

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Sunday 20 March 2022

## Murray Valley Lutheran CommUni<sup>†</sup>y

Christ Church Lutheran 31 Swanport Rd Murray Bridge Holy Cross Lutheran 31 Florence St Murray Bridge Zion Lutheran 427 Schenscher Rd Monarto

We want everyone in the Murray Bridge regional communities to know the love of Jesus and be in a saving relationship with Him.

**WELCOME...** TO OUR BULLETIN. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND LEAVE YOU STRENGTHENED FOR THE CHALLENGES AND JOYS OF THE COMING WEEK!

Density requirements at services and morning tea has been lifted.

\*\*\*Masks are required until further notice\*\*\*

Please follow the directions of the people in charge at our services.

## Sunday: 20th March – 3rd Sunday in Lent

9am Holy Cross – Pastor David Kuss

9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall – Family Church

10.30am Monarto – Lay Reading

11am Christ Church – Church – Pastor David Kuss

## Wednesday: 23rd<sup>th</sup> March – Mid Week Lenten Service

7pm Holy Cross – Pastor David Kuss

## Sunday: 27th March - 4th Sunday in Lent

9am Monarto 9am Holy Cross

9.30am Christ Church – JD Hall



<u>MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES</u>: All services will be at 7pm alternating between Holy Cross and Christ Church: 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Holy Cross, 30<sup>th</sup> March – Christ Church, 6<sup>th</sup> April – Holy Cross, Maundy Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April – combined service at Holy Cross. Meal commencing at 5.30pm service at 7pm.

Lent Roster and Themes available at services or offices.

Lent offerings will go towards School Chaplains via Schools Ministry Group.

## Visitors most welcome to join any of our services

Pastor David Kuss contact details: Mobile: 0474 229 959, email <a href="mailto:david.kuss@lca.org.au">david.kuss@lca.org.au</a>

Pastor Paul Calnan is unavailable until his clearances come through from the DCSI

Christ Church Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-12noon - Closed Wednesday.

Ph 8532 6553 email: christchurch.murraybridge.sa@lca.org.au

Website: <a href="https://www.cclutheranmb.org.au">www.cclutheranmb.org.au</a> Add: 5 Marchand St, Murray Bridge After Hours please phone: Chairperson, Warren Doecke - 0417 804 663

**Holy Cross office hours**: Tues, Wed, 9.30am-1.30pm; Thurs, Fri 9am-2pm – **Closed Monday.** Ph 8532 4577. Email: hcoffice@internode.on.net Add: 31 Florence St, Murray Bridge. *After hours please contact Council Chairperson: Jeff Henschke* 0428 519 252 or *Ministry Team Chair: David Schirmer* 0459 943 682

<u>CALL MEETING UPDATE:</u> The result of the call meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March was that Pastor Paul Calnan will be called to the position of .6 associate Pastor for the Murray Valley Lutheran Community.

## **MURRAY VALLEY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY TASK GROUP MEMBERS:**

**Holy Cross**: Greg Herrmann, Joanne Pfeiffer, Barry Stoddart; **Christ Church**: Warren Doecke, Yvonne Stiller, Trent Mueller; **Monarto**: Colin Wegener, Raelene Barolo.

The next meeting of the MVLC Task Group will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March @ 7.30pm

## 20th MARCH READINGS & HYMNS/SONGS:

- ♣ Holy Cross: Readings: Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9. Songs/Hymns; I heard the voice of Jesus say; Hear the call of the Kingdom; O Father my Father; O bread of Life from heaven; Sorrowing Song.
- Christ Church: 9am Readings: Isaiah 55:1-2,6-9; Luke 13:1-9. Songs: Be still in the presence of the Lord; O Father, my Father; Abide with me; Joy. 11am: Readings: Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9. Songs: Into your death we go; O love how deep, how broad; My hope is built on nothing less; O welcome all ye noble saints; Sorrowing Song.
- Monarto: Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9. Songs; Bless the Lord, of my soul; Turn to me with all your heart; I heard the voice of Jesus say; Let's go out and keep on singing.

