

ROSTERS

MONARTO:

1st May: **Wardens:** Haydn & Penne

Reader: Trevor H

8th May: **Wardens:** Colin & Raelene W

Reader: Haydn H

HOLY CROSS

	<i>Sunday 1st May 8.30 AM</i>	<i>Sunday 8th May 11AM</i>
GREETERS	T Gogel K Stoddart	V Zerk K Pfeiffer
LS SERVERS:	C Paech	W Hein
LECTOR:	C Paech	W Hein
PA MM	B Kuchel	A Gates
VC:	A Wegener	T Hanckel
USHERS:	B Gerlach K Lienert	B & J Kuchel
BELL RING'R:	B Gerlach	B Kuchel
ALTAR GUILD:	E & P Welke	D Pfeiffer
MUSICIANS:	J Kuchel K Ahrens	
FLOWERS:	A Wiencke	P Altmann
MORNING TEA:	H Heuppauff R Packer V Zerk	F&J Henschke Y Patterson
MINISTRY TEAM	L Rosenzweig	L Rosenzweig

CHRIST CHURCH

	<i>9:45am JDH 1-May</i>	<i>9:45am Church 8-May</i>
Elder Assist	D Doecke J Pohl	T Koch J Traeger
Wardens	G Pohl	M Mueller A Hampel
Greeters	C Coulter I Schulte	R&M Herrmann
Tea/Coffee	C Beauglehall J Traeger	J Herrmann D Lienert
PA	G Beauglehall	T Lees
Data Projector	C Doecke	C Beauglehall
Reader	J Pohl	B Traeger
Organist		C Mattner
Video	R Jericho	R Jericho
Flowers		
Counter	G Traeger	D Schiller
Grounds Roster	B Zadow	B Zadow
Water & Care	H&I Schulte	T Koch

Murray Valley Lutheran CommUnity



Christ Church

31 Swanport Rd
Murray Bridge
8532 6553

Holy Cross

31 Florence St
Murray Bridge
8532 4577

Zion Monarto

427 Schenscher Rd
Monarto
contact Christ Church

Sunday 24th April

MVLC Inaugural Service & Blessing of the Seed & Soil

11am, Monarto Sporting Complex, Schenscher Rd

Sunday 1st May

8:30am

Holy Cross – HC

9:45am

Christ Church (in hall) – HC

11am

Monarto – HC

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Holy Cross office hours: Tues, Wed, 9.30-1.30pm; Thurs, Fri 9-2pm
Closed Monday. 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge. Ph 8532 4577.
Email: hcoffice@internode.on.net

PRAYERS:

- ✚ Pray for all farmers and their families
- ✚ Pray for people facing hard times - including war and drought
- ✚ Pray that all in our local community may have a loving relationship with God our Father.

Please Pray for the following people and their carers:

Martha Aartsen, Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lores Frahn, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler (Daws Road Rehab) & daughters Marie Pica & Vicki Gollasch and their families, Trevor & Kyle Hage, Bert & Nita Hyam, Audrey Jaensch, Pat Jenke, Flo Kerkham, Joan Kluge, Glen Koop, Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim Poole, Joyce Pope, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Leo Schulz, Reg Schwartz, Vena Shinnick, Barbara Taylor, Sandra Thiele, Clarita Venn, June Walker, Rosa Waltrovitz.

Resthaven: Norm Bensch, Lorna Burrett, Leila Koehler, Dot Noller, Murray Piltz

Lerwin: Glad Hausler, Stewart Jaensch, Eric Kuss, Alice Kowald, Betty Paech

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt

Golden Grove Helping Hand: Joyleen Rosenzweig

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger, Felicity Woods

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer

T/Bend Hospital: Pat Gogel, Bevan Schulz

MVLC Baptismal Birthday Celebrations

25th Colleen Fawcett
Joyce Pope
26th Sandra Thiele
27th Matilda Crook
Valerie Jaensch
28th Audrey Leske

29th Charli Hampel
Kathy Pfeiffer
Julie Pfeiffer
30th Georgia Lienert
May
1st Olivia Anderson
Yvonne Lablack

If you would like to be included in our Prayers or have your Birthday, Anniversary or any other special occasion announced, please email or call your church office.

