

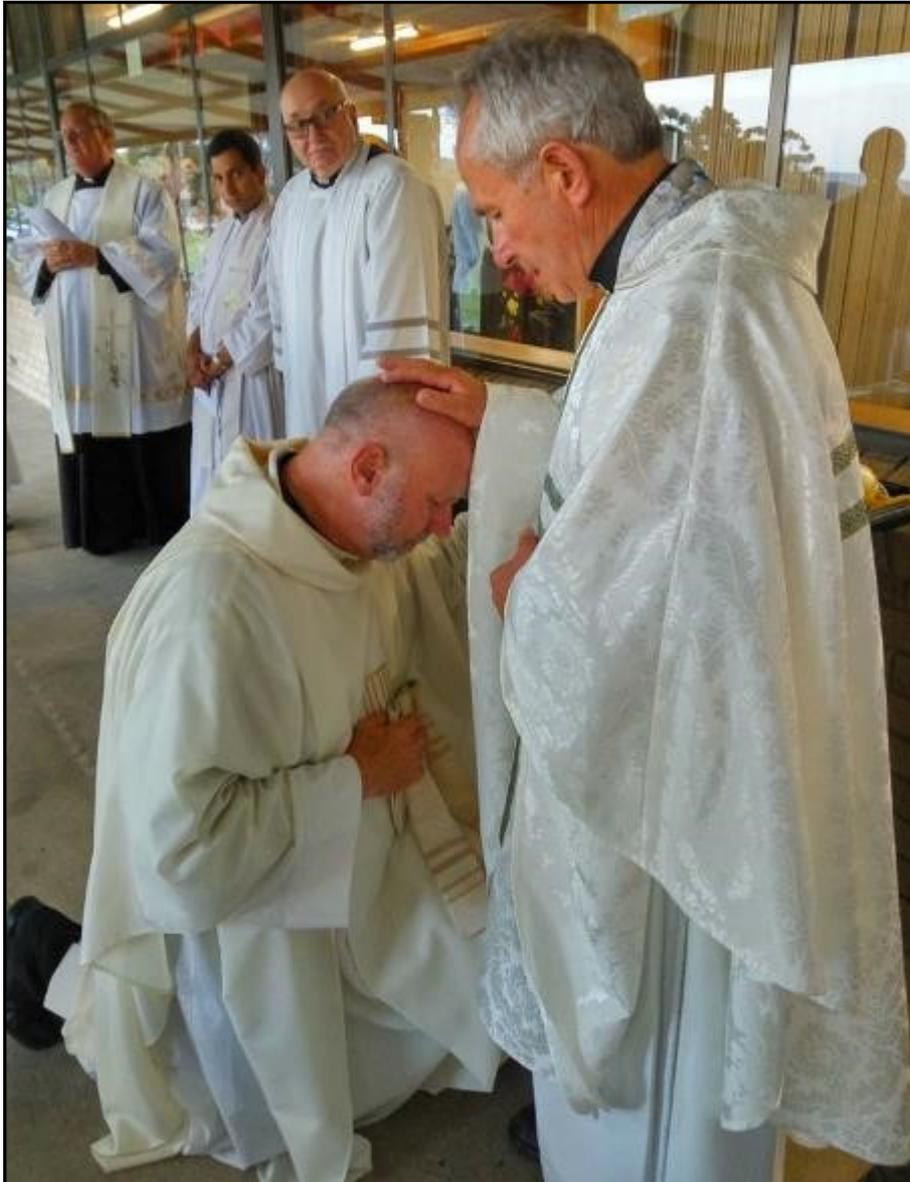


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Three Priests Ordained



Fr Bruce Hicks blessing Bp John Ford. Traditionally, the first blessing a newly ordained priest gives is to the Bishop.

The Bishop has ordained three priests in the diocese within a month, all of whom were ordained deacons at a service at Murray Bridge 18 months ago.

Fr Daniel Irvine was priested at the Cathedral on Saturday 21st January, followed by Fr Ian Jansse at St John the Evangelist, Meningie on Saturday 4th February and Fr Bruce Hicks at the Mt Compass Football Club on Friday 17th February. All three have been part of a formation program in the Diocese over the past two years, attending formation weekends near Keith on a regular basis.

Before the Bishop, they all had to make declarations that they were truly called to this ministry, that they would be diligent in prayer, they would undertake further theological training, be a faithful pastor, faithfully and humbly minister the doctrine, the sacraments and discipline of Christ, encourage and enable those committed to their care to fulfil their ministry and mission in the world and obey their bishop and others given authority over them.

All three had undertaken a retreat leading up their ordination, either by Bishop David McCall or the Vicar General of the Diocese, Fr Peter Carlsson.

Bishop David McCall, who preached at Fr Irvine's ordination, outlined the responsibilities in fulfilling the vocation of the holy order of a priest.

"It is of critical importance that all priests and

all bishops remember they are deacons. A deacon is a slave or a servant. A deacon is called to exemplify the servant nature of the Church.

“Those who are ordained to the office of priest have a sacred responsibility to bring the needs of the world to God and to make God known to those whom they serve.” he said.

Bishop McCall said a priest also fulfils this ministry as a priest to the world and for the world in offering the Eucharist.

“It is at the altar that priest and people find their true identity and most perfectly fulfil the calling to be a royal priesthood, bringing the needs of a broken and divided world and being a sign of God’s presence and love to a humanity so desperately in need of that love.”

