](https://www.instagram.com/adelaidemensrosary) or text on 0419 824 582.

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5 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday	Mannum (Vigil Mass) - Fr Leon	4pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Collection (for the Priests of the Archdiocese)	\$508.30	\$240.00
6 <sup>th</sup> April Saturday	Murray Bridge (Vigil Mass) - Fr Richard	6pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection - for the Parish (Loose Plate)	\$392.35	\$130.50
6 <sup>th</sup> April Sunday	Murray Bridge (Mass) - Fr Richard	11am			
6 <sup>th</sup> April Sunday	Tailem Bend (Mass) - Fr John	9am	2nd Collection - for the Parish (Planned Giving Envelopes)	\$594.00	\$70.00
6 <sup>th</sup> April Sunday	Lameroo (LWHC)	10.30am			
6 <sup>th</sup> April Sunday	Meningie (LWHC)	9am	Donations (Candle Money)	\$	
Tuesday (LWHC)	Murray Bridge	9.30am			
Wednesday (Mass)	Murray Bridge (School Mass)	9.30am	Donations (Friday Lunch)	\$	
Wednesday (LWHC)	Mannum	11am			
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, 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:

Deaths: Geraldine Dickson




We have a beautiful family in our Tailem Bend community, who are asking for any help that you can provide. Please visit the go fund me page or scan the qr code if you can help this family. "We are a family of three—my partner, our precious baby, and I—living under a temporary working visa in Australia. Our lives took an unexpected turn when we found ourselves at the hospital, grappling with the heart-wrenching diagnosis of Bulbar Palsy for our little girl, Alfrea. We are incredibly grateful for any assistance in linking us with foundations that focus on motor neuron diseases and rare conditions like Bulbar Palsy. We know that with the right guidance, we can continue our search for answers and ensure that Alfrea receives the care and treatment she so desperately needs. Thank you for listening to our story. We hold onto hope every day, and we remain committed to giving our daughter the best possible future." Mitzie Rameri Luna Family ( full letter is in the foyer of the church).

## **NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**

**5th Sunday of Lent:  
(6th April 2025) Yr C**

**1<sup>st</sup> Rdg:** Isaiah 43:16-21  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Rdg:** Philippians 3:8-14  
**Gospel:** Luke John 8:1-11

Condolences to family and friends on the passing of **Geraldine Margaret Dickson**, whose funeral service will be on Monday 7th April at 10.30am at Tailem Bend Catholic Church. R.I.P 

## Laurels Lunch

Lunch will be next Tuesday 1st April. 12 noon at the Murray Bridge Hotel . Just turn up and enjoy a good meal and chat. Bring a friend along. See you there.

## Reminders

**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.

**Pick up a copy of the Looking In Magazine.** Thank you to Jan Berger.

## **Next Week's Roster**

Church	Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge	Tailem Bend
Dates & Time	5 <sup>th</sup> April 6PM	6 <sup>th</sup> April 11AM	6 <sup>th</sup> April 9AM
Commentator	Mark/Wayne	Meradith O'Loughlin	Sr. Michele
Lector 1	Michael Gates	Rodel Maranan	Edwin Pope
Lector 2	Mark Scott	Beverly Villaver	Victoria Gazzola
P.O. Faithful	Erin Eckermann	Lynn Ayunon	Sr. Michele
Euch. Ministers	Carol Giles	Deb Holland	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 1	Jo Hancock	Bev Villaver	Victoria Gazzola
Welcoming 2	Rosie Scott	Di Howson	Music— Edwin P
Offertory			
POF Writer	Carmel Critchley		
Grounds Maintenance (MB)			