



MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Information on our parishes & our communities



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8th June 2025

PENTECOST

Pentecost which means "fiftieth" was one of the annual feasts in the Jewish calendar. It was primarily a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest, the first fruits of the wheat crop. Later on the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai was commemorated on this day. All Jews, not impeded by the law were expected to go to Jerusalem to the Temple for the feast and Jerusalem would be full to overflowing. It was fitting that this feast was chosen for the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It is celebrated fifty days after Easter, commemorating when the Apostles gathered together in Jerusalem as they were told by the Lord (Lk 24:49) until the Holy Spirit came on them. The Holy Spirit made his presence felt by the noise of a strong driving wind. Each foreigner who spoke the language of the country he came from heard one or other of the Apostles speaking his language. The Holy Spirit brings understanding among people and fosters unity in diversity.

Pentecost is also called the "birthday" of the Church when the mission of Christ was open to the whole world through the Apostles. They were backed by the divine power of the Holy Spirit. Frail and mortal human beings are made spiritual heroes by the power of the Holy Spirit. The work of the Holy Spirit is seen in the Church's ministry today. The voice of the Holy Spirit is still as strong as it was on that first Pentecost. His powers are divine and will never diminish. We pray today, "come Holy Spirit, enkindle in the hearts of the faithful the fire of divine love."



PENTECOST SUNDAY - YR C

First reading Acts 2:1-11
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord.

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Second reading Romans 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-16,23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

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Congratulations

We congratulate and welcome Mrs Leanne Williams into our Catholic Community. Leanne will be baptised this Sunday (Pentecost) at Most Holy Redeemer Church, during 11am mass. Please keep Leanne in your prayers.



Church Groups

The Bridge Family group and The M&Ms Family group are joining together for dinner at the RSL in Murray Bridge. On Friday 20th June at 5.30 for 6pm dinner. BFG: please contact **Rosie: 0409 973 394** to confirm your booking by Tuesday 17th June. M&Ms FG: Wayne Hollitt will contact people via email. Thank you Rosie Scott

Volunteering at church

You may have noticed that the ladies toilets and kitchen tap in the parish centre, have been leaking for sometime. Mr Wayne Hollitt has kindly volunteered his time and knowledge and replaced the taps for all of us. Perhaps you have some spare time? If you could consider volunteering for our church. Please let Fr George or parish office staff know. Thank you and thank you Wayne.

Sympathy



We offer our sincere condolences to Doris and the Connolly family on the passing of **Mr Peter Connolly**. The funeral for **Peter** will be Friday 13th June at 1pm, in Tailem Bend Catholic Church. R.I.P.

With thanks

Thank you so very kindly to everyone who has so generously donated money and or goods for Fr George, to make him feel comfortable in his new home.

Archbishop O'Regan's Pastoral Letter on the Occasion of the Convocation of the 2026 Archdiocesan Synod

"As the Father Sent Me, So I Am Sending You"

A new pastoral letter from the Archbishop is available for distribution from Pentecost Sunday June 8 onward. The letter is available in PDF format in English, Italian, Spanish, Korean and Vietnamese (additional translations may be uploaded later). <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/our-people/archbishop-patrick-o-regan-dd/messages> Scan to read the Letter.



Children's Sacrament Preparation Program Survey

For Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The Archdiocese is currently reviewing the Children's Sacrament Preparation Program. Those who lead or coordinate parish and school sacramental preparation for school-aged children are invited to fill out this brief online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sacramentprep>.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to the lead reviewer, please contact Tess Harford in the Diocesan Centre at tharford@adelaide.catholic.org.au

World Refugee Day - Finding Freedom: Diversity in Community

Each year on June 20, the world celebrates World Refugee Day. This day is designated by the United Nations to honour refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and to promote solidarity with them for a 'world where refugees are welcomed'.

