

Diocese of The Murray, South Australia.

**THE MURRAY
CON-TRIBUTARY
NEWSLETTER**



Transformation - Now!

November 2022

Greetings,

At this time last year I decided to send out an early November Con-Tributary but I have just arrived home from AMUA Aust Council and I waited to see what news I could send off to you from that. We will be holding our own Council meeting on Nov 28th (see below) so some of this will be in more detail on that day. Here is just a brief list of interesting items.

Australia has approx 4000 members. Many dioceses have fewer members as the years go by, including us, but I feel that we are looking good with our prayer, outreach and concern for each other here in The Murray.

For those of you who personally know Aust Exec members you may like to know before the next Mia Mia who has changed positions. Anne Kennedy will step down as president and Robin Ray take her place. Christine Jensen will take over Prayer and Spirituality, Wendy Mabey will be Overseas and Northern Outreach, Kristi Day will be Promotion and Communication (new wording), Elizabeth Parker the second vice president and Sue Milwright secretary.

1. We are planning to have our new president visit South Australia during the week of Mary Sumner Day next year, so keep that week free and I shall let you know exactly what date she will be with us in The Murray once it is all organised.
2. Sheran Harper may visit Australia in 18 months time, May 2024.
3. Daily prayer reflections will be posted online and a printed version will be available to you shortly for use during the 16 Days of Activism. Global Day is 26th November, consider wearing a purple scarf, if several people together have purple scarves it may commence conversations. Hold a prayer vigil.
4. No new person has yet been appointed as our patron.
5. Speaking in person with the Dioceses who actually get grants from ONO really opened my eyes to what they achieve.
6. A speaker on the new Project put more information forward about this worthy outreach.

7. More and more branches are working together with other care organisations to help the needy or distribute goods and help. Each branch, parish and town have different resources to seek out.
8. AMUA is looking for someone with the ability to produce the audio Mia Mia, is that you?
9. It was suggested that those of you who have coffee mornings to be special praying people for the Diocese and AMUA even if you currently do not gather very often.
10. I found that it is encouraging and inspiring to meet up with other members. We don't all get the opportunity to do this on an Australian level but do try to attend our own Diocesan combined gatherings.

Here in The Murray we would still like a volunteer to take the role of Promotion and Communication co-ordinator so if you would like to learn more or suggest someone for this role please contact me. Mostly it is sharing the information released by the P&C leader from AMUA. Access to emails and the AMUA website etc would be necessary.

After the recent Aust Council I saw again just how important IT is these days and our Diocese is lagging behind in this area. If you feel you can help with a website, putting items on the Diocesan website, commencing social media outreach contact please let me know.

Short and sweet this time, but I hope enough information to keep you reading.

Christmas is not too far away and I would like to send my special love to you all and hope and pray that you can all spend some time or conversations with loved ones. May this blessed season bring you peace.

love and blessings from Jocelyn

Prayer and Spirituality

The latest Thoughts for the Day and the Advent Prayer diary are now available on the AMUA website or Helen is happy to post out copies to branches for distribution.

Diary Dates:.

Thanksgiving Day celebration and short council meeting:.. November 28th at Mt Barker.

The communion service will begin at 11am with our chaplain Fr Daniel.

We will then have a BYO lunch in the hall where I will share details of the Australian Council with you and we may have another speaker as well. There will be no trading table. Please bring along a donation of non-perishable goods to put in a hamper for the needy people of Mt Barker area.

State meeting: 3rd February. All welcome This will probably be in St Barnabas building North Adelaide but as it is not booked yet contact me for definite details if you would like to attend.

2023 first Diocesan exec meeting: 13th February at 10.30am at Jocelyn's home.