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**We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members**

Bishop John (Bridget), Archdeacon Fr Peter Carlsson,  
Right Rev. Bishop Lindsay Urwin (Vicar General)  
Very Rev. David Price (Dean) (Lesley) and Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)  
**In the Limestone Coast** – we pray for Fr David Patterson, Fr Wayne,  
Fr David Withers (Ann), Fr Neil (Nalini)

**Parish Counsellors Christ Church**

Trevor Christopher, Richard Strickland, Brian Smith, Rick Fisher, Lynn Fisher,  
Maree Lynch, Tara McCracken, Matthew Charlton, Faye Hill.

**Diocesan Prayer**

**Lord Jesus, you call us to be your disciples and friend; help us to journey with you on the way of life toward the Father. Enable us by the Spirit to discover not only the fullness of who you are, but also the fullness of life you offer to each one of us.**

**Amen**

**The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church  
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's  
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas  
Port MacDonnell**

**Quinquagesima : 3rd March 2019**



**REMOVE THE LOG IN YOUR OWN**



**We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our services today**

*Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens — and please join us for a cuppa and chat in the Ashworth Room after the service*

**REMOVE THE LOG IN YOUR OWN**

It's very easy to find fault with things and people. For instance:

- I like eating at the Ritz, but all those waiters standing around give me goosebumps.
- There goes the Jones family, late again for Mass and walking down the aisle to the front seats so that everyone can admire how well they dress.
- everyone likes Mary, but she talks too much about her family
- the paper man arrives early enough in the morning, but he doesn't throw the paper up to the front door.

No matter how good a person or a thing may be, it is easy to find some fault with them.

And while it is easy to find faults in others, it is just as easy to overlook our own faults. Or as Jesus says in today's gospel: "We see the speck in another's eye, but we don't see the log in our own." And notice the difference, a speck compared to a log. A little fault compared with a really big one. Why are we like that? Is it because we are naturally jealous? or envious? or basically negative and critical? and we have lived with our own faults for so many years that we have grown accustomed to them, or perhaps have never known that we had the problem?

Several Sundays ago one of the readings was St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 12, 12-27) in which St. Paul describes the Mystical Body of Christ. As baptized Christians, we are each one of us, a part of the same Mystical Body. And St. Paul makes note of how different each one of us is. "God put our bodies together in such a way that even the parts that seem the least important are valuable. He did this to make all parts of the body work together smoothly, with each part caring about the others." It is a wonderful concept, that each of us born of Christ in baptism is so intimately connected with each other that there is a unity.

But this is not a natural unity. By natural birth our fallen nature seems to oppose many areas of the Mystical Body. We tend not to see the good in others as much as we see the bad. We misjudge the actions of others very readily. We allow certain biases to arise that prevent us from ever being close to some people. In fact, there may be some individuals whose mere presence make us uncomfortable or even bristle. Such attitudes and reactions are certainly not compatible with the notion of the Mystical Body of Christ.

The challenge of today's gospel for each one of us is to be so positive of all other people that we can accept them for who and what they are, that we can overcome those occasions when we tend to misjudge others, that we can stress the good in others and hope they can do the same for us. It sounds like a kind of Christian utopia, doesn't it?

But Christ came to change the world, to transform the world according to the will of His Father. Today's gospel is a challenge, a bold challenge for each one of us followers of Jesus.

<b>READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 3rd March 2019</b>			
<b>Quinquagesima / Ordinary Sunday 8</b>			
Sirach Eccles 10: 8-14	Ps 92: 5-15	1 Cor 15: 54-58	Luke 6: 39-45
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT	Bill Hudd		
SERVER	Julienne Feast		
INTERCESSIONS	Julienne Feast		
WELCOMER	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
ELEMENTS	Otfried Linder		
SIDESPERSIONS	Kathy MacIntosh & Graham Savage		
FOOD BASKET	Anne Ashworth		
READERS	Julienne Feast and Brian Smith		
MORNING TEA	Tara McCracken & Helen Douglass		
FLOWERS	Lent		
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Robyn Ashby		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	David and Jean Hawkes		
GARDENING	Richard Strickland		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		
<b>READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 10th March 2019</b>			
<b>Lent 1</b>			
Deut 26: 1-11	Ps. 91: 1-12	Rom 10: 8-13	Luke 4: 1-13
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT	Anne Ashworth		
SERVER	Sue Christopher		
INTERCESSIONS	Sue Christopher		
WELCOMER	David Glover		
ELEMENTS	Denise McDonald		
SIDESPERSIONS	Raylene Milligan and Faye Hill		
FOOD BASKET	Raylene Milligan		
READERS	Trevor Christopher & David Glover		
MORNING TEA	The Men		
FLOWERS	Lent		
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Dick Hamson & Agnes Doyle		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	David & Ginny Glover		
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		
<b>READINGS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY — 6th March</b>			
Joel 2: 12-18	Ps 51: 1-13	2 Cor 5: 16-6: 2	Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18



Our Annual Vestry Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 24th March in the church — following the 9.30am service.

It is important that you attend to help guide your church through the forthcoming year, so please make sure you mark this date in your diary!

If you are considering standing for Parish Council or a Wardens position, please ensure that you complete the necessary forms and return them to the Church Office in the week prior to the meeting.

If you would like more information regarding the roles on Parish Council/Wardens positions, please speak to one of the current incumbents who will be happy to provide this info.!