Fr Peter Carlsson, in preaching at Fr Ian Jansse’s ordination, spoke of the comparisons of Mary, the Blessed Mother of our Lord and for all those called to serve in priestly ministry (see separate article) while Bishop John preached at Fr Bruce Hicks’ ordination.

All three priests will minister in their own areas, Fr Daniel Irvine and Fr Ian Jansse in the Murraylands taking in Murray Bridge, Taillem Bend, Meningie, Mypolonga and Karoonda and Fr Bruce Hicks at Mt Compass and Victor Harbor.

They will all be non-stipendiary priests, with the Fr Bruce Hicks continuing his role as Principal of Tyndale Christian School at Murray Bridge, Fr Daniel Irvine as a Maths and History teacher at Murray Bridge High School and Fr Ian Jansse with the Ambulance Service at Meningie.

The Road So Far...



Driving down the highway from Strathalbyn to Murray Bridge on a warm January morning to be ordained as a priest, I couldn’t help but think back to the events and moments in time that had led me here. The gentle, and not so gentle nudges, that had helped guide me onto this pathway in what could be described as the long way around.

I am often asked, what made me decide that I wanted to be a priest? It is difficult to pin it down to a moment, or even a conscience decision on my part. It was more like a growing realisation, that over the years has become clearer with each successive experience but always there. I do remember that the vision of that possible future was made much clearer following a conversation with the late Fr Owen Thomas, who was taking care of our parish for a time. He asked me “Have you ever considered the priesthood?” and then left it at that. Well the words never quite did leave me, no matter how hard I tried. From that simple gesture the long dormant seed that I had buried in the back of my mind sprouted and began to grow. Then a message came to me from an unexpected source, a bible verse quoted on television. “Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me...and you will find rest for your souls.”

Somehow from that moment I knew what I had to do and over the following years I, along with many others across the diocese have attended regular training and formation weekends, where our spiritual and theological growth have brought us close together as a community of disciples. I was ordained to the diaconate and then, at the last formation weekend, I was told that I was to be ordained to the priesthood.

The day itself went quickly, so caught up was I in all that was happening, it was almost like I was watching it happen from another’s perspective. I remember the tremendous moment when the Bishop, then the College of Priests, laid their hands on me, praying for the Holy Spirit. I recall trembling, trying to steady my hands to give blessings at the end of the service. I will never forget the awesome privilege of presiding at the Eucharist the next day, how I shook again when my hands extended over the gifts as I called on the Holy Spirit!

I know that my journey is a long way from finished. Far from a destination, my ordination was much more of a significant point of interest along a much longer road, on which I still have many miles left to travel. However, I am confident in each step I take, knowing that God is with me and I thank Him daily for having placed so many loving and supporting people around me to help me on the way.

Fr Daniel Irvine

“It is at the altar that priest and people find their true identity and most perfectly fulfil the calling to be a royal priesthood”

Reflection On Becoming A Priest

"Now you can call me Father."

Being ordained a priest on 4th February is the end of a long journey. It is also the beginning of another long journey ~

I have been serving in the church for many years, coordinating youth ministry, helping with church related childcare, serving at the Eucharist and reading. Best not to forget the important ministry of making morning tea either.

When Bishop John accepted me as a candidate for diaconal ordination I saw that as another step in my journey of service to the church and its people. Of course the church and the people are the one thing as the body of Christ on Earth.

Now I am a priest I see that I have achieved my aim of ordination to priestly ministry, that is the end of the journey.

Now the new journey begins, working with God's people as a priest.



I feel particularly attached to Meningie and that is my base. I have been here for ten years, Eva even longer. I had to see three daughters finish school in Adelaide and start study for a degree in theology before I could come here. This community, church and secular have been very welcoming to me.

I have also become an ambulance officer here so the family business is well and truly medicine as Eva is a doctor.

The family business also includes the worship of God. That is the duty of all of us, I just have a special care in my priestly role, as does Eva as the priest's wife.

So more than twenty years in the making and much of the east coast of Australia and South Australia later I am among you as a priest. As the article in the local paper, The Lakelander finished, "now you can call me Father Ian".

Fr Ian Jansse



DIOCESAN HYMN – In this year of 2017 – Ignite Growth we believe that God is calling each of us in The Murray to be sent out as evangelists in our time and place in an effort to grow God's Church. To enthuse us even more in this great mission the hymn "Facing a Task Unfinished" has been chosen as our Diocesan hymn for the year. You can follow this link to hear it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKJpPIQnEfc>

DIOCESAN PRAYER – By now all Parishes and Pastoral Districts will have received prayer cards with our Diocesan Prayer for the year. I encourage you to publish and pray this prayer regularly. The prayer is also printed on the back page of this publication.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NETWORK – A number of educators around the Diocese are in the process of exploring this valuable ministry providing support, resources and inspiration.

Our Lady of the Wheelie Bin



A weathered and at one point a thrown out statue of MARY was the subject of the homily, preached by the Vicar General and Archdeacon of the Diocese, Fr Peter Carlsson at the Rev'd Ian Jansse's ordination to priestly ministry.

Fr Carlsson said the statue of the Mother of Our Lord, which in its early days and its former glory, was donated by a family and placed by the baptismal font in a little church in outback New South Wales.

"There, she was a reminder of loving motherhood, a reminder of the importance of family, of humility and of the humanity of the Lord.

