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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**

**Sunday before Easter : 5th April 2020
Palm Sunday**



Ride on, ride on in Majesty!



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our church

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens

From Fr Neil

Through the wounds of Jesus we are healed (Isa 53:5)


Today's celebration can be said to be bittersweet. It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time. We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to the cries of his disciples who acclaim him as king. Yet we also solemnly proclaim the Gospel account of his Passion. In this poignant contrast, our hearts experience in some small measure what Jesus himself must have felt in his own heart that day, as he rejoiced with his friends and wept over Jerusalem.

Who would have thought that the crowd which welcomed Jesus with such enthusiasm during his entry into Jerusalem would turn against him so quickly within days and demand his crucifixion? Their welcome and shouts for Jesus were superficial. Their support for him was only skin deep. It was easy to be part of a crowd that welcomed Jesus and it was easy to be part of a crowd that condemned him to death. It is easy to be part of the crowd. But in the account of the Passion the crowd was not there for Jesus when he needed them most. The crowd did not go to the cross. The crowd abandoned Jesus.

During the Last Supper in Matthew's account Peter said he would be willing to go to prison with Jesus, even to die. Yet a few hours later that same evening he denied Jesus. How quickly he changed. How quickly he turned when the pressure was on him. He could make fine promises during the Last Supper but when the crunch came, he decided to save his skin. We make fine promises to Jesus here and the crunch for us comes when temptation comes our way. How do we react? Do we cave into the pressure like Peter or do we stand by Jesus like the women and John and go right to the cross? Peter heard the cock crowing after he denied Jesus, but our world is so addicted to sin that maybe we don't even hear our conscience crowing any more when we sin.

Jesus is clearly the Messiah who comes in the guise of a servant, the servant of God and of man, and goes to his passion. He is the great "patient," who suffers all the pain of humanity. So as we joyfully acclaim our King, let us also think of the sufferings that he will have to endure in this week. Let us think of the slanders and insults, the snares and betrayals, the abandonment to an unjust judgment, the blows, the lashes and the crown of thorns... And lastly, the way of the cross leading to the crucifixion.

This Jesus, who accepts the hosannas of the crowd, knows full well that they will soon be followed by the cry: "Crucify him!" He does not ask us to contemplate him only in pictures and photographs, or in the videos that circulate on the internet. No. He is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own: they suffer from slave labour, from family tragedies, from diseases, viruses...

 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
READINGS for Monday, 6th April 2020—Monday before Easter			
Isa 42. 1-7	Ps 27. 1-7	John 12. 1-11	
MP Ps 21	Lam 1.1-12a	John 14. 1-174(-end)	
EP Ps 25	Lam 2. 8-19	John 14. 15-end or Gal 6. 11-end	
READINGS for Tuesday, 7th April 2020—Tuesday before Easter			
Isa 49. 1-6	Ps 71. 1-8	John 13. 21-39 or 21-33 (36-38)	
MP Ps 27	Lam 3.1-18 (-30)	John 15. 1-17 (-end)	
EP Ps 69. 1-21	Lam 3. 40-51	John 15. 18-end or Rom 5. 6-11	
READINGS for Wednesday, 8th April 2020—Wednesday before Easter			
Isa 50. 4-9a	Ps 69. 17-22	Matt 26. 14-25	
MP Ps 31	Jer 11.18-20	John 16. 1-15 (-end)	
EP Ps 88	Isa 63. 1-9	John 16. 16-end or Rom 5. 12-19	
READINGS for Maundy Thursday, 9th April 2020			
Exod 12. 1-14 or 12. 1-8, 11-14	Ps116. 11-16	1 Cor 11. 23-26	
	John 13. 1-15		
MP Ps 55	Exod 24.1-11	John 17	
EP Pss 42; 43	Lev 16. 2-24	John 13. 16-35 or Eph 2.11-18	
READINGS for Good Friday, 10th April 2020			
Isa 52. 13-53.12	Ps 31. 11-18	Heb 4. 14-5.10 or 4.14-16;5.7-9	
	John 18. 1-19.42		
MP Ps 40	Gen 22.1-18	Mark 15. 21-41 or John 18	
EP Pss 130; 142	Lam 5. 15-end	John 19. 38-end or Col 1. 18-23	
READINGS for Saturday, 11th April 2020—Easter Eve			
Exod 14. 15-15.1a	Ps 18.27-31 or Exod 15.1b-18		
Rom 6.1-11 or 3-11	Ps 118.14-24	Matt 28. 1-10	
MP Ps 30	Micah 7.14-end	1 Peter 4. 1-6	
EP Ps 116	Job 19. 21-27	1 John 5. 5-12	
READINGS for Sunday, 12th April 2020—Easter Day			
Acts 10.34-43 or 34a,37-43	Ps 118.19-29	Col 3.1-4 or 1 Cor 5.6b-8	
	John 20.1-9 or Matt 28.1-10 or Luke 24.13-35		
MP Pss 113;114	Exod 12.1-14	Rom 6.3-14	
EP Ps 118	Exod 14.5-end	John 20.11-23	