## Lent

The Season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday before the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. From then on until Easter Sunday the church celebrates the Easter Triduum of Christ's passion and death, burial and resurrection.

Lent is characterised by penance for our past sins, works of mercy especially toward the poor, and personal preparation for the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter Vigil. Thus Lent has 2 features: penitential and baptismal. Our tears of penance renew in our hearts and souls the water of baptism.

The ashes imposed on us on Ash Wednesday remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return and that therefore the entire life of a Christian should be marked by works of self-denial and generosity. The traditional discipline of Lent consists of constant prayer and reading of God's word, fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstinence from meat on Fridays, and works of mercy especially to those who have less in life. What is important is that through prayer and good works we allow God's grace to bring about our interior conversion. The sacrament of penance should accompany our Lenten observance.

Holy Week is the high point of the Lenten season. It opens with the procession with blessed palms and the gospel reading of the passion and death of Our Saviour. The triumphal entry into Jerusalem ended on Calvary, but we know that Good Friday led to Easter Sunday.

The biblical readings and prefaces extol the virtue of conversion of life, the need to fulfil our baptismal promises, joyful acceptance of daily trials for the love of God, and unselfish service to all who need our assistance.

## Diary Dates

Wednesday, 6 March	10.00am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Wednesday, 20 March	7.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Vestry
Sunday, 24 March	11.30am approx.	Annual Vestry meeting (following 9.30am Service)
Saturday, 30 March	6.30pm	Mexican and Music Night (recognising Earth Hour at 8.30pm)
Sunday, 31 March	6.30pm	City Wide Service at Christ Church

## Saturday Morning Sale

Last Saturday we held a very successful Garage Sale, Plant Stall & \$1 Day clothing, shoes, handbags & books sale in the hall.

Proceeds from the morning were as follows: Shed \$768.50, Plants \$371.90, \$1 Day Sale in hall \$ 266.90. Along with takings of \$150.50 from the Op Shop, \$1557.80 was raised for parish funds.

Thank you to all those who assisted with these events, especially those who either "climbed, crawled or fell out of bed" early Saturday morning to help set up as well those who remained to clear up afterwards. It was a great morning not only financially but socially as well.

## Christ Church Craft Group

Our Group meet in the Ashworth Room from 1.00pm to 3.00pm on Wednesdays. All welcome. Bring work or just come for a chat and a cuppa. Phone Kathy if any queries 0447 255 790.



## Giving by direct debit

If anyone would like to use direct debit for their regular giving, the details are as follows:

BSB : 105-002

A/c number : 041 398 740

(Paying by direct debit not only enables the admin staff to accurately record your giving [whether done weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc.], but it also reduces the burden on the money counters each week).

## Table Tennis / games afternoons



Table tennis is being held in the Christ Church Hall every Saturday from 4.00—6.00pm. Come along and join in the fun! A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

## FREEZER MINISTRY FOR MARCH

Pam Miller      Jean Hawkes      Julienne Feast

*Please remember when preparing food for the freezer ministry, to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container.*



### Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister in law of Alice); Rita Johnston; Maree and Bob Lynch; June Willcourt; Jill Moore; Don Currie; Sue Ongley; Pip Herbert (Daughter of Pam Judge); Ryan Hinshelwood; Edna McIntyre; Fr Peter Carlsson; Bev Hamson; Sarah Manifold-Searles; Nora Smibert; Brian Kirkland (Betty Wright's son-in-law) Joe Maier; Bishop David McCall

*Pray for the repose of the souls of those near and dear to each one of us and for those whose yearly remembrance is this week.*

**If you wish for your name (or the name of someone you know) to be placed on the prayer list, please submit the request in writing (including your name and the name of the person for whom prayers are required).**

**Forms for this purpose can be found at the back of the church.**

### Mexican and Music night



**Saturday, 30th March—6.30—9.30pm** : recognising Earth  
Hour from 8.30pm.  
Adults : \$10, children : \$5  
BYO drinks

A selection of Mexican food on the night and some fun quiz questions.

So that we can cater accurately, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church

### Zone meetings for March

Zone 4 – 3rd Sunday at **3.00pm** details to come  
Zone 1 – 4th Sunday **2.00pm** details to come  
Zone 2 – 4th Sunday at **3.00pm** : details to come

## Services and Events this coming week in the Parish

### Monday 4th March

10.00am—3.00pm  
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Christian Meditation

### Tuesday, 5th March

10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm

Morning Prayer  
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

### Wednesday, 6th March

10.00am  
10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm  
1.00pm  
5.30pm

Morning Prayer  
Men Do Coffee Limestone Coast Pantry  
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Craft Group in Ashworth Room  
Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

### Thursday, 7th March

10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm  
5.15pm  
6.00pm

Morning Prayer  
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Christian Meditation  
CMG practice

### Friday, 8th March

10.00am  
11.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm

Morning Prayer  
Holy Communion  
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

### Saturday, 9th March

9.30am – 12.30pm  
4.00pm—6.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop  
Table Tennis/games in Christ Church Hall

### Sunday, 10th March

8.00am  
9.30am

Holy Communion  
Sung Eucharist, Christ Church

*On the 1st Tuesday of each month, there will be a service at St Mary's Boandik at 10.00am*

*and on the 1st Friday of each month, a healing service will be held at 10.30am prior to the 11.00am Holy Eucharist.*

**NB Our church has an audio loop to assist those with hearing aids.**