"A new priest arrived and this statue was thrown away in a bin. But someone at the church went to the bin and rescued it. Over time it was moved from town to town, diocese to diocese, priest to priest" he said.

Father Carlsson said if this statue could talk, you would hear how a warden smashed off the head of the snake at the base of it as this was too scary for

children, how it was locked away in damp smelly cupboards, how a woman decided to give it a coat of blue paint but never finished the job, how it got chipped and cracked and how it finally was stuck in the back garden of a church in Adelaide to face the elements of the weather.

He wondered if some of what she had been through as a statue speaks of the beliefs, attitudes and understandings of the Blessed Mary today.

"There are those of us who find the image of Mary too confronting or we don't want to believe certain things about her and her valuable response to God, we would go as far as smashing off those parts we do not want to hold onto, or locking away any thoughts, beliefs, spirituality, devotion or faith that is somehow related to Mary, or like the woman who started a paint job losing interest and moving onto our her next big interest" he said.

"So what does the life of Blessed Mary teach us today, how does the call of Mary impact our lives and what relevance does Mary have on priesthood?"

Father Carlsson said there were five things we can learn from Blessed Mary.

- Like Blessed Mary.....God uses everyday people to do amazing things. Like this simple, uneducated, humble yet faithful village girl – God calls you and me to do some amazing things.
- Like Blessed Mary....God requires obedience. Her YES to God's call was an unconditional yes, a yes that did not come with hesitation for the challenges ahead, a yes that did not come from a fear of the future and a yes that did not come with a doubt of her ability.
- Like Blessed Mary....God requires humility. Mary accepted this call

with humility. God does some amazing things but humility is so important. It is God's call to us, not my call. It is the gifts God gave us that we utilise.

- Like Blessed Mary....saying YES to God means being willing to take risks. What was being asked of Mary was going to come with its challenges, its great fears, doubts, despairs and perhaps even loneliness, away from family and loved ones, but God calls each of us like Mary to be brave, to step out in faith, to be risk takers with the wonderful knowledge, we do not go it alone.
- Like Blessed Mary....we are called to bear Christ in the world. She was given a huge responsibility and the precious gift of carrying within her the Christ-Child....the Son of God. She continues to carry him with her. Like Mary, you and I are called to continually carry Christ in us. It also comes with great responsibility in how we live our lives, our words and actions.

"Ian....in a unique way as a priest, you bear Christ bringing him into the world and making him truly present. Every time you celebrate the Eucharist, joining with Blessed Mary, all the saints of old, Christ is present, Christ comes to us in Bread and comes to us in Wine.....and we are strengthened and renewed for the journey ahead" he said.

Fr Carlsson concluded by saying that Fr Ian, like Blessed Mary and each of us, you have responded to a great call, to do some amazing things, to be obedient, to be humble, to take risks, to trust God in challenging times and to always remember that the call you respond to today is not your call but God's.

Let the Little Children Come to Me

It was a child that changed my life for ever.

During the 50s and 60s the Congregational Church was across the road from our house at Frances in the south east of South Australia. Mum and Dad were in a 24/7/365 business and so time for them to get to church was limited but Mum packed me off to Sunday school every Sunday morning. I enjoyed church and Sunday school but left to follow my own will and way during my late teen and early twenties years.

Melita and I were married and at 27 I became a dad. Upon gazing at the baby (Perrin) who had been put into my arms, I was confronted in a number of ways. There was wonder, questions and confusion all wrapped into the bundle on my lap. My heart was affected so I looked at Melita and blurted, "We need to find a church."

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14 NRV

At that time we lived at Magill and so we spent a number of Sundays church hunting. Eventually we came across St Martins at Campbelltown where Canon Daw was the parish priest and John Hannaford was the curate. The next day John visited us at home and, after praying with us and raising more questions about faith to ponder, left us to consider what a life with Christ would mean to us and our family.

Perrin and I were baptised within weeks of each other and I was confirmed a week after my baptism. (Melita was already a confirmed



member.) We became involved helping John with youth and other evangelical activities in the parish. That was 1977.

For the next three years we lived in the Burra Parish. Barry May was the parish priest. He saw the potential for licensing a number of lay readers to assist in the parish which effectively stretched to the New South Wales border. I still use the cassock, surplice and Bible that he suggested we would need.

Following that we spent three years in the Streaky Bay Parish where Gavin Scantlebury was the parish priest. As well as lay reader and preacher I also filled the role of Chair of the Parish Council. Bush pastoring suited my style, not only among the saints but especially the school families and members of the sports teams to which I belonged. Of all my spiritual journey, living in the small fishing village of Haslam 50km west of Streaky Bay, this experience was most fulfilling. Church life there was the centre of much of what we did as a family.

Following that time we moved to Mt Compass in 1984 and continue to reside and run farming and retail ventures. Foremost in our mind is the

welfare of the people of that area. Without going into detail, we have tried, as best we can, to care for and love the people of the district; time has been a determinant as to how well we have done that.

Not long after his arrival, Bishop John asked me if I had considered ordination. I had played with the idea on and off since I made my decision to follow Jesus 40 years before. It is impossible to explain the many feelings that I had when I was confronted with this thought. Above all else, I need now to do life well realising that the dog collar I wear symbolises for me that I am chained to Christ and have a public responsibility to serve Him in the interests of His Church.

