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BSB : 105-002  
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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 Corker; Fr David Withers (Ann);  
Fr Neil (Nalini)

**Parish Counsellors, Christ Church**

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Rick Fisher, Brian Smith,  
Jeff Bowman, 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

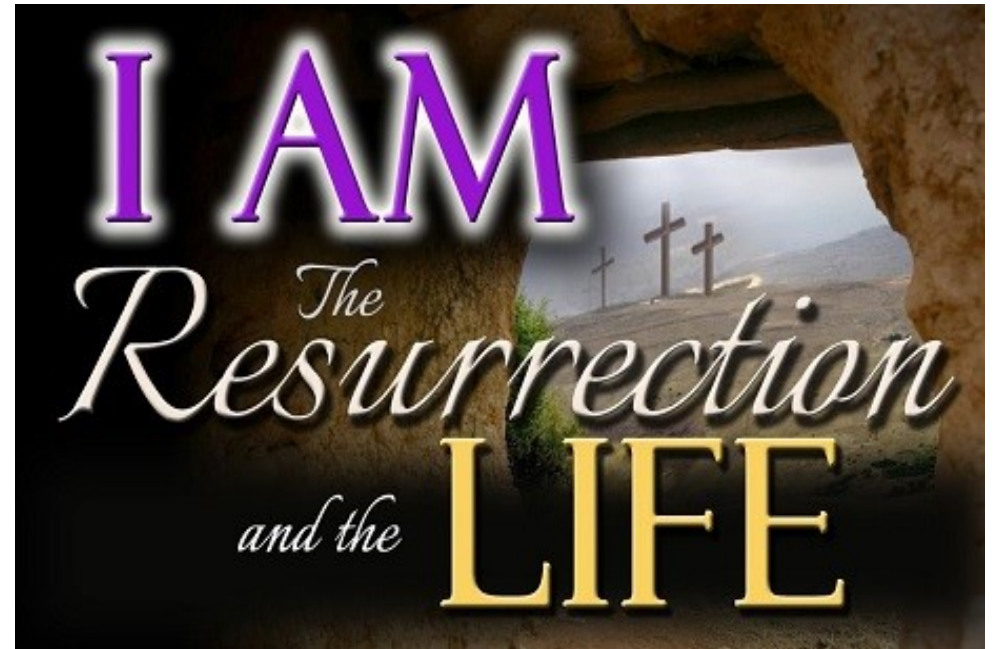
**The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church  
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's  
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas  
Port MacDonnell**

**Lent 5 : 29th March 2020**



*Everyone who lives and believes  
in Jesus will never die*



*We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to  
our church*

*Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest  
or Wardens*

*From Fr Neil*

***Everyone who lives and believes in Jesus will never die***

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead physically in his body. He had been dead for four days. Jesus had previously raised the daughter of Jairus (Luke 8:41-42,49-56) and the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17) and in the Old Testament Elijah and Elisha raised people from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:17-37). But nowhere is there an instance of someone being raised from the dead after four days. This is the crowning miracle of Jesus' ministry. In fact in John's Gospel it becomes the main reason leading to Jesus' death. (John 11:45-53).

If Jesus can restore a body that had been in the tomb for four days and has begun to decompose he can certainly mend the brokenness and wounds of our lives. Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live, And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn 11:25-26).

Jesus asks the same question of us also, "Do you believe this? Do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life? Do you believe that I can mend all the brokenness and wounds of your life? Do you believe that I not only offer you resurrection in the future but also the fullness of life now in the present?" Jesus proclaims that he is both the resurrection and the life. He promises future resurrection but also invites us to share now in the fullness of his life. The resurrection of Lazarus is not just a promise about the future of each of us. It is also an invitation from Jesus to enter into the fullness of his life in the present, right now, and that life will continue in us after death.

Do you believe that Jesus is now calling you out of any tomb you may be in? Do you believe that even now Jesus is saying to you, "Be unbound and go free?" Let us today accept Jesus' invitation, let us walk out of any tomb we may be in and allow ourselves to be unbound and go free.

How do we achieve this freedom? How do we get out of our tombs? Notice that Martha and Mary sent a message to Jesus. We too have to send a message to Jesus and we do this by spending time with Jesus in prayer and sharing with him our wounds, hurts and anxieties.

