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

Right Rev. Bishop Lindsay Urwin (Vicar General), Fr Peter Carlsson, Very Rev. David Price (Dean) (Lesley) and Fr Des Ackland (Raelene) In the Limestone Coast

Fr David Patterson, Fr Wayne, Fr David Withers (Ann), Fr Neil (Nalini)

Parish Counsellors Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Rick Fisher, Brian Smith, Jeff Bowman, Sandy Coulson, Maree Lynch, Lynn Fisher

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

Trinity 7: 4th August 2019



Avoid greed and share



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

From Fr Neil

Some people are so poor, all they have is money

Our culture is one where sudden death rarely visits us and where we are encouraged to place our trust in material wealth as never before. But today and every day we have the stark reminder that this world is passing. A moment will come when this life is no more. It is that moment that calibrates our value system of what is true wealth: a vast hoard of money, or riches in God's sight. Let us reflect on our values, on where we place our trust, and ask for mercy.

You can look around a lot and the gospel today make sense. It points at how we can get caught up in what we own and what people have. It's about possessions and how they take us over - or how we react when we lack what we once had.

Possessions are necessary for life. But possessions can assume such an importance in one's life that they become obsessions. When one is so consumed with the things that one could have, so much so that one no longer hears the urgent call of God, then one has indeed got one's priorities all mixed up. Such is the man in today's gospel who asks Jesus to come and make his brother give him his share of the family inheritance. Jesus is not against him having more wealth, nor is he against justice being done between the man and his brother. Jesus is rather disappointed that after listening to all his preaching, the first concern of this man still remains his share of the inheritance.

To illustrate his point Jesus tells the Parable of the Rich Fool. When you read the parable you ask yourself, "What wrong did this man do?" Think about it. The man did his honest work on his farmland. The land gave a good harvest, as expected. The man decided to build a larger storage for the crop so that he could live the rest of his life on Easy Street. Except he did not know that the rest of his life was less than twenty-four hours. Jesus uses him as an illustration of greed even though he took nobody's money. He did not do something wrong. His greed lies in what he did not do.

Sir Fred Catherwood is quoted as saying that greed is "the belief that there is no life after death. We grab what we can while we can however, we can and then hold on to it hard." Now you see why the rich man qualifies as an example of greed. Now you see why Jesus was so hard on greed. Greed is the worship of another god. The name of that god is Mammon or Money or Materialism. Today's gospel invites us to believe in the God of Jesus Christ who alone can give eternal life and not in the god of this world who gives us the false promise of immortality through accumulation of possessions.

You take nothing when you exit from this world other than the good that you have done to other. Therefore, avoid greed and share with others as much as you can.

cf. Internet

READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 4th August 2019		
Trinity 7		
Eccles 2: 18-23 Ps 95	Col 31-11 Luke 12:13-21	
EUCHARIST ASSISTANT	Anne Ashworth	
SERVER	Darren Schunke	
INTERCESSIONS	Julienne Feast	
WELCOMER	Jeff Bowman	
ELEMENTS	Anne Asthworth	
SIDESPERSONS	Denise McDonald & Judy Geddes	
FOOD BASKET	Otfried Linder	
READERS	Margaret Boardman and Rita Johnston	
MORNING TEA	Julienne Feast & Ginny Glover	
FLOWERS	Margaret Boardman	
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK	Bill Hudd	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	David and Jean Hawkes	
GARDENING	Graham Savage	
MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage	
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 11th August 2019		
Trinity 8		
Isa 63: 7-9 Ps 33: 13-21	Heb 11: 1-19 Luke 12: 32-48	
EUCHARIST ASSISTANT	Margaret Boardman	
SERVER	Faye Hill	
INTERCESSIONS	Anne Ashworth	
WELCOMER	David Glover	
ELEMENTS	Raylene Milligan	
SIDESPERSONS	Kathy MacIntosh and Graham Savage	
FOOD BASKET	Ginny Glover	
READERS	Bill Hudd & Robyn Ashby	
MORNING TEA	Tara McCracken and Helen Douglass	
FLOWERS	Roma Driscoll and Maree McIntyre	
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK	Darren Schunke	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	David & Ginny Glover	
GARDENING	Graham Savage	
MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage	

Buy a plant and watch it grow Planting day—today, 4th August—following the 9.30am service

Since a substantial number of the shrubs in the northwestern corner of the church carpark died after being pruned severely, it's been decided to replace them with a Lilly Pilly hedge that will not require pruning. We have chosen the variety 'Sunset delight'.

Parishioners can purchase a family plant for \$10, to plant and nurture. A book record will be kept of which plant 'belongs' to which family. We will hold a planting day on the **4th August** after the Sunday service so everyone can plant their own 'delight'.

There is a sheet at the back of the church to sign up to if you are interested in being a plant parent and payment can be made at the Church office.

URGENT: Church Cleaning Fund

Funds are again **extremely** low so if you could please place your **CASH** donation towards the cost of cleaning the church, hall etc. in an envelope marked "Church cleaning" it would be very much appreciated. The cleaner is currently cleaning the whole complex with the exception of the Op Shop, so it is quite a big task.