It would be amiss if I neglected to thank all who have had a role in my formation; family, friends (believers and nonbelievers), spiritual mentors, Christian Educators and the Church. The people that I have mentioned as well as Alex Bainton and Mark Boughey have all had a huge impact on my Christian understandings and what it is to live a Christ-Centred life.

With the love of Christ,
Fr Bruce

Sharing in Christ's Body

These four words deserve much thought and prayer. I commend them to you this Eastertide.

It is not just that we are fed by it, although this is crucially important; but we are part of it. We share in the Body of Christ. Through baptism, which ought to be at the centre of our liturgical celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, we become part of his Body; he is the Head and we are the members. These words trip off the tongue readily and often. Please stop and ponder what they actually say.

The Body of Christ continues the witness and ministry of the incarnate Word of God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth; only with him, in him and through him can we truly become the person that we are called to be. As we discover the joy of this life, made one with him in his resurrection, we must be set on fire with the desire to share what we have found and experienced with others. Those who met the Risen Christ in the Bible were compelled to tell others ... and we have heard their story.

During Eastertide I will be coming around the Diocese to help lead some workshops on how we might be more effective in our witness to the resurrection. They will be very practical sessions which will hopefully give us some of the confidence which filled our brothers and sisters in the past. Someone (or some people) shared the story with you. As you ponder these four words, think about those who shared their faith with you and thank God for them. They were his witnesses and his messengers.

There is a fantastic word that many of us fight shy of using in connection with our faith. However, it belongs exactly here. It is *enthusiasm*. It means to be inspired or even possessed by God ... *en-theos*. Enthusiasm is catching, people are inspired by it; sharing in Christ's Body

must surely mean we have it ... *en-theos*!

We often talk of the enthusiasm of youth but, of course, we are all spring chickens in God's eyes! There are many really good news stories in our Diocese at the moment, all around there is growing enthusiasm. I take this opportunity to tell you of three. We will soon have our first female permanent Deacon! Margo Holt will be ordained during Eastertide to serve in the Hills District of the Diocese. Then, sometime later in the year we will have more ordinations. On the day that Margo's vocation was discerned and acknowledged through our selection process, two others were called to ordination. I am delighted that the discerners advised me to call Scott Mudd and Jesse Poole to ordination. Scott and Jesse are both from NSW and will be moving here once I have decided where they will be placed to serve as stipendiary



curates. They are both under 30 years old! They really do bring the enthusiasm of youth and I commend them to your prayers. These three gifts come with enthusiasm and, I hope and pray, will be received enthusiastically as we all share in Christ's Body.

New Priest for Pt Elliot-Goolwa



The Parish of Port Elliott-Goolwa has welcomed its new priest, Fr Lyndon Sulzberger, pictured here with his wife Rachele, who was licensed as Curate in Charge on 10th March. Fr Lyndon celebrated his first Masses at Port Elliott and Goolwa on Sunday 12th March.

Service for Hail Storm Victims

About 70 growers and church representatives attended a service initiated by the Anglican Church in the Riverland to support those affected by a hailstorm, which had caused tens of millions of dollars' worth of damage to crops in the region.

The storm struck on the afternoon of 11th November, leaving a path of destruction through Berri, Barmera, Monash, Lyrup and Taylorville north-west of Waikerie.

It left some growers with a total loss of income for the year as well as clean-up costs. Up to 300 grape growers and horticulturalists were affected in some way, with concern that some vines and trees would be affected this year as well, with a further loss of income.

A Disaster and Recovery Ministry Team, co-ordinated by the Uniting Church visited many of the growers but it was suggested by Father Paul Devenport at a Ministers Fraternal meeting that a service be held to bring the growers together to provide them with further support.

Through that, Father Paul worked with a retired agronomist in meeting industry and grower leaders in the Riverland and gaining their support for it and in also promoting it through their industry newsletters.

A number of other churches in the Berri, Barmera area offered their support with one church providing their band for the music and the Uniting Church offering to help with the co-ordination of the service. Father Paul also invited other ministers from other churches to play a role with bible readings.

Father Paul led the service at the Berri Rowing Club, loosely based on a service developed by the Church of England, called a "Service of Lament". One of the growers, Michael Trautwein who had been affected by



the storm spoke of his experience and how his faith in God had helped them get through. The Chief Executive of Riverland Wine, Chris Byrne, a practising Christian gave a reflection for the growers based on the Beatitudes while the Reverend Sandy Webb spoke of the work of the Disaster and Recovery Team's role in the Riverland. The service was followed by a dinner for growers and any others at the Berri Club.

Father Paul said the service was a wonderful outreach for the growers of the Riverland and showed the

church's support for them at a time of need.

The service gained good publicity, with a lead story article about it in *The Murray Pioneer*, an interview on the local ABC, a news item on WIN TV, and a follow up article from the local paper, with photos of the event.

The service was organised as part of its mission action in the Riverland in providing a further outreach and responding to community needs.

Harvest Thanksgiving

St Hilary's, Pastoral District of the Southern Suburbs

Collect of the day: Lord, God of goodness, you have given us the land to provide us with food. May the produce we harvest sustain our lives, and may we always use it for your glory and the good of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

On Sunday 29th January (Epiphany 4) at both the 8:30 and 10:00 AM services, I presided at my first Mass to celebrate a "Thanksgiving for Harvest." This is an ancient festival of thanksgiving for the fruits of the earth, traditionally observed on a Sunday in September or October after the ingathering of the harvest. It celebrates our relationship with the land and our dependence on what it produces and giving thanks to God for its bounty. It is not surprising that giving this human need, many cultures and religions have celebrated the harvest and perhaps it is something that urban communities have taken for granted? Well that wasn't the case at St Hilary's and as you can see from the photograph, the altar was appropriately decorated with fruits of the harvest. My heartfelt thanks to those who planned the day, prepared the altar and came to celebrate.