## **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **OFFICES CLOSED:**

Please also note that both church offices will be closed on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March for training. Both church offices will be open on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### **ZION MONARTO:**

Would like to thank everyone who helped in anyway at their recent Working Bee. All help was greatly appreciated!

#### **ROSTERS:**

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

**Christ Church:** Rosters to Easter are out now – please pick up your copy, if you are unavailable on any of your times please swap with someone and advice the office. Thank you

# <u>RETIRING OFFERING:</u> for LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund for Queensland and New South Wales Floods and LWS Appeal for Ukraine

A retiring offering will be held after Sunday Services until Easter. Please put your money in an envelope marked with who it is for. Any loose money will be divided equally between the two. Please continue to pray for churches impacted by floods in QLD and NSW LCANZ Bishop Paul Smith and his Queensland District. Members can also invite to donate to help Lutherans and their communities (tax-deductible) via the LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund

**REG – Regular Electronic Giving**: Have you considered using REG for your weekly offerings? Forms are available from either church office to set up with your LLL account or use the following details:

**Christ Church:** BSB 704942 Acc # 100311504 **Holy Cross:** BSB 704942 Acc # 51176

If you are attending service at another site and still wish to place your offering in the collection please put it in an envelope and put name of site on it ie: Holy Cross, Christ Church, Monarto. The treasurer's will forward the collection to the appropriate site.

LUTHERAN MEN OF AUSTRALIA: March Newsletter is available at church or offices.

#### **Diary Dates:**

20th Mar 1:30pm Christ Church AGM: JDHall. Book of reports available today

21st Mar 7pm Concordia Kindergarten AGM – All Welcome

22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 7pm Christ Church Leadership Team, Ed Cen

9am-12:30pm Online Secretaries Day – Both Offices will be closed.

23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2pm Barnabas Friendship Group @ Hampels

24<sup>th</sup> Mar 1:30pm **MVLC Thursday Communion Service** – Concordia Hall – All Welcome 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2-4pm Youth, Christ Church cave, just bring yourselves! Hope to see you there!

26th Mar 1-2:30pm Child Safety Standards webinar for all Congregation Leaders

5<sup>th</sup> April 4pm Holy Cross Ministry Team meeting

7.30pm Holy Cross Church Council meeting

#### **COMING UP:**

April: 13<sup>th</sup> 1.15pm Women's Guild – Concordia Hall

April: 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm Combined Maundy Thursday Service at Holy Cross followed by meal

April: 24<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Seed and Soil – Monarto Sporting Complex

May: 12-13<sup>th</sup> Pastor's Conference

May: 14th Synod

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING:** If you need to complete Level 1 Refresher, Level 1 or Level 2 training please check the LCA website for dates online training is also available. Level I face to face training is available at Victor Harbour Lutheran Church 20<sup>th</sup> March; please contact either office for registration details.

Congregation Leaders are invited to join an Online Webinar 1.30pm AEDT 26th March 2022 that will concentrate on implementing the NEW <u>Child Safety Standards for Congregations.</u>

40 DAYS: A LENTEN DEVOTION & PRAYER GUIDE: LCA International Mission has compiled devotions for the Lenten season, through this Lenten season explore the psalms and share the comfort and hope they bring. An electronic copy of the booklet is available to download from the LCA International Mission website. If you would like hard copies of the guide to share with others, please contact Erin at the LCA International Mission office or phone (08) 8267 7317.

<u>MEN'S CAMPS</u>: <u>Made for More Men's Camp</u> 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 at Yankalilla. For more information go to: <u>https://www.thegoalislife.com/product/made-for-more/</u>

**NOVO CAMP:** 20 - 23 April 2022, Cornerstone College, Mt Barker. A Christian camp for high school aged young people. Join us for a week of fun, fellowship and faith. People of all backgrounds are welcome. Members of all denominational backgrounds are very welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. Please contact Blueprint Ministries at <a href="mailto:admin@blueprintministries.org.au">admin@blueprintministries.org.au</a> or on 8267 5211 for more information or visit <a href="https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/novo/">https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/novo/</a>. Registrations close 3 April.