Diary Dates:

24 th April	11am	Blessing of the Seed and Soil Monarto Sporting Complex
27 th April	2pm 7pm	Barnabas Group & Hampel's MVLC Task Group, Ed Cen
28 th April	1:30pm	Holy Communion Service, Concordia Hall
3 rd May	4pm 7:30pm	Holy Cross Ministry Team Holy Cross Church Council Meeting
4 th May	9:30am 10am 5pm	Christ Church Senior Care Team, Ed Cen Holy Cross Musicians, meeting room Combined Worship Teams @ Holy Cross
5 th May	9:30am	LWSA/NT Convention, Lobethal Luth Church
12 th May	1:30pm	Holy Communion Service, JDHall
12-13 th May		Pastor's Conference - Nuriootpa
14 th May		Synod @ Nuriootpa

Weekly:

Mondays:	9:30am 10am	Cards and Coffee, Ed Cen, Christ Church Bible Study, Holy Cross Sunday School rooms
Tuesdays:	10am	Bible Study, Ed Cen, Christ Church
Wednesdays	9:30am	Crafty Capers, Holy Cross Sunday School rooms
Saturdays	1pm	Cards in Concordia Hall

All Welcome – come along and join in the fellowship of these groups

Bible Study at Holy Cross, Crafty Capers and Teen Challenge are in recess - will recommence beginning of May



"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



SACRIFICE

Through overuse and misuse, words that once had an obvious and definitive meaning are often used in ways that almost demean the word, and it loses the depth of meaning, and we lose the passion that once came with a word.

Such a word is "sacrifice".

"To sacrifice" used to mean an act of denying self for the better good of another individual or group; to surrender one's perceived or absolute rights that another might benefit. Generally, such an act could and often did bring pain to the one making the sacrifice.

Last weekend over the Easter celebration, the word "sacrifice" was used a lot, as we remembered the sacrifice Jesus the Son of God made so all people could again be friends with the God of the Bible. Over the last month, we have read about people in Ukraine sacrificing lives, privileges, comfort to hold onto their country, their communities, families, and the right to be free. Do we who are so concerned about what shops might be closed over three or four days, or who will win the footy, even imagine what sacrifice means to those people.

This Monday, "Sacrifice" will again be used. For some, it will carry all the pain of what a loved one gave up so we can live our lives in peace and harmony. I realise that there are those around us who will justifiably say, as the lone mother beds her children down in a car, the parent who goes without pain medication so their child does not feel the pain of hunger, "There isn't much hope in my life!"

Maybe if we could, even in some small measure, all be prepared to sacrifice even a little, the mother would have a home, there would be medication for all, the lonely would no longer despair because they feel no one cares.

Jesus calls for sacrifice, "Love your neighbour as yourself", and even "Love your enemies". But he doesn't expect us to attempt these acts on our own. Jesus gives the power to follow his way, to do all things (**Philippians 4:13**), to have endurance like Jesus (**Romans 15:5**), to love like Jesus (**John 13:34-35**).

Is it time to again honour the original depth of meaning of this word that stood for much more than self, the word that highlighted man's grandeur and gave noble thoughts and deeds the recognition this word deserves? Maybe we should again join sacrifice with forgiveness, love, and care. Talk to God about what "sacrifice" might mean in your daily life.

God bless you,

Kevin.



Growing
FAITH
at home

24th April 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Can I ask that?

Devotions



READ Daily Bible Readings

S	John 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds
M	Acts 5: 27-32	We must obey God
T	Revelation 1: 4-8	I am the Alpha and the Omega
W	Judges 6:11-24,33-40	Gideon asks for signs
T	2 Kings 20:1-11	Hezekiah asks for a sign
F	Isaiah 53:1-5	By his wounds we are healed
S	Psalms 150	Praise the Lord
S	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples



TALK

Talk about the Bible verse. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAY

Risen Lord Jesus,
breathe on us the
Holy Spirit, so that
we may believe
in you and follow
your instructions.
Amen.



BLESS

May the Lord
Jesus breathe
into you the
Holy Spirit.

Caring Conversations



SHARE

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Do you sometimes have doubts as a Christian? What are some things you wonder about?

2

Thomas found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead (John 20:24-25). Is there something that you struggle to believe?

3

Jesus respected Thomas' doubts, and answered them in a beautiful way. What does this teach us about Jesus?

Easter

In the season of Easter we celebrate how Jesus appeared to many after his resurrection. Jesus' resurrection has changed our lives forever. **WHITE** or **GOLD** are the colours of Easter and represent victory, resurrection and eternal life.

Creative Response

In Revelation 1: 8 Jesus is spoken of as the 'Alpha and the Omega'.

These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, shorthand for 'the beginning and the end'.