The readings for the day were focussed on the theme of gratitude.

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 concludes the law code – which enshrines the loyalty to the one God who saw to the people's freedom from bondage in Egypt and their eventual possession of the Promised Land. The people receive the land first by divine election



"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it."

Psalm 24.1

and should they lose it by violating the terms of the covenant (especially worshipping the one God), even then, God remember his election of Israel if Israel calls out to Him for mercy. As we shall read in the story that follows in Joshua to the Books of Kings, these generous terms are much needed as the people rebelled and were forced into Exile. The reading commands the people to take some of the first fruit of the ground, put it in a basket and set it down before God.

Psalm 67 exhorts all the peoples to praise God, for "the earth has yielded its fruits, the Lord God has blessed us."

The Epistle (1 Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-1) reminds "for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it." As people of faith, we are

encouraged to be grateful and set our hopes "on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

The Gospel according to Luke: 17: 11 – 19 records how Jesus healed ten lepers who cried out to Him as He entered a village but only one came back to thank Him.

Harvest is a great season for the Christian, because it contains so much meaning beyond the usual bunches of grapes and flowers that decorate our churches. Regardless of when a harvest thanksgiving is held, it provides an opportunity to pause, reflect and be thankful to God and His bounty. We can also ask ourselves, how fruitful are we as His people?

Fr Andrew Forder

<http://www.>

At Synod this year we will launch our brand new, really catchy, Diocesan website with new logos and art depicting the Murray River and vines. Our new website will provide each of us with ongoing resources, forums, access to networks and inspirational material. We also have someone who has taken on the valuable ministry of managing both our website and Facebook page which is a huge blessing.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Mannum – Mt Pleasant Pastoral District



The Rev John Hewitson and friend (grandson)

The Rev'd John Hewitson officiated at the fifth Sunday parish service at St Andrew's at Mannum on 29th January. Fr John held his first service at Mannum on 15th January, having moved that week from Darwin to take up residence with his extended family in Murray Bridge. We are thrilled to have him available to us on a part-time basis. His vast experience in the church and church matters is already being felt. His impact on parishioners through visits and contact has been remarkable in such a short time.

On 5th Sundays all three churches combine for a special service and luncheon. The Harvest Thanksgiving service on 29th January was followed by an auction ably conducted by organist Ian Mann with assistance from the treasurer, Berrie Skein. Each year, funds from this are allocated to a particular cause and the choice for this year was the Bishop's Home Mission Fund.

Services continue in all three centres on a weekly basis with just one lay service per month at each church. This is made possible through the valuable work of the Rev'd John Devenport in conducting the third Sunday services at Mt Pleasant and Mt Torrens. He is also involved in a monthly communion service at Glenview and the hospital at Gumeracha which has grown since instigated twelve months ago with twenty in attendance at the last service.

At Mannum, work has just been completed on a reduction of the over-large rectory garden to allow for extra car parking. The local earthmovers, Eichlers, donated the eight large concrete blocks to level the site and the associated machinery to put them in place. We are extremely grateful for this valuable community involvement and assistance.

More news is available on our website at <http://www.st-andrews-john.org.au>

Shrove Tuesday in the Riverland

Shrove Tuesday has been an institution in the Riverland for many years, with the former Parishes of Loxton and Berri Barmera maintaining their events again this year. Once upon a time, it was also a major event at Renmark.

The church at Loxton has had it as a major fundraiser for the Pastoral District, again raising around one thousand dollars this year while the church at Barmera again gave its takings to the ABM.

Both events are held at night starting at 6 pm, but this year, there was an impromptu Shrove Tuesday breakfast in Renmark, the reason being that it could coincide with a live cross on 1062 ABC Riverland.

A community service announcement about the Shrove Tuesday fundraiser at Loxton was handed in to ABC Riverland which led to the breakfast announcer, Stacey Lymbery giving it publicity, but also enquiring with myself about whether there was one in Renmark, which could fit in with her program.

There wasn't but a phone call to a parishioner at Renmark, Ellen Traeger, resulted in her agreeing to cook pancakes on the morning of Shrove Tuesday, so that Stacey could cross live to the church at 9.30 am.

On the morning, Shrove Tuesday was a major part of the breakfast program on ABC Riverland with people being



Fr Paul Devenport and breakfast presenter of 1062 ABC Riverland, Stacey Lymbery.

invited to phone or message in their favourite fillings for pancakes. Stacey then walked over to the church shortly before 9.30 am and spoke to Fr Paul about the Christian significance of Shrove Tuesday and to Ellen about some of her favourite fillings.

The morning was helped by several other parishioners and there were two people who came along as well who had heard about the breakfast on the

radio. A little but of impromptu evangelism!

The following day, Stacey played a package shortly after 7 am, put together by a journalist, about the significance of Ash Wednesday, with the Catholic Priest, Fr Paul Bourke, two parishioners and with several children from the Lady of the River Catholic School at Berri. The story gained national prominence online.