**PHOTO COMPETITION FOR 2023 LUTHERAN MEDIA CALENDAR:** There are 3 categories, you can enter up to 1 photo in each category. Enter your best original and inspiring nature, animal or landscape photo. **www.lutheranmedia.org.au/image** for more details. Entries close 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

HOLY CROSS BUS TRIP – FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 – bus to depart Holy Cross at 8.30am Itinerary: First stop - Aussie Apricots at Mypolonga; then onto Thornby Trust Feed Lot and new Shearing Shed at Sanderston – BBQ lunch in the shearing shed- sausages, patties, ice-cream, tea & coffee. Return to Mannum; cross the river on the ferry and travel to Bowhill Engineering- tour factory and look at some of their work, then home to Murray Bridge – Ladies and Men welcome. Cost \$50 Sponsored by Holy Cross Bus Tour Group and Miegel Engineering. For more information, contact Alan Packer 8532 2876 or Terry Little 8532 4029

<u>PCW VACANCIES WITH SMG:</u> There are several vacancies in the hills and also at Urrbrae Agriculture High School for Pastoral Care Workers. For more information and/or to apply, check out: <a href="https://smgadelaide.squarespace.com/chaplaincy-vacancies">https://smgadelaide.squarespace.com/chaplaincy-vacancies</a>

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES (FoLA). The next meeting will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide, 7.30 pm. Exploration & Contact in the Morobe Region of Papua New Guinea. Guest speaker will be Philip Holzknecht who was born in Finschhafen - PNG. Both hisfather & grandfather were missionaries in PNG. Philip studied Political Science and History at University of PNG. Supper, \$4 donation suggested, all welcome. Bookings essential: phone or text Helen on 0447 740 711 (sorry, no voicemail).

## Live-streaming operators needed – Friends of Lutheran Archives (FoLA)

FoLA meets 9 times per year to tell the stories of God at work in our Lutheran church. We are looking for a small team of people who could operate the live-streaming equipment – in pairs - on a voluntary and rotation basis. Meetings are held once a month on Thursday evenings at Immanuel Lutheran Church, North Adelaide, from February to October. Full training will be provided. Please contact Helen Schubert 0447 740 711 or emailFOLA@lca.org.au

#### **BUS DRIVER VACANCY – TINDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:**

Tindale Christian School are in need of a number of people to drive their buses due to some difficulties caused by COVID restrictions. A Job Description is available from the office. The list below outlines the role and requirements for a driver.

- Up to 2 hours driving in morning and 2 hours driving in the afternoon (during school term).
- Positions available for those wishing to work mornings only, afternoon's only or both.
- Ad-hoc driving during the day, but this work is scheduled in advance (during school terms and school holiday's).

#### Requirements

- Christian
- Bus Driver Accreditation, Light rigid vehicle license as a minimum
- Working with Children Check current, for employment purposes
- · Reporting of Abuse and Neglect trained
- First Aid certificate

The School is willing to arrange and pay for the licenses and training listed above.

**GIVE AWAY:** Waldman Piano – contact Christ Church office (will need to collect)

## PRAYERS:

<u>Prayer of the day</u> Holy and merciful God, we thank you for giving your Son Jesus to die on the cross for us sinners. Turn us away from our sins and back to a life of trust in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** 

#### Also pray....

- ⊕ God of compassion; You created a world for us to know your love and peace. Yet amidst the beauty
  of creation we encounter pain and hurt and forces beyond our control. At times like this, our hearts
  are shaken and ache with sorrow at the destruction of lives, homes and livelihoods. Hear our prayers
  for those affected by the floods and for all those working to bring relief and fresh hope.
- Gracious God, we pray for the world, for peace and co-operation between nations, for wise and honest government; for the people of the Ukraine and those that have been displaced in the ongoing conflict, we pray for those who are working towards peaceful solutions in all ongoing conflicts.
- We pray for Pastor Paul, Kate, Bethany and Evie as Pastor Paul considers the call to the position of .6 associate Pastor to the Murray Valley Lutheran Community of Christ Church, Holy Cross and Zion Monarto.

