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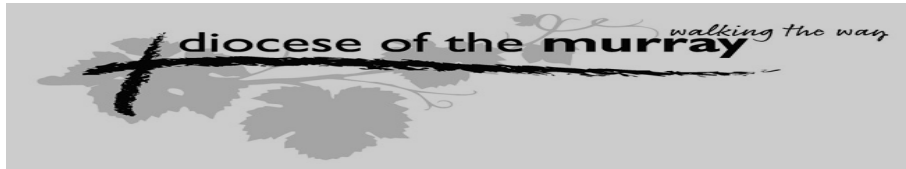
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Thursday mornings please

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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

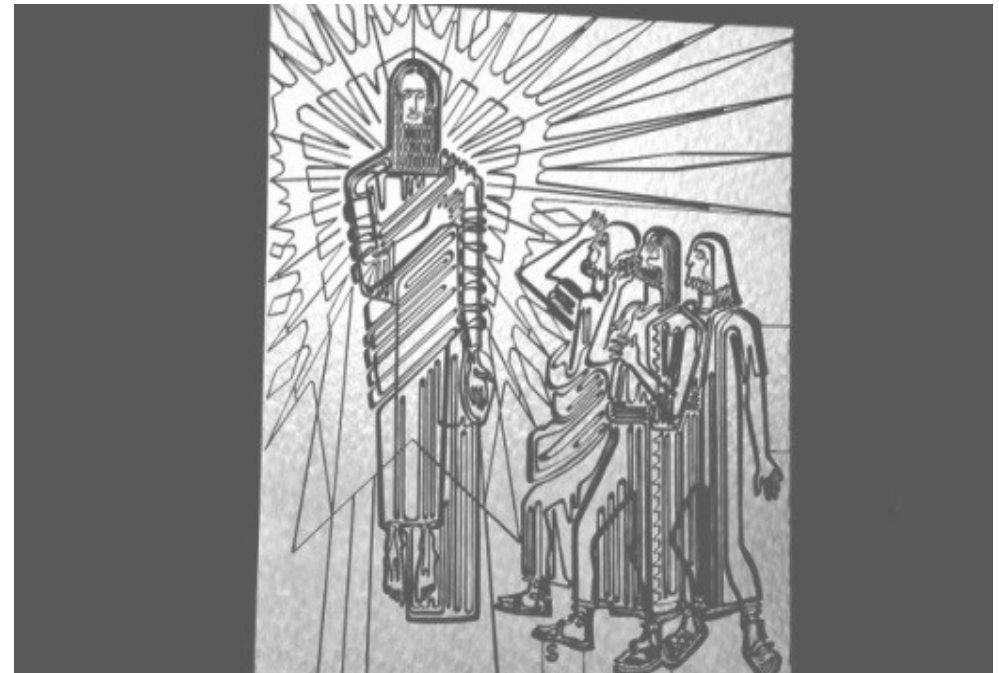
The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

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Port MacDonnell**

Lent 2 : 17th March 2019



This is my Son, listen to him



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

Transfiguration

The Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent gives us the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. The top of a mountain is a natural place for encountering God. It is small wonder then that in the Bible God often chooses a mountain top to reveal Himself and His plans. It was on Mount Sinai that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. Jesus gave his first teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. He often retired to the mountain at night to pray. He was crucified on Mount Calvary and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.

In today's Gospel he is Transfigured before his apostles on Mount Tabor. Peter, James and John are with him. And they will be with him in the agony of the garden. This will be a preparation for that ordeal. Moses and Elijah are also present speaking with Jesus about his approaching death. Moses is the great law giver and Elijah the great prophet. In the presence of these two, representing the law and the prophets the voice of the Father is heard, "This is my beloved son listen to him." Slowly, the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant is taking place.

The Transfiguration gave Jesus a foretaste of his glory, and in the strength of that joy he could endure the cross and despise the shame. But most of all the Transfiguration gave Jesus another affirmation of his Father's love. At His baptism in the Jordan his Father had affirmed him, "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests." Now he says, "This is my beloved son, listen to him."