Bishop's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Booked Out

The pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop John Ford in June is now full, with a large majority of those travelling from the Diocese. The tour will comprise of 24 people from Parishes and Pastoral Districts in the Diocese, two from the Diocese of Adelaide and four interstate travellers.

Bishop John will lead the Christian Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan leaving Adelaide and Melbourne on 13th June for 19 days. The tour will fly to Amman in Jordan and then to Israel, where there will be, as tour organizer Fr Max Bowers claims, a difficult 'knife edge' customs experience at the borders of both countries.

The tour visits the main areas where Jesus visited from Bethlehem to Nazareth and the many places around Lake Galilee where the majority of Jesus' miracles happened. Then onto Jerusalem for Jesus' final ministry on the cross. There will also be visits to some of Israel's gems like the Blue Grotto (Rosh Hanikra) on the Lebanese border.

For anyone interested in checking out the itinerary or would like to view photos taken on a similar tour recently conducted by Father Max Bowers in Feb/March this year, then go to www.anglicantours.com.au.

Profile - Jasmine Irvine

My name is Jasmine Irvine and I have been working in the Registry Office for the Diocese of The Murray as Bishop's Secretary and Registry Clerk since January 2016.

I grew up in Mypolonga with my parents and younger brother, on an orchard growing apricots and oranges. I attended school at Mypolonga Primary and then Murray Bridge High, and when I graduated I moved to Adelaide and began studying Early Childhood Education at University. After a while I decided that Uni wasn't for me at that time, and I was able to start working for the South Australian Rifle Association in their shop. I have been enjoying the sport of Long Range Rifle Shooting (300m to 900m) since I was a young teenager, and I enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the ins and outs of my chosen sport. While this is mostly an individual sport, I have been involved in numerous team events as a member of the State Under 25 team (while I was eligible) and the State Ladies Team, representing South Australia across the country.

The other sport I take part in is Indoor (carpet) Bowls with the Combined Churches Association. I started playing after school when I was about 6, and then when I was older my Grandpa asked if I could fill in for the senior



team one night and I have been playing for the Mypolonga Fellowship team ever since.

In August last year, Daniel and I were married in St Etheldreda's Anglican Church, Mypolonga, a combination of his church and my home town. I grew up attending Christ Church Lutheran in Murray Bridge, and was important to both of us that each of our traditions were represented during the ceremony, and so my Pastor give the sermon at our wedding. We are now both living in Murray Bridge with our dog Finnlaigh and four chickens.

At the moment I am Part Time in the Registry Office, Monday to Friday between 9:00am and 3:30pm. My role in the office is to assist the Bishop, the

Registrar, and the Vicar General. I am the one who answers the phones and greets anyone who visits us in the office. I send out emails and other correspondence on behalf of the Bishop, and I help maintain his diary by coordinating appointments and travel arrangements. There is also filing and updating databases for the Diocese, and I assist with the post and banking duties. I also designed some of the promotional flyers that were sent out across the Diocese. I really enjoy working in the Office, and look forward to getting to know more people around the Diocese.



*Men in Black (mostly)
Celebrating Fr Ian's Ordination
at the Meningie Bowling Club*

Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them

Margaret Adams



On 13th January, our dear friend and sister in Christ, Margaret Adams, lost her battle with cancer.

Margaret was a great stalwart of St Mary's, Echunga, the Parish of Mt Barker and the Diocese as a whole and served as a Minister of Communion, Church Warden, member of Parish Council, Synod representative, member of Diocesan Council, member of the Diocesan Finance and Investment Committee and proof reader for The Murray Anglican. She was also very active in the Echunga community serving for many years as the Vice President of the Echunga Memorial Institute committee, Vice President of the Echunga CFS Operations Support and a committee member for the Echunga and Districts Historical Society.

In accordance with Margaret's wishes, a Requiem Mass was celebrated at St Mary's, Echunga, with Fr Thomas Karamakuzhiyil and Fr John Devenport concelebrating and Bishop John Ford giving the homily.

Bishop John said he remembered Margaret as one who sought, discovered and was astounded by what she found.

"In travel, in literature, in other people, she was so excited to be drawn deeper into discovery and challenged by the tantalising mysteries of life. This persisted into and throughout her illness.

"Close on the heels of the mysterious love of her family and the joy of its challenges and opportunities, Margaret's exploration of and participation in the love of God was converting in its profundity and challenging in its simplicity."

Bishop John, in retelling the story of Mary Magdalene recognising Jesus at the tomb on Easter morning; said Margaret's love for her Lord had enabled her to recognise Jesus in many ways on various occasions.

"We pray that today as her Lord is calling her to continue, she be brought safely to that life towards which she has journeyed so faithfully."

The Requiem Mass was followed by a secular service in Adelaide Hills Funerals' chapel. Both St Mary's and the chapel were packed - a great testimony to the type of person Margaret was.

She is survived by Kym her husband and daughters Eleanor and Claire.

Judith Price

A faithful stalwart of the Parish of Pt Elliott-Goolwa was farewelled at a funeral at Holy Evangelists, Goolwa on Friday the 3rd of March.

Judy had a long association with the Diocese as Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union and on the Committee of ABM Auxiliary, both local and Provincial.

She was a loyal and committed member of the Parish of Port Elliot-Goolwa Parish Council and had been instrumental in the continuation of groups in the Parish, plus a long time chair of the Op Shop in the Goolwa centre.