<u>Please Pray for the following people and their carers:</u> (Please note, before visiting check with family for any visitation allowances and/or restrictions)

**Christ Church:** Martha Aartsen, Lores Frahn, Audrey Jaensch, Flo Kerkham, Joan Kluge (CC), Irene Kuchel, Margaret Kuchel, Bryan Lees, Joy Lienert, Andy & Colleen Nicholls, Oscar, Amelia & Josh Noye, Joyce Pope, Leo Schulz, Vena Shinnick, Sandra Thiele, June Walker.

**Holy Cross:** Ian & Fay Baxter, Judy Brereton, Olga Burgemeister, Lila Grocke, Maxine Gogler (Daws Road Rehab) & daughters Marie Pica & Vicki Gollasch and their families, Trevor & Kyle Hage & families, Bert & Nita Hyam, Pat Jenke, Glen Koop & family, Joy Leighton, Erin, Travis, Cooper, Brady & Taylor Lienert, Brenda O'Reilly, Jim Poole, Erwin Rohrlach, Neil Schubert, Reg Schwartz, Barbara Taylor, Clarita Venn,

**Resthaven:** Joyce Ahrns (CC), Norm Bensch (HC), Lorna Burrett (HC), Leila Koehler(HC), Dot Noller (CC), Murray Piltz (CC)

**Lerwin:** Glad Hausler (CC), Stewart Jaensch (CC), Eric Kuss (CC), Alice Kowald (HC), Betty Paech (HC).

Craigmore Resthaven: Ivy Roennfeldt (CC)

Golden Grove Helping Hand: Joyleen Rosenzweig (CC)

Meningie Hospital Aged Care: Kurt Unger (HC), Felicity Woods (HC)

St Paul's Aged Care, Hahndorf: Margaret Pfeiffer (HC)

Tailem Bend Hospital: Pat Gogel, Bevan Schulz (both HC)

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.

## **Birthday Notices:**

Happy Buthday

Happy Birthday to some of our members who celebrated their 90+ birthdays recently

2<sup>nd</sup> March

Roy Zerk - 91 (HC)

13<sup>th</sup> March

Margaret Warnest - 92 (CC)

16th March

Pat Jenke - 93 (HC)

## **Baptismal Birthday Celebrations This Week**

20th Christie Schipp (CC)
Malcolm thiel (CC)

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sandra Hein (Mon) 26<sup>th</sup> Karl Krueger (CC) Kathy Pfeiffer (HC) Judy Bereton (HC)

21st Joshua Doecke (CC) Samuel Doecke (CC)

25<sup>th</sup> Madeleine Crook (CC)
David Miegel (CC)
Daisy Eckermann (HC)

27<sup>th</sup> Doreen Borchardt(CC)
Daniel Doecke (CC)

22<sup>nd</sup> Brandan Pahl (Mon) Bailey Rothe (HC) Roy Zerk (HC)

In the foyer of (HC, CC, Zion), a boy was looking at an honour roll of men and women who had died during the war. He asked the pastor, "Who are these people?" The pastor said, "Those are members from our church who died in the service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?"