MURRAY BRIDGE, MURRAY MALLEE, MALLEE BORDER PARISHES			Weekly Giving (31 May –1 June 2025)	M/B	M/M
14 th June Saturday	Mannum (Vigil Mass) - Fr Richard	4pm	1 st Collection (for the Priests of the Archdiocese)	\$785.65	\$120.50
14 th June Saturday	Murray Bridge (Vigil Mass) - Fr George	6pm	2 nd Collection - for the Parish (Loose Plate)	\$411.25	\$93.20
15 th June Sunday	Murray Bridge (Mass) - Fr George	11am	2nd Collection - for the Parish (Planned Giving Envelopes)	\$2447.00	\$50.00
15 th June Sunday	Tailem Bend (Mass) - Fr George	9am	Donation (Friday Lunch)	\$	
15 th June Sunday	Pinnaroo(Mass) - Fr George	2.30pm	Caritas/Project Compassion	\$	\$
15 th June Sunday	Meningie (LWHC) -	9am	Thank You!		
Tuesday (Mass)	Murray Bridge (Fr George)	9.30am			
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Thursday (Mass)	Murray Bridge (Fr George)	9.30am			
Wednesday (Mass)	Mannum (Fr George)	11am			
Friday (Adoration)	Murray Bridge (Fr George)	11am			
Friday (Mass)	Murray Bridge (Fr George)	12noon			

Please pray for the sick:

Eda Abbondandola, Bill Allam, Luigino Antonello, Thomas Arnold, Marion Ayres, Lyn Ayunon, Greg Baily, Simon Boyce, Kathy Broster, Colleen Buchan, Jim Byrne, Joan Carey, Alyn Catipay, Kathalia Celestine, Jackie Clarke, Pat Connolly, John Cooper, Nucileide Jesus Da Silva, Kathleen Daniel, Eugenia Delena, Pat Duxbury, Shona Edwards, Kevin Glancy, Niall Glancy, Lottie Grabski, Alex Gregory, Angela Groves, Nilda Guadagnin, Cynthia Harbour, 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, Judith & Kevin Meaney, Lillian Nagy, Mick Nearmy, Virgie Nicholls, Joel Pacanas, Arturo & Ronda Jean Nigro, Raelene O'Driscoll, Pat Pfeiffer, Ross & Pauline Pfeiffer, Maria & Vince Rocca, Robin Scott, Yvonne Shillabeer, Charlotte Tottman, Isobel Turner, Abby Vivian, Bernadina Wassenner, Jan Winter.

Anniversaries:

Deaths: Peter Connolly

Diocesan Synod formation session: What is a Diocesan Synod?

Tuesday June 24, 7pm, online gathering

The Archdiocese of Adelaide is preparing for a Synod in 2026. Each month you are invited to participate in an online formation session with other people from across the Archdiocese. Each session will explore a different aspect or theme of the Synod. The June session will include details about the Diocesan Synod, what makes a Synod different from a Diocesan Assembly, foundations in synodality, and synod membership. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/DBUKH> or contact Peter Bierer for more information

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: (15th June 2025) Yr C

1st Rdg: Proverbs 8:22-31

2nd Rdg: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-21

Community Life and Worship Team workshops

Volunteer Recruitment and Retention, A free workshop presented by the Pastoral Services Team on Tuesday June 17 from 7-9pm in the Cathedral Hall. Suitable for PPC members, parish priests, parish staff, and program coordinators in parishes. A practical workshop that explores best practices for recruiting and retaining volunteers within the life of the parish.

Join us online or in person, bookings essential. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBQMM>

REMINDERS

- Wednesday 11th June - School mass at 9.30am
- Wednesday 18th June - yr 2&3 prayer service
- Wednesday 25th June - yr 6 Mass at 9.30am
- Farewell Mass for Deacon Arturo & Mary - Sunday 29th June 11am.
- Children's Liturgy this Sunday 8th June at MB.

Next Week's Roster

Church	Murray Bridge	Murray Bridge	Tailem Bend
Dates & Time	14th June (Saturday) 6PM	15th June (Sunday) 11AM	15th June (Sunday) 9AM
Commentator	Helena Williss	Meradith O'Loughlin	Pat Duxbury
Lector 1	Michael Gates		Tess Brereton
Lector 2	Mark Scott	Lynn Ayunon	Liz Connolly
P.O. Faithful	Erin Eckermann	Theresa Maranan	Pat Duxbury
Euch. Ministers	Carol Giles	Rodel Maranan	Peter Nearmy
Welcoming 1	Jo Hancock	Di Howson	Victoria Gazzola
Welcoming 2	Rosie Scott	Miriam Henry	
Offertory		Maranan Family	Anne & Peter Henry
POF Writer	Deb Holland		
Grounds Maintenance (MB)			