Judy had been a Pastoral Assistant in the Parish for over 20 years and was a mentor for many others appointed to this service. Judy was very committed to the service in the Nursing Homes in the Parish, being leader of the Anglican Service conducted in both homes on a monthly basis.

Before a huge crowd at the church, Fr Dean Rowney, a long-time friend of Judy and husband Bob, read the Gospel during the Funeral Service at which Fr Michael Varnish officiated.

Judy's sons, Michael, Roger and John prepared and read the Eulogy, which gave, to all in attendance, an insight to this amazing lady Judy Price.



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Formation Weekend

Friday 28th to Sunday 30th April 2017

Presented by Bishop John Ford

Open to parishioners throughout the Diocese with an aspiration to extend their theological knowledge

To be held at the Cockatoo Downs Farmstay in Keith, the weekend will start at 10:00am on the Friday and conclude on the Sunday with Mass and Lunch.

The cost for each weekend is \$260.00 which includes all meals, accommodation, and use of all facilities on the property.

Accommodation will be dorm style rooms with bed linen and towels supplied.

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Evangelism Workshops

Bishop John Ford will be travelling around the Diocese to conduct **Evangelism Workshops** which will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

There will be two workshops in each area to equip people to be able to tell their faith story. Bishop John will be assisted in each region by an Evangelism Team made up of people who attend the Formation Weekends.

The dates below are provisional at this stage but they, and the times of the workshops, will be confirmed soon.

Southern Coast – 5th & 6th May

Southern Vales – 9th May

**Lower Limestone Coast –
12th & 13th May**

**Upper Limestone Coast –
13th & 14th May**

The Hills – 19th & 20th May

Murraylands – 20th & 21st May

Southern Suburbs – 28th & 29th May

The Riverland – 2nd & 3rd June



ac.care’s CEO Rob Foggo will be retiring after 25 years with the charity, 24 of those years as CEO.

Rob has led ac.care through many changes and significant growth. He began with ac.care in 1991 as part of the foster care team, at which time the total staff was about seven. Today there are over 250 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees in rural regional South Australian regions of the Limestone Coast, Murray Mallee and Riverland providing over 50 community programs.

In 1993 Rob was appointed Manager of South East Anglican Family Support Services, at which time he commenced working to ensure the sustainability and provision of quality services by such a small regional based community service organisation. The result was the merger between the South East Regional Accommodation Forum Inc. and South East Anglican Family Support Services. This merger formed South East Anglican Community Care Inc, which later became known as ac.care, with Rob as its CEO.

The role of CEO is demanding in an organisation that has so many staff, across over 56,000 kilometres, providing services ranging from foster carer recruitment and support, Aboriginal services, homelessness and family services, representing the organisation at state and federal level. Rob met the demands and found his energy from the values of ac.care and the way the staff worked and lived these values. Compassion, Adaptability, Relationships and Excellence are the ac.care values and whilst all are equal “it is compassion that has enabled me to perform this role over the years” said Rob. Compassion to Rob means truly putting oneself in another’s shoes.

Rob found the community within the Anglican Diocese of The Murray to be very supportive and a real enabler for him to lead ac.care. The support included the Anglican parish representatives on the Board, financial donations, conversations with parishioners, their prayers for the clients of ac.care, and friendships made. Most notable of these supporters were both Father Brian Ashworth, whom Rob describes as the “founding father of ac.care”, and Mike Bleby who has been Convenor of the Board of Directors for the past 20 years.

“Rob has inspired many ac.care staff to go about their work in often difficult and complex situations and to keep the focus on positive outcomes for our clients. When you have a compassionate and committed leader who cares very much about rural people and the opportunities they have to lead safe and fulfilling lives it encourages you to do more and be more. “

Amanda McKinnon, Executive Assistant to the CEO

Like many charitable NGOs (non-government organisations), ac.care faces challenges of increasing need and delivering services with limited resources, but through Rob’s passionate dedication for quality outcomes, with clients and in particular children at the centre of decisions, ac.care has been able to continue to work to meet their mission to 'enhance the wellbeing of rural people through positive social change'.