## OTHER WAYS TO WORSHIP:

FACEBOOK: Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge / Christ Church Lutheran Murray

Bridge / Music Ministry Online

YOUTUBE:

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1o3Cy-

fGMCsEoTtn9kwkgQ 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: https://youtu.be/sjWeWLm8LkY 9<sup>th</sup> Mar: https://youtu.be/wER0WVZ1rMQ Christ Church Lutheran Murray Bridge https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGccwtvzlvNOA302m1TjGw

Music Ministry Online https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDoA2JRIV7vHNT0oceDkibg

Christ Church Web Page: http://www.cclutheranmb.org.au/

Music Ministry email: <a href="mailto:musicministrymb@gmail.com">musicministrymb@gmail.com</a></a>
Christian radio now live! — Murray Bridge 87.6 FM SA

Other Livestreamed Services etc - Go to LCA Church@Home:

https://www.lca.org.au/worship/wpp/churchhome/

click on View@Home to see services online, Pray@Home for prayer resources and Faith@Home for other options.

Sermons4Kids- Stories of the Bible: https://sermons4kids.com/

## **ROSTERS**

**Monarto Rosters** 20<sup>th</sup> Mar: **Wardens:** Jan & Klaus B. **Reader:** Pam H.

27<sup>th</sup> Mar: *Wardens*: Maxine P. *Reader*: Raelene W.

3<sup>rd</sup> Apr: Wardens: Robert T. Reader: Terry F.

#### **Holy Cross**

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	Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday
	20 <sup>th</sup> March	23rd March	27th March
	9am	7pm	9am
	Pastor David	Pastor David	Lay Reading
SIGN IN:	T Gogel	A Pearce	R Packer
GREETERS	K Stoddart	L Rosenzweig	R Waldhuter
LS SERVERS:	J Sacco	N/A	N/A
LECTOR:	J Sacco	Judy Sacco	J Wiencke
PA	T Hanckel	T Hanckel	E Ahrens
MM			A Ahrens
VC:	G Herrmann	N/A	N/A
MARSHAL	B Stoddart	G Herrmann	A Pearce
USHERS:	K Lienert	C Schache	B Kuchel
	B Gerlach	J Sacco	A Pearce
BELL RING'R:	B Gerlach	B Gerlach	B Kuchel
ALTAR	J Sacco	N/A	N/A
GUILD:			
MUSICIANS:	Ellen Paech	Ellen Paech	M Ahrens
	Helen Carroll		
FLOWERS:	C Schache	N/A	Kathy Pfeiffer
MORNING	A Wiencke	N/A	C Schache
TEA:	L Wiencke		S Kramer
	P & E Welke		L Rosenzweig
MINISTRY	D Steinborner		E & P Welke
TEAM			

#### **Christ Church**

	9:30am JDH 20-Mar	11AM Church 20-Mar	9:30am JDH 27-Mar	7pm Lent 4 Wed 30-Mar
COVID Marshal	B Martin	I Kluge	L Schiller	G Pohl
Elder Assist	D Schiller	I Kluge D Hampel	David D W.Doecke	I Kluge
Wardens	G Pohl S Kuchel	D Lienert G Schubert	K Franklin	G Pohl
Greeters	R&M Herrmann	C Coulter I Schulte	B&J Martin	D&L Schiller
Tea/Coffee	J Herrmann D Lienert		J Traeger D Borchart	
PA	G Beauglehall	T Lees	N Mann	G Beauglehall
Data Projector	C Beauglehall	D Hampel	C Doecke	Chris B
Reader	D Pfeiffer	C Coulter	G Beauglehall	J Pohl
Organist		C Mattner		C Mattner
Video	R Jericho		R Jericho	R Jericho
Counter	G Korzeba	B Schubert	V Jaensch	M Mueller
Grounds Roster	H Schulte			
Water & Care	J Schirmer		Y Koch	

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TreasurerBarry Stoddart0459 590 302Property ChairGreg Herrmann0438 785 040

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



**CAPTAIN "MR PANTS"** 

You may have met "Mr Pants" of Bookpurnong before. He runs the home of our son (Sean) and daughter-in-law Connie. While he absolutely hates car travel, if Sean opens the door of the shed where the "tinnie" lives, you can be sure the little dog will be continually underfoot with a panting, "I'm coming! I'm coming, right!"