READINGS for Sunday, 29th March 2020 Lent 5			
Ezek 37: 1-14	Ps 130	Rom 8: 1-11	John 11: 1-45
READINGS for Sunday, 5th April 2020 Sunday before Easter : Palm Sunday			
Isa 50.4-9a	Ps 22.6-22	Phil 2. 5-11	Matt 26.14-27.66
GARDENING		Robyn Sweetnam	
MOWING ROSTER		Darryll Grant	



**With the restrictions placed on all of us due to the Coronavirus, it may be difficult for some of you to be able to get to the shops to purchase necessary items.**

**If you are having difficulty—especially those of you who are unwell at present—please contact Fr Neil (0478 085 894) or Lynn Fisher (0407 186 174), and we will endeavour to assist you with some of the provisions we have remaining in the Food Ministry cupboard. Please let us know if you have any clothing requirements, and we may be able to assist with this also.**

**Fr Neil will continue to celebrate the Eucharist privately on behalf of us all each weekend and pray for us.**

<b>Count your blessings : A Discipline for Lent</b>		
Monday, 30/3	Count your shoes. Give 10¢ per pair and <b>pray for children who need shoes to go to school.</b>	\$
Tuesday, 31/3	Count all your spoons! Give 1¢ for each. <b>Thank God for plentiful food.</b>	\$
Wednesday, 1/4	How many umbrellas do you have? Give 10¢ per umbrella.	\$
Thursday, 2/4	Count the gutters and drain pipes around the outside of your house. Give 5¢ for each.	\$
Friday, 3/4	How many wheels can you count in your house or on your driveway? Give 5¢ per wheel.	\$
Saturday, 4/4	How many teachers do you have in primary school? Give thanks for all you've learned, and <b>pray that all children might have that opportunity too.</b> Give 20¢ for each of the teachers remembered.	\$
Sunday, 5/4 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	Count your coats! Give 10¢ for each. <b>Think of Jesus riding into Jerusalem, his way paved with people's cloaks.</b>	\$

***Don't forget!!***

Go to our website:

[www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au](http://www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au)

where you will find a recording of the eucharist service that Fr Neil has recorded for us.

Fr Neil will also be preaching this Sunday (29/3) on LimeFM at 10.30am—so tune-in.

One of the psalms says, "I kept it secret and my frame was wasted." (Ps 32:3). Let us keep no secrets from Jesus but lay all bare before him. That is the only way to the mature relationship with Jesus. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb 13:8). Since yesterday is the same as today for Jesus, as we share our wounds and anxieties with Jesus we ask him to walk back in time with us to that moment of wounding and to heal it. Then Jesus calls us out of the tomb to new life.

Notice that when Jesus received the message about Lazarus' illness he stayed where he was for two more days. We expect God to answer prayer in our time but sometimes God's time is different to ours. Also sometimes we may be tempted to despair and say God cannot do anything for me. This is like Martha in the Gospel who objected to the stone being removed. But Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" (John 11:40).

Jesus is constantly calling us to new life in him; to come forth from whatever is keeping us in bondage. Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb but Jesus himself did not unbind him, he relied on others to take part in it. When you meet Jesus in prayer he calls you out of your tomb, and other people unbind you. Jesus included other people in the performance of his miracles and he still does.

You must begin the process of sending a message to Jesus like Martha and Mary by spending time in prayer and inviting the Lord into every aspect of your life and then answering his call to come out of the tomb.



**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.**

**South East prayer**

Almighty God and Heavenly Father,

We thank you for calling us to be your ambassadors and witness to the risen Lord Jesus here in the South East. As we come together in prayer, give us open hearts to your Spirit; transform our minds to conform with your will so that we may discern your purposes for us in our faith communities. Help us to overcome the past so that we may wed our purposes with yours as we seek to bring the Good News afresh to those who know not the Lord Jesus; to renew our Spirits and gives us a new hope and new focus and direction as we labour with you to bring about your kingdom here on this part of your earth as it is in heaven.

We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Services and coming events in the Parish and Diocese*

**Due to the restrictions associated with COVID 19 (Coronavirus), please be advised that all services and meetings associated with the Parish and Diocese have been suspended until further notice—with the exception of weddings (limited to 5 people attending) and funerals (with a limit of 10 people)**

The Bell Tower Op Shop and Lounge will also be closed until further notice—and request that no donations be left at the Op Shop door as there will be no staff to process the donations.

*Lent* IS A TIME TO  
**GROW**  
CLOSER TO JESUS

**The Collect**

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*