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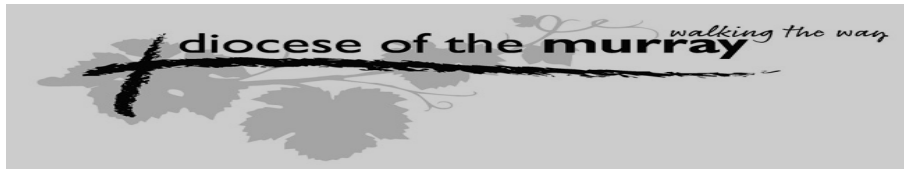
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Thursday mornings please

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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**

**Lent 1 : 10th March 2019**



*Lord help us to overcome our  
temptations*



**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*

**OVERCOME THE TEMPTATION**

Lent has three themes intertwined within it as we celebrate it.

1. It is a time of preparation for Easter, especially for those who are to be baptized.
2. It is a time of repentance and reparation for wrongs done to others around us, the larger community, and the creation.
3. It is a time of stocktaking and renewal in discipleship, the skills needed to be a disciple, and in the commitment to the work and activities of being a Christian.

The homily today could take the form of a 'checklist' or ex-amination of conscience on these aspects. Three temptations – to comfort, power, and wealth – are three things that can take us over. Money, power and comfort can lead us astray....when we want wealth, to be number 1 and prioritise comfort in various ways.

He goes back to the word of God to find strength and insight to fight off evil – to the Word of God he learned at home, and at school.

The story of Jesus' temptation reveals to us the deepest thing about him: he had total trust in his heavenly Father. This is why the incident is placed at the very beginning of his public life. The evangelists are telling us that he chose this path and he would remain faithful to it through all the ups and downs of his ministry.

Telling the story in the form of 'temptations' does two things:

- Jesus' attitude is highlighted since it is set in contrast with other possible attitudes;
- we are reminded that for Jesus trust was a free and deliberate choice, as it is for every human being: he chose to trust.

The story has an introduction in verses 1 and 2 and a conclusion in verse 13. You might like to spend some time on these verses as they are very significant.

**vs.13** *Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.*

We pray that during these forty days of Lent we may allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit into the depths of ourselves, into the wilderness, away from the world of achievements, where we can face up to the evil tendencies that are active within us:

- our feeling that as children of God we have the right to dominate the world as we will;
- our yearning for the power and the glory of earthly kingdoms;
- the subtle ways in which we try to manipulate you.

We need not be afraid of this wilderness experience, Lord, because even if we have to face evil in ourselves, we will also discover, like Jesus, that trust in your love is a law written deep within us, and when the devil has exhausted all these ways of tempting us he will leave.

But, Lord, do not let us become complacent, because he will return at some time you have appointed, and we must be ready to start the struggle all over again.

<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
EUCHARIST ASSISTANT		Anne Ashworth	
SERVER		Sue Christopher	
INTERCESSIONS		Sue Christopher	
WELCOMER		David Glover	
ELEMENTS		Denise McDonald	
SIDESPERSONS		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 and ROSTER — Sunday, 17th March 2019</b>			
<b>Lent 2</b>			
Gen 15: 5-18	Ps. 27: 9-17	Phil 3:17- 4: 1	Luke 9: 28b—36
EUCHARIST ASSISTANT		Trevor Christopher	
SERVER		—	
INTERCESSIONS		Julienne Feast	
WELCOMER		Jeff Bowman	
ELEMENTS		Beryl Heard	
SIDESPERSONS		Eleanor Doyle & Alexander Lynch	
FOOD BASKET		Tara McCracken & The kids	
READERS		Pam Judge & Jeff Bowman	
MORNING TEA		Raylene Milligan & Beryl Heard	
FLOWERS		Lent	
8.00am SERVER		Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK		Robyn Ashby	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		Alice Gladigau	
GARDENING		Robyn Sweetnam	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	



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*

	<b>time &amp; venue</b>	
Tuesday, 19th March	TBA	Mothers Union meeting
Wednesday, 20 March	7.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Vestry
Friday, 22 March	5.30pm	Solos and (S)Pairs night @ Mac's Hotel
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)

### **chANge THE CapItAL blbLE sTudY pRoGrAMME LeNt 2019**

Day : Saturday  
Time : 10.00am  
Location : Ashworth Room  
Contact : Fr Neil 0478 085 894  
See flier in vestry for full details.



### **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 4 meetings will be held at Elizabeth's home at 3.00pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month \*\***

### Zone meetings for March

Zone 4 – 3rd Sunday @ **3.00pm** 17th March @ Elizabeth's home

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 10th March

10.00am—3.00pm  
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Christian Meditation

### Tuesday, 11th March

10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm  
5.30pm

Morning Prayer  
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Eucharistic Service

### Wednesday, 12th March

10.00am—3.00pm  
1.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Craft Group in Ashworth Room

### Thursday, 13th March

10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm  
5.15pm  
6.00pm

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

### Friday, 14th March

10.30am  
11.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm

Stations of the Cross  
Holy Communion  
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

### Saturday, 15th March

9.30am – 12.30pm  
10.00am  
4.00pm—5.30pm  
5.30pm—7.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop  
Lenten studies in Ashworth Room  
Table Tennis/games in Christ Church Hall  
Ballroom dancing lessons in hall (Rachael & Caleb Pullman)

### Sunday, 16th March

8.00am  
9.30am

Holy Eucharist  
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.**