Up the front is "his position", and he is generally very stable unless the boat hits a snag, resulting in a little wet dog – not his fault!

Alternately, when seeing a kangaroo on the river bank, he is well known for launching himself into the water with the express purpose of "I'm going to get that roo!" consequence - a little wet dog - most definitely his fault. Of course, it's not long before a "little wet dog" is plucked from the water and embarrassingly placed back on the boat.

How often, as we ride through life, feeling safe in our preferred spot, we find ourselves and our lives upended. An unexpected sickness, a family "falling out", a friendship hits a snag in the relationship and a once thought to be secure and safe part of our life is thrown into turmoil. All manner of dreams we base our lives on can suddenly be washed away by time or circumstance. We find ourselves floundering, searching for something or someone to bring normality, some "solid ground" into our life?

Alternatively, like "Mr Pants", we see something desirable; a possession; an experience, and despite words of warning and advice, we launch ourselves toward it only to find, "Oh dear! I'm floundering out of my depth!"

Jesus did this with his mate Peter. (read about it in Matthew 14:22 – 33) What did Peter do?" But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me! Instead of thrashing about, we should all learn to say, with trust, "Lord save me!"

Other exciting and worthwhile words of Jesus were the well known, "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Mark 12:30-31)

The handle to lift Mr Pants to safety is evident. Finding the handle that will enable you to help another may take time, effort, perseverance, and friendship. It is what Jesus calls us to do. The "handle" to lift the life of another might be in the shape of a kind word, the act of a helping hand, a friendly squeeze of a shoulder, a smile.

We can all be "life-savers". But we need to let God and his love train us.

God bless,

Kevin.



#### 20th March 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Return to the Lord

#### SHARE

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



When do you find it hard to be patient?



Read Jesus' parable about the fig tree (Luke 13:6-8). How is God patient with us?



The gardener in the parable asked for another year to help the tree bear fruit. In what ways do you think God might like to see you grow or change in the next year of your life?

## **Devotions**





READ Daily Bible Readings

S	Luke 13:1-9	Parable of the fig tree
М	Isaiah 55: 1-9	Invitation to the Lord's salvation
Т	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	Lessons from Israel's idolatry
W	Ezekiel 18:25b-32	Repent and live!
Т	Hosea 14:1-7	Return to the Lord
F	Luke 3:1-9	The fruit of repentance
S	Psalm 34:11-22	Turn from evil and do good
S	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32	Parable of the forgiving father



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

## Rituals and Traditions





**PRAY** 

Lord God, we turn to you. Please show us mercy. Amen.



God is merciful and forgives your sins.

#### Lent

Lent is a time when we re-orientate our lives towards God. We follow Jesus in his journey towards the cross. PURPLE is the colour for Lent and represents the royalty of Jesus and the call to turn back to God.

## Creative Response

The theme of repentance runs through the Bible readings for this week.

God gives us the Ten Commandments to show us his will for us, and to lead us to examine our thoughts, words and actions. In your home devotion times this week, listen together to the Ten Commandments and talk about what they mean.

- You shall have no other gods.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- · Honour your father and your mother.
- · You shall not kill.
- · You shall not commit adultery.
- · You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's house.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's spouse, or their manservant, or their maidservant, or their cattle or anything that is your neighbour's

## mealtime prayer

Mealtime is here, 0 what a spread! Thanks be to God, who gives us bread. Amen.

#### verse for the week

Turn to the Lord! He can still be found.
Call out to God! He is near. Give up your crooked ways and your evil thoughts. Return to the Lord our God.
He will be merciful and forgive your sins.

ISAIAH 55:6-7

# Service

make crosses from bars of soap as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice to cleanse us from our sins. Draw a cross shape on each bar of soap, then carefully carve away the excess soap using a table knife. Place soap crosses in your bathroom. You could also place soap crosses in small gift bags to give away to friends and relatives.