For the apostles it was an awe-inspiring experience. This is only a preparation for things to come. With Jesus they must descend the mountain to the valley below and on to the garden of Gethsemane and Calvary. On Mount Tabor they didn't want to leave. In the Garden of Gethsemane they didn't want to stay. When Jesus was arrested they all fled. We can all identify with the apostles because in our mountain-top experiences of joy and consolation we also want to stay. We want them to go on forever. And then in the moments of trial we want to flee. We forget that our Lord did not promise us a rose garden, but a garden of olives and a crown of thorns. "If anyone will come after me let him pick up his cross daily and follow me."

The Transfiguration was the mountain-top experience of the apostles which prepared them for their future trials. The Eucharist is our mountain-top experience which prepares us for the trials of our day. The Eucharist is not a transfiguration but a transubstantiation, in which bread and wine are transformed into the glorious Risen Jesus. And in the joy and consolation of Communion we say with Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." And we do not want to leave. But it is not to be. Soon we will hear the words at the end of the service "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." So we pick up our cross and leave to face the trials of the day. But having been to the top of the mountain we know that "nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

cf. Internet

READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 17th March 2019			
Lent 2			
Gen 15: 5-18	Ps. 27: 9-17	Phil 3:17- 4: 1	Luke 9: 28b—36
EUCARIST 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	
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 24th March 2019			
Lent 3			
Exod. 3: 1-15	Ps.103: 8-18	1 Cor.10: 1-6, 10-12	Luke 13: 1-9
EUCARIST ASSISTANT		Kathy MacIntosh	
SERVER		Darren Schunke	
INTERCESSIONS		Sue Christopher	
WELCOMER		Anne Ashworth	
ELEMENTS		Anne Ashworth	
SIDESPERSONS		Raylene Milligan & Faye Hill	
FOOD BASKET		Otfried Linder	
READERS		Robyn Ashby & Bill Hudd	
MORNING TEA		Tara McCracken & Helen Douglass	
FLOWERS		Lent	
8.00am SERVER		Rick Fisher	
SOUND DESK		Sue & Trevor Christopher	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		Sandy Coulson	
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.!



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

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 19th March	2.00pm	Mothers Union meeting @ Limestone Coast Pantry
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

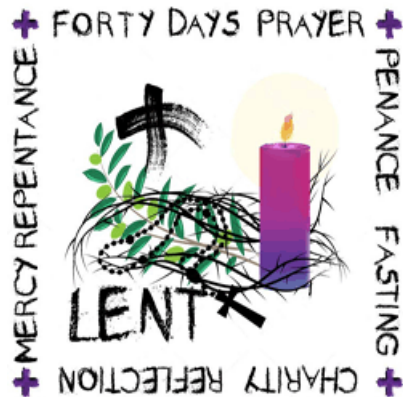
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Locations : see note re: zone meetings
Contact : Fr Neil 0478 085 894
See flier in vestry for full details.



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; Kim Taylor (daughter-in-law of Wendy Monger)

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.

Zone meetings each Thursday during Lent

Zone 1	3.00pm	at Anne Ashworth's home
Zone 2	6.30pm	at Julienne Feast's home
Zone 3	details TBA	
Zone 4	6.00pm	at Boandik Lodge, Lake Tce East



The next Mothers Union meeting will be held at the Limestone Coast Pantry at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 19th March. Members and guests All invited.

Mothers Union members are reminded that subs of \$35 are now due.

Could the holders of BCA boxes please return them to the Parish Office for counting. Thank you.



AUSTRALIA FOR CHRIST

Services and Events this coming week in the Parish

Monday 18th March

10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 19th March

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
2.00pm

Morning Prayer
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Mothers Union meeting, @ Limestone Coast Pantry

5.30pm

Eucharistic Service

Wednesday, 20th March

10.00am—3.00pm
1.00pm
7.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Craft Group in Ashworth Room
Parish Council meeting Vestry

Thursday 21st March

10.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.15pm
6.00pm

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

Friday, 22nd March

10.30am
11.00am
10.00am—3.00pm
5.30pm

Stations of The Cross
Holy Communion
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge
Solos & (S)Pairs dinner @ Macs Hotel

Saturday, 23rd 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, 24th March

8.00am
9.30am

Holy Eucharist
Sung Eucharist, Christ Church

**** Annual Vestry following the 9.30am service (to commence approx. 11.30am) ****

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.