Count your blessings : A Discipline for Lent		
Monday, 6/4	Count the curtains and blinds in your house. Thank God for the comfort and privacy of your home. Give 5¢ for each.	\$
Tuesday, 7/4	How many hats can you find? Give 5¢ per hat. Thank God for shade in summer and warmth in winter.	\$
Wednesday, 8/4	Notice the signs of autumn around you. Go to a window or take a walk. Think about God—sustaining us through all seasons. Give a coin in gratitude for nature.	\$
Maundy Thursday, 9/4	As you eat your meals today, take time to think about each mouthful of food, its taste and value. Think of Jesus at the last supper. Give a coin in gratitude for food.	\$
Good Friday, 10/4	Take time to consider Jesus' way to the cross today. Sit by yourself and find some quiet space to think and pray.	\$
Holy Saturday, 11/4 Easter Eve	Make some space today to be silent in God's presence. You don't need to have anything to say.	\$
Sunday, 12/4 Easter Day,	Give thanks to God for Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Praise Him for His love and care for you.	\$
<i>Total amount raised since Ash Wednesday for those people less fortunate</i>		\$



ROSTERS FOR APRIL	
GARDENING	Vivienne Ortega
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland

... They suffer from wars and terrorism, from interests that are armed and ready to strike. Women and men who are cheated, violated in their dignity, discarded... Jesus is in them, in each of them, and, with marred features and broken voice, he asks to be looked in the eye, to be acknowledged, to be loved.

Let us take part in the passion of Christ and experience the fullness of life and redemption He offers us at Easter.

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Here's how to stay in touch!!!

- Go to our Parish website:

www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au

for your live on-line weekly services, and other information from around the Parish.

- There are 3 ways for you to maintain your weekly giving:
 - Direct debit (**the absolutely preferred method!**)
BSB : 105-002 Account number: 041 398 740
 - Deliver your pledge envelopes to the slot in the vestry door at the rear of the church.
 - Place your cash offering in an envelope and deliver to the vestry door at the rear of the church.

It is VITAL now more than ever that we continue to financially support our church's work and outreach during this difficult time!

- You can access Evening Prayer next Tuesday (7/4) and Wednesday (8/4) @ 5.00pm via Zoom—I.D. 3841024482.
- From today onwards you can access Morning and Evening prayer through the ePray Daily app—so download the app to join in.
- Services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday will be recorded in Christ Church and will be available on the website. Share with people far and wide.
- Bible studies by Zoom to come shortly.

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR APRIL
Anne Ashworth Larnka Foran



Please remember when preparing food for the freezer ministry, **to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container.**

The Emergency Food Ministry has ceased for the general public for the time being. However, if you are struggling due to ill health/infirmities to obtain the provisions you need, please contact Fr Neil (0478 085 894) and we will endeavour to provide you with some of the provisions left in the Food Ministry cupboard. If there is any clothing you require also, please let Fr Neil know.

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.



A Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and ever living God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.