Find a way to display these symbols in your home.

You could make up a banner displaying these symbols for your home altar, or cut out the shapes to put up on a wall or window.

Talk about what it means to say that Jesus is 'the beginning and the end'.

mealtime prayer

For this food and life renewed, we praise your name, our God. Amen.

verse for the week

"I am the Alpha and the Omega - the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come - the Almighty One."

REVELATION 1:8

Service



Decorate some flowerpots by painting them with Easter symbols (e.g. cross, butterfly, lily) or words (e.g. "He is risen!") or giving on pictures.

Buy some seedlings or seeds to plant in the flowerpots. Tend to these over the coming weeks. When flowers begin to emerge, present the pots as gifts to friends or neighbours.

Wanted: Salvation Army - Volunteer Doorway Emergency

Relief Interviewer. Passionate about helping people?

Come volunteer with a dynamic team assisting to deliver Emergency Relief assistance in the Murray Bridge area. We are looking for volunteers with availability on one or more of these days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 8:30am -2pm. We are flexible where possible and can offer a shared volunteer role. Based in Murray Bridge. The main tasks include Interviewing clients, maintaining appropriate records, including data entry, filing, answering phone calls and emails.

A Covid-19 digital certificate is required to undertake this volunteer role.

Experience in administration, good computer skills and customer service preferred.

Good communication skills, both written and verbal.

Apply to Murray Bridge Salvation Army by ring 08 85311133 or email janet.emmins@salvationarmy.org.au

LWSA/NT Convention: Thurs 5th May 2022 9.30am Lobethal Lutheran Church – 48 Main Street Lobethal. Leave from Holy Cross at 8.15am to travel to convention. More Information contact Eleanor Waldhuter

MEN'S CAMPS: Made for More Men's Camp 19th-22nd May 2022 at Yankalilla. For more information go to:

<https://www.thegoalislife.com/product/made-for-more/>

50th Anniversary of the 5th Nov 1972 Holy Cross Confirmation:

Carolyn Altus is organising a reunion on Saturday 29th October at 12.30pm for those confirmed at Holy Cross on 5th November 1972. If you or someone from your family was confirmed on this date please contact Carolyn on 0408 817 847 or carolynaltus@gmail.com

HELPERS WANTED: Afternoon Tea and Transport.

If you can help set up and serve afternoon tea once a month to those attending Thursday Communion Service at Concordia Hall (4th Thurs in Month) and in the future John Dohler Hall (2nd Thurs in month commencing in May) please let either office know. 2 people per month would be sufficient. Drivers wanted to pick up members who are unable to drive but wish to attend services or Thurs Communion. If you can assist; please let the office staff know.

BULLETIN INSERT

BULLETINS FROM THE 24TH APRIL *PLEASE NOTE*****

From today onwards we will be trialling a weekly one page bulletin with service / contacts /prayers and diary dates. We will also be putting out a fortnightly (at this stage) newsletter that will contain other bulletin notices on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. This will mean that everyone will need to get their notices to either office in advance to ensure it is included for the date you require. Any notices in between will be required to be made as announcement at services.

ROSTERS:

Holy Cross: Roster for April/May is ready to be picked up – Please let the office know of any dates you are unavailable for May ASAP.

Christ Church: Roster to the end of July is now available, if you are not available on any of your rostered dates please swap with someone else then advise the office.

BUS TRIP – 27th May – If you have booked a seat on the bus can you please pay Holy Cross Office, Terry Little or Alan Packer by 30th April. Please be seated by 8.20am, Bus will depart Holy Cross on time as there is a tight schedule to keep. Thanks – Alan Packer

Book Launch Heidi McLeod has recently published a book on the early years of her grandfather, Pastor W.W. Fritsch, who was interned, with Pastor John Dohler, in a prison camp for enemy civilians during World War 1, in Germany. Pastors Fritsch and Dohler were just young men at the time, studying in Germany to attain their Pastoral qualifications, and were swept up in the catastrophe of the war, remaining in the prison camp for 2 and a half years. Their story is dramatic and inspirational.

Heidi's book is being launched at Immanuel College on Sunday May 1st 2022, 2pm to 4pm, and any members/friends of the Murray Bridge congregations are warmly invited.

Contact Heidi: heidirmcl@gmail.com

Book for the Launch: Sunday 1st May, 2-4pm, at Immanuel College, Novar Gardens <https://trybooking.com/BYMWP>

Purchase a book: <https://heidirmcl.wixsite.com/books-with-heart>