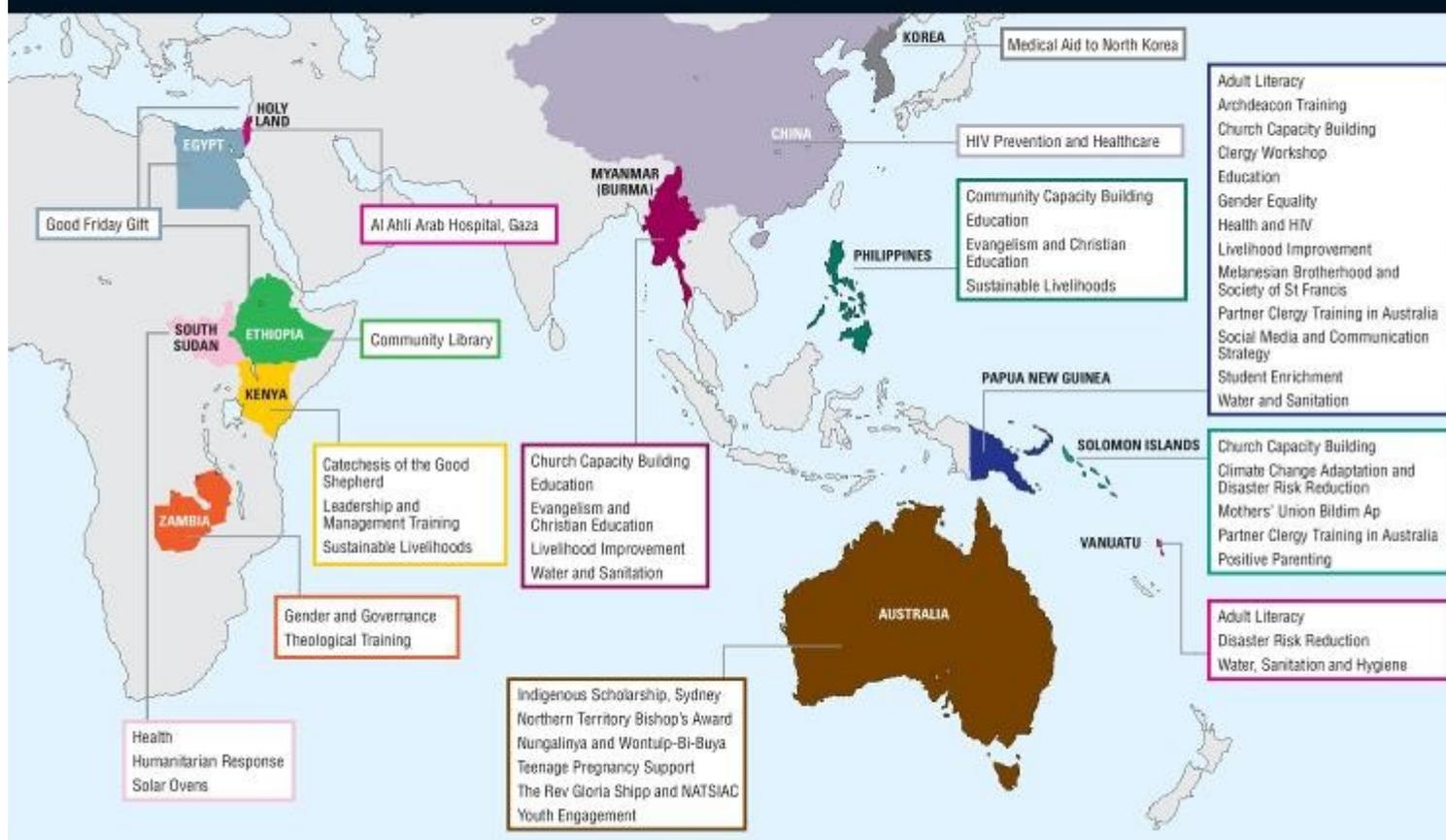
At the time of writing, ac.care is advertising for a new CEO. Whilst the person leading ac.care will change, the values and connection with the Anglican Diocese of the Murray will not.

“Thank you to all within the Anglican Diocese of the Murray. I have been honoured to have met many of you over the years. Your support for ac.care has been immense and a valuable enabler for us to perform our community service. Your support to my staff and I have given us strength to keep doing the work.”

Rob Foggo



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Urgent Support Needed for the East Africa Famine Response

ABM has launched an emergency appeal seeking to raise \$100,000 as the crisis worsens in parts of East Africa due to extreme drought.

ABM's partners, the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan and the Anglican Church of Kenya are responding to this urgent humanitarian emergency as more than 3 million people have been forced to flee their homes and nearly 7.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection as a result of the ongoing conflict.

Famine has been declared in parts of South Sudan, and other countries like Somalia, Ethiopia and Yemen, due to protracted drought in East Africa.

The people mostly affected are Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and the communities where they are hosted.

It is estimated that 4.9 million people are already food insecure with 100,000 of those facing famine conditions.

Conflict and insecurity are the main causes which have led to loss of livelihoods and acute malnutrition and reports state that one in three children in the southern part of Unity State are severely malnourished.

In Kenya, the government has declared the drought a national emergency. ADSE (Anglican Development Services Eastern), the development arm of the Anglican Church in Kenya, is working in Kitui and Makueni counties with the main focus on emergency food provision along with support for resilience building such as water harvesting and seed provision.

According to last month's OCHA's (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) *Kenya Humanitarian Snapshot*; 2.7 million are food insecure, 496,420 are refugees, 357,300 acutely malnourished children (6-59 months) and 2.6 million are in need of Water and Sanitation interventions.

ABM is also in contact with the Anglican Alliance with regards to a response by SUDRA (the relief and development arm of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan) for food and other emergency relief aid.

ABM is urgently seeking to raise \$100,000 to provide much needed emergency aid to the many starving and displaced people in South Sudan and Kenya.

Your support will be greatly appreciated by ABM's Partners. To donate to the East African Crisis Appeal please phone 1300 302 663 or give at www.abmission.org/EastAfrica.

Contact Elizabeth Baker, ABM Media Consultant at media@abm.asn.au for more information.

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Diocesan Prayer

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of
your love so that we are wholly yours and may love each other and grow as
a community of faith.

Fill us and use us to share your healing power with those with whom we
work, live and worship. Ignite within us a passion for your Gospel so that we
can be beacons of love, justice and mercy using our gifts and talents for your
glory.

Open our hearts and our minds to your truths given to us in Scripture and to
the needs of others. Strengthen us to share these truths with our
community, that we may produce a greater harvest for your kingdom.

Come Holy Spirit; renew and empower us so that we can face all things with
courage knowing that you are with us. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Christine Irvine.