Thank you.

GOING POTTY

Do you have any pots for plants that you no longer require? If so, Andrew and Jeff would be glad to take them off your hands in preparation for the Fair. Please contact them if you can help or leave

the pots in the Vestry appropriately labelled.

labelled. Thank you Andrew: 8725 9881 Jeff: 0487 486 260

The Men have Cooked Sunday Lunch



It was a great success with 45 people being served a 3 course meal.

Thank you for supporting this fellowship and fundraising venture, \$960 after expenses was raised on the day. This excellent result has been directed to church funds.

The meal would have not been possible without the generous donors of food and supplies, our very talented cooks, kitchen hands,

and our dinner speaker Julienne Feast.

We'll be back again next year in our usual winter spot.

** Please see Vestry notice board for details regarding the Consecration and Enthronement of our new Bishop, Rev. Keith Dalby **

Consecration Service to be held at St Peters Cathedral, Adelaide on Friday, 16th August at 7.00pm

Enthronement Ceremony to be held Saturday, 17th August at 11.00am At St John the Baptist Cathedral in Murray Bridge

Please RSVP to Jasamine at Diocesan Registry: jasamine@murray.anglican.org for catering purposes by **Monday August 5th** if you wish to attend the Consecration at St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide

If you have received an invitation, and as space is very limited at the Cathedral in Murray Bridge, please advise Jasamine ASAP whether or not you will be attending the Enthronement Service

A Prayer for the work of ac.care

Heavenly Father, God of mercy and peace, we remember before you—the homeless, the destitute, those who suffer want or anxiety, those who are victims of abuse or neglect, families in crisis, and all who have none to care for them.

Comfort and sustain them in their need, turn their sorrow into joy, give them courage for the road ahead, heal those who are broken in body and spirit, and help us—through care and compassion—to minister to their needs.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Coming events in the Parish / Diocese

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Sunday, 4th August		TODAY we celebrate ac.care Sunday Bon voyage morning tea today @ 11.00am to farewell Fr Neil and his group of Sri Lankan travellers
Tuesday, 6th August	3.15pm	Fundraising Team Meeting: Ashworth Room
Wednesday, 7th August	8.30am	Men Do Breakfast, "Not just coffee" @ the Gambier Hotel
Saturday, 10th August		Parish Fair
Friday, 16th August	7.00pm	Consecration of Fr Keith Dalby as Bishop St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide
Saturday, 17th August	11.00am	Enthronement of Bishop Keith in the Cathedral, Murray Bridge

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR AUGUST

Anne England

Elizabeth Hodges Jenny Bowman Rhonda Strickland



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

David Hill and Paul Hill (husband and brother in Law of Faye); Raylene Milligan; Sallyann Geddes (Daughter of Judy & Neil); Alice Gladigau; Rita Johnston; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister in law of Alice); Maree and Bob Lynch; June Willcourt; Jill Moore; Don Currie; Sue Ongley; Fr Peter Carlsson; Joe Maier; Pip Herbert (daughter of Pam Judge); Edna McIntyre; Bev Hamson; Sarah Manifold-Searles; Nora Smibert: Brian Kirkland (Betty Wright's son-in-law); Val Linder: Lyn Killey; 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.

Safe Ministry Training and Child Safe Environments **Training for 2019**

Training sessions have been organised by the Diocese for people to attend dependent on the requirements of the positions they hold, and whether any training has been undertaken in the past.

Please see the full details (times, dates, locations etc.) of the training on the notice board in the Vestry. People are reminded that—if they hold a position within the church or are involved in any way with worship, children's and youth ministry, ministering to the elderly and vulnerable, official hospital or home visitors, church warden, choir director, op shop manager—then this training is **mandatory**.

please note some altered dates **

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).

Services this coming week in the Parish

Monday, 5th August

10.00am—3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

5.15pm Christian Meditation

Tuesday, 6th August

10.00 am Holy Communion, St Mary's Boandik 10.00am—3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

Fundraising team meeting. Ashworth room 3.15pm

5.30pm Eucharistic service

Wednesday, 7th August

8.30am Men Do Breakfast at the Gambier Hotel

10.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am—3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge Craft Group in Ashworth Room 1.00pm

Thursday, 8th August

10.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am—3.00pm Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge

Christian Meditation 5.15pm

CMG practice 6.00pm

Friday, 9th August

11.00am Holy Communion, Christ Church

1.30pm Holy Communion, Boandik Lodge Lake Terrace

PARISH FAIR TODAY Saturday, 10th August 9.30am - 12.30pm Bell Tower Op Shop

Sunday, 11th August

8.00am Holy Eucharist, Christ Church Sung Eucharist, Christ Church 9.30am

Please note that there will be **no service at St.Luke's this Sunday**

On the 1st Tuesday of each month, there will be a service at St Mary's Boandik at 10.00am and 1st and 3rd Fridays at Boandik Lodge Lake Tce. at 1.30pm

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.