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**Details for giving by Direct Debit :** The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier  
BSB : 105-002  
A/c number : 041 398 740



### 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

**Epiphany 7 : 23rd February 2020**



*Blessed are those who know Christ*



**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

*From Fr Neil*

***Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you***

How do we respond to hurts and offenses? Jesus gives us some valuable teaching in the Gospel today (Matt 5:38-48). Instead of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” forgiving others is practical and logical because if someone plucks out an eye in revenge that does not solve a problem and then there are two people without eyes. Plucking out a tooth in revenge does not solve a problem and then there are two people without teeth. But when Jesus says to offer no resistance to someone who is evil (Matt 5:39) we might wonder if that is wise. Would that allow evil to triumph? In the life of Jesus we see that he did not offer resistance to the evil inflicted on him. As he was being crucified he prayed, “Father, forgive them for they know what they do.” (Luke 23:34). But if we take it into our own hands to eradicate evil might we not run the risk of going too far and end up just trying to assert a victory for the sake of victory?

Jesus continues by teaching us whom to love. Instead of loving only those whom we like or who love us Jesus says to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. This is surely good psychology as praying for those who hurt us frees us and gives us peace. Then Jesus says something that may even frighten us. By following his advice we will become sons of our Father in heaven which means if we do not act like this we will not be true sons or daughters of our heavenly Father. It reminds us of Jesus’ teaching in the Lord’s Prayer, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” But there is a second reason why Jesus says we are to love our enemies and pray for our persecutors; just as the sun shines on everyone and the rains falls on everyone God does not limit his love only to those who are good, so it is not up to us to decide who deserves our love and who doesn’t.

Saint John says that you are a liar if you say you love God and you don’t love your neighbour. (1 John 4:20). How can you love God whom you do not see, if you do not love your neighbour whom you see, whom you touch, with whom you live? And so this is very important for us to realize that love, to be true, has to hurt.

How can we love like this? We say that to err is human and to forgive is divine. It is a grace to forgive and when the hurt is great we may need to pray a great deal for the grace to forgive.

**“When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.”**

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READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 23rd February 2020 Epiphany 7			
Lev 19: 1-2,9,17,18	Ps 103: 1-5	1 Cor 3: 16-23	Matthew 5: 38-48
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT	Sue Christopher		
SERVER	Julienne Feast		
INTERCESSIONS	The Children		
WELCOMER	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
ELEMENTS	The Children		
SIDESPERSIONS	The Children		
FOOD BASKET	The Children		
READERS	Eleanor Doyle and Bev Hamson		
MORNING TEA	The Men		
FLOWERS			
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Agnes Doyle & Sue Christopher		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Sandy Coulson		
GARDENING	Richard Strickland		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		
READINGS and ROSTER — Sunday, 1st March 2020 Lent 1			
Gen 2: 15-17: 3: 1-7	Ps 51:1-13	Rom 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
EUCCHARIST ASSISTANT	Trevor Christopher		
SERVER	Faye Hill		
INTERCESSIONS	Anne Ashworth		
WELCOMER	Jeff Bowman		
ELEMENTS	Anne Ashworth and Otfried Linder		
SIDESPERSIONS	Denise McDonald and Judy Geddes		
FOOD BASKET	Jenny Tilby		
READERS	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
MORNING TEA	Tara McCracken and Helen Douglass		
FLOWERS			
8.00am SERVER	Julienne Feast		
SOUND DESK	Bill Hudd		
PEWSHEET ASSEMBLING	Office Staff		
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam		
MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant		

## LENT 2020 SERVICES and STUDY

### FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 26th Ash Wednesday 5.30pm Service

### MARCH

Tuesday, 3rd 5.30pm Holy Communion  
From 4th March to 1st April  
6.15pm—7.30pm Lent Study

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

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



**The Mothers Union theme for the year is  
“Building Hope and Confidence”**

**Thought for the Week from Mothers Union**  
*Fair Trade*

Lent begins this week and we enter the desert with Jesus. St Mark records that the Spirit drove Jesus and we don't need to imagine his reluctance – we feel it often when faced with a task or responsibility that is uncomfortable, even dreaded.

Leaning back, heels dug in, we are pushed to face some home truths. The topic of Fair Trade demands that we look at our responsibility when it comes to how goods are distributed and sold. Lord, give us courage to ask ourselves if the food and clothing we buy has meant hunger and exploitation for others, and destruction of their culture and livelihood.

*The righteous know the rights of the poor; the wicked have no such understanding.*  
Proverbs 29:7

We give thanks for members' work that upholds the values of fair trade, helping people and their communities to take control of their lives with dignity. We ask God's blessing on their environmental protection work so that farming will flourish despite the challenges of climate

**Today : Solos & (S)pairs are back !!!**

Sunday lunch 12.30pm, Sunday, 23rd February at the Federal Hotel.  
All Welcome Contact Robyn on 0498 968 394.



### *Coming events in the Parish / Diocese*

Saturday, 29 Feb	8.30am-12 Noon	Leap Year Garage Sale in shed
Tuesday, 3rd March	3.15pm	Fundraising team meeting Ashworth Room
Wednesday, 4th March	8.30am	Men Do Breakfast Metro Café
<b>Date to be confirmed</b>	5.00pm	Combined meeting between Parish Councils of Millicent/Penola and Mt Gambier
Saturday, 14th March		Op Shop <b>all day</b> sale in Christ Church hall
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		<b>Annual Vestry Meeting</b> following 9.30am service

## FREEZER MINISTRY FOR FEBRUARY

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

Bishop David McCall; Pam Judge; Val Linder; Fr Peter Carlsson; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Sallyann Geddes (daughter of Neil & Judy); June Willcourt; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Shirley Stacpoole; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Alice Gladigau.

**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.

*Derek Gladigau is home safely from his time in India on ministry work—we give thanks for answered prayers.*

***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 expression

of interest

For more details see flier on Vestry notice board.

## Services this coming week in the Parish

### Monday, 24th February

10.00am—3.00pm  
5.15pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Christian Meditation

### Tuesday, 25th February

10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm  
5.30pm

Morning Prayer  
Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Holy Eucharist

### Wednesday, 26th February

10.00am—3.00pm  
1.00pm  
5.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge  
Craft Group Ashworth Room  
Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion

### Thursday, 27th February

10.00am  
10.00am—3.00pm  
5.15pm  
6.00pm

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

### Friday, 28th February

10.00am—3.00pm  
11.00am

Bell Tower Op Shop  
Holy Communion

### Saturday, 29th February

9.30am—12.30pm

Bell Tower Op Shop

### Sunday, 1st 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 & 4th Thursday of each month, Prison Visiting at 6.00pm***

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