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

Bishop Keith Dalby (Alice) ; Very Rev. David Price (Dean) (Lesley);  
Fr Des Ackland (Raelene) and Fr Peter Carlsson

**and 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**

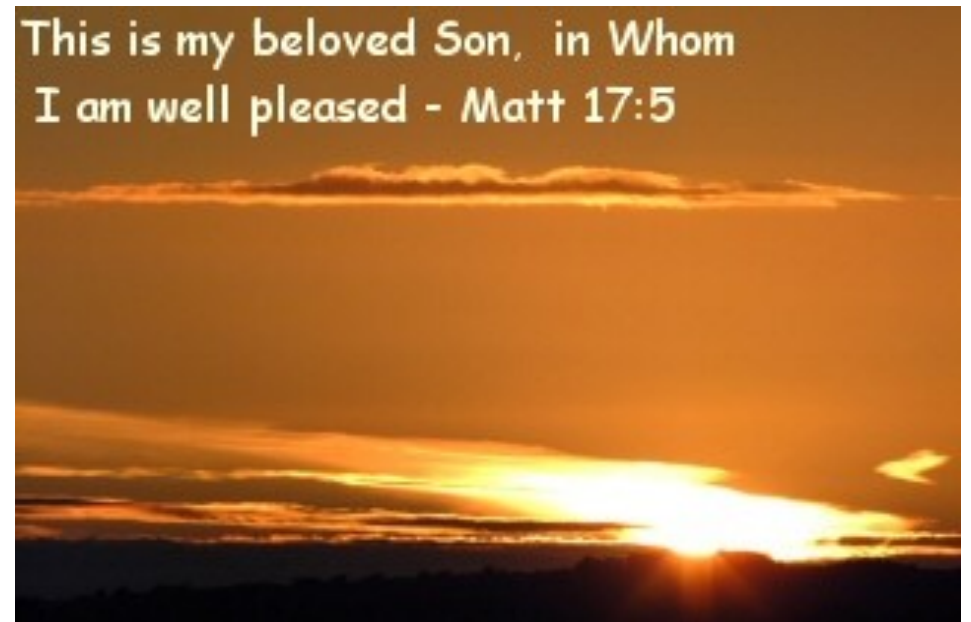
**Christ Church  
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's  
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas  
Port MacDonnell**

**Lent 2 : 8th March 2020**

**This is my beloved Son, in Whom  
I am well pleased - Matt 17:5**



***Listen To my Beloved Son***



**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 9.30am service*

## The Transfiguration of Jesus

On the mountain Peter, James and John saw that there was more to Jesus than met the eye. During the transfiguration they got a glimpse of the future glory of Jesus' resurrection. Like them we too get glimpses of the presence of God in our lives. We get glimpses of God in the love we receive from other people. We get glimpses of God when badly needed help suddenly comes to us from out of nowhere. We get glimpses of God when we look back over our lives and what we couldn't understand in the past makes sense now. We see glimpses of God when we see someone making a sacrifice to help somebody else. We see glimpses of God in the beauty of a fine day, a nice beach or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. We see glimpses of God when a passage from the Bible or a homily strikes a cord in our hearts. We get a glimpse of God when we spend time in prayer and experience the loving presence of God in our lives. We get more than just a glimpse of God when we receive the body of Jesus in Holy Communion. The Transfiguration coming early in Lent encourages us to continue our Lenten penances because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead.

Peter's amazement and statement: *"Lord it is wonderful for us to be here.."* is interesting. However, he was wrong, and was only being human. No, it was not yet time to rest, or enter the fullness of this glory. (The struggle continues, and victory is certain through Christ). For the apostles did not want to leave Mount Tabor but they did not want to stay in the garden of Gethsemane. When Jesus was arrested, they all fled. We can all identify with the apostles because in our mountain-top experience of joy and consolation, we also want to stay. We want this experience to go on forever. But then in the moments of trial we want to flee. We forget that our Lord never promised us a rose garden. "If anyone will come after me let them take up their cross daily and follow me". The transfiguration was the mountain-top experience for the apostles, which prepared them for their future trials. The Holy Eucharist is our mountain-top experience which prepare us for the trials of our day. In the joy and consolation of Communion, we say with Peter, "Lord it is good for us to be here." We do not want to leave. But later we hear the words, "The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord." So we pick up our cross and leave to face the trials of the day. The season of Lent is an invitation to leave behind our self and discover our true self.

When Jesus and the disciples came down the mountain Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about his transfiguration until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Of course they did not know what he meant. Unknown to them the glory of Jesus' transfiguration was preparing them to accept the scandal of the cross. They would understand this only afterwards when looking back. The good times take us through the bad times. So when our cross is heavy or when we are tempted to despair about the meaning of life, let us look beyond the pain of the present moment and remember those times when we got glimpses of God, those times when God sent us his consolations.

Let us look beyond the pain of life and see the presence of God in our world, and the offer of life that God wants to make to each of us. Let us look beyond the illusion of happiness that this life offers to the real happiness that God offers us. Let us look beyond this world to eternal life.

READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 8th March 2020 Lent 2			
Gen 12.1	Ps 33:13-21	2 Tim 1.6-14	Matthew:17:1-9
EUCARIST ASSISTANT		Anne Ashworth	
SERVER		Darren Schunke	
INTERCESSIONS		Rick Fisher	
WELCOMER		David Glover	
ELEMENTS			
SIDESPERSONS		Kathy McIntosh and Graham Savage	
FOOD BASKET			
READERS		Bill Hudd and Robyn Ashby	
MORNING TEA		Raelene Milligan and Beryl Heard	
FLOWERS		—	
8.00am SERVER		Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK		Richard Hamson	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		David and Ginny Glover	
GARDENING		Robyn Sweetnam	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 15th March 2020 Lent 3			
Exod 17.(30-7)	Ps 95	Rom 5.1 - 11 (8)	Jn 4.5—42
EUCARIST ASSISTANT		Kathy McIntosh	
SERVER		Sue Christopher	
INTERCESSIONS		Sue Christopher	
WELCOMER		Anne Ashworth	
ELEMENTS		Denise McDonald	
SIDESPERSONS		Raelene Milligan and Faye Hill	
FOOD BASKET		Judy Geddes	
READERS		David Glover and Anne Ashworth	
MORNING TEA		Denise Mc Donald and Judy Geddes	
FLOWERS		—	
8.00am SERVER		Julienne Feast	
SOUND DESK		Robyn Ashby	
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING		Alice Gladigau	
GARDENING		Robyn Sweetnam	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	

## LENT 2020 SERVICES and STUDY

### MARCH

Wednesday, 4th to 1st April 6.15pm—7.30pm Lent Study

Fridays From 6th March through to 3rd April  
10.30am Way of the Cross  
11.00am Holy Communion

Saturdays From 29th February through to 4th April  
10.00am—11.00am Lent Study



### Coming events in the Parish / Diocese

Saturday 14 March	9.30 am to 2.00 pm	Op Shop and in the Hall — \$1 sale each garments, shoes, bags and scarves.
Monday, 16 March	9.30am	Workplace Health & Safety meeting at Church
Friday, 20 March	1.30pm	St Mary's Boandik Lodge visiting Op Shop followed by afternoon tea
Sunday, 22 March		Mothering Sunday <b>Annual Vestry Meeting</b> following 9.30am service

The transfiguration drama is meant to remind us that, if we work hard and remain faithful to God's call and command, we shall be among the triumphant church. This glory is only a glimpse of the future glory of our final destination. So, in order to share in Christ's glory, we must first walk with him to Calvary. The glory revealed today should serve as the "*activation energy*" that motivates us to continue walking towards our final destination. The journey is not yet over, and truly, not an easy one. However, Christ is with us. So, He encourages and tells us: "*Do not be afraid!*"

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### Count your blessings : A Discipline for Lent

Monday, 9/3	How many windows are there in your house? Give \$1 for each window you have.	\$
Tuesday, 10/3	Count the bottles and packets of pills and vitamins you have. Give 5¢ for each, and <i>give thanks for Healthcare.</i>	\$
Wednesday, 11/3	How many light bulbs can you find in your house? Remember any spares you have! Give 2¢ per light bulb and <i>thank God you can see at night.</i>	\$
Thursday, 12/3	Count the vaccinations, doctor or nurse visits you've had over the past year. Give 20¢ for each	\$
Friday, 13/3	Weigh yourself! This is not a guilt trip. <i>Thank God for good healthy sustenance.</i> Give 1¢ per kg.	\$
Saturday, 14/3	Count the vegetables in your kitchen (and garden) and <i>pray for good health for all disadvantaged people.</i> Give 5¢ for each	\$
Sunday, 15/3	Count the books in your house. <i>Thank God for the education you received so you can enjoy them.</i> Give 1¢ per book.	\$



Our Mothers Union Meeting will be held in the Ashworth Room on Tuesday, 17th March at 2.00pm  
Our speaker: Raelene Monger from Red Cross

**Topic** Building Hope and Confidence (our Mothers Union Theme for 2020) through their work in our local community

Hostesses: Gloria Dack and Denise McDonald

Elizabeth Hodges : 0419 595 653  
President

## FREEZER MINISTRY FOR MARCH

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

Bishop David McCall; Val Linder; Fr Peter Carlsson; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Sally-ann Geddes (daughter of Neil & Judy); June Willcourt; Joe Maier; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Shirley Stacpoole; Shane Stewart (Raylene Milligan's son in law); Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Simon & Nina (Vivienne & Pepe's son & daughter-in-law who are expecting twins)

**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.**

### Name tags

With a number of new families in our parish family, it would be helpful to all concerned if we could all wear our name badges.

If you do not have one—or would like an updated one—please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible.

Thank you



### Sri Lanka tour and mission trip (guided by Noel Bruno)

6th July to 17th July 2020 (12 days/11 nights)

Twin share or double—\$1,762 (Aust)  
Includes 13 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

Please contact Fr Neil (0478 085 894) with your ex-

pression of interest.

## Services this coming week in the Parish

### Monday, 9th March

10.00am—3.00pm  
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Christian Meditation

### Tuesday, 10th March

10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm  
6.15pm—7.30pm

Morning Prayer  
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Lenten study

### Wednesday, 11th March

10.00am—3.00pm  
1.00pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Craft Group Ashworth Room

### Thursday, 12th March

10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm  
5.15pm  
6.00pm

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

### Friday, 13th March

10.00am—3.00pm  
10.30am  
11.00am

Bell Tower Op Shop  
The Way of the Cross  
Holy Communion

### Saturday, 14th March

9.30am—2.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop—\$1 sale in hall

### Sunday, 15th March

8.00am  
9.30am

Holy Communion  
Sung Eucharist

**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**

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

**On the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, Prison Visiting at 6.00pm**

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