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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**

1st Sunday after Easter : 19th April 2020



From Fear to Faith



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our church

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens

FROM FEAR TO FAITH

Today's Gospel, the risen Lord appeared to the Apostles, who were gathered together in one place. The fact that they were gathered in one place is not without significance, for it is there that the Lord chose to appear to them. One of them was not in the gathering and thus missed the blessing of seeing and experiencing the risen Lord. It might be said that Thomas, the absent Apostle, blocked his blessing.

The apostles must have been suffering from a severe dose of depression since Good Friday. Their teacher and friend Jesus, whom they believed to be the Messiah, was dead, betrayed to the chief priests by one of their own, Judas. The crowd which welcomed Jesus with palms turned against Jesus on Good Friday morning calling for the release of Barabbas and the death of Jesus. The apostles, now afraid of the crowd, had shut themselves in for their own protection. Cutting themselves off from the community and going into themselves is a sign that they were suffering mental pain. There were ten of them gathered in this state; Judas was no more and Thomas was temporarily absent.

Into this situation of pain, Jesus came with his healing, "Peace be with you" as we heard in today's Gospel. How much peace they must have felt within now, combined with shock and doubts. This meeting with the risen Jesus certainly brought peace to their troubled minds and hearts.

There are times when we too, like Thomas, would like to put our finger into Jesus' hands and put our hand into Jesus' side to reassure ourselves. Especially in times of trouble we may act like doubting Thomas. But Jesus tells us "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (John 20:29).


This is the faith that Peter wrote of in our second reading, "Through your faith God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold—only it is more precious than gold.....and then you will have praise and glory and honour." (1 Pet 1:5-7).

As we reflect this weekend on the Risen Jesus bringing peace to his anguished apostles after his resurrection, we cannot but be conscious of the terrible suffering the world undergoes through the coronavirus. Let us pray that the Risen Jesus will touch the troubled and frighten world and bring healing and peace.

READINGS for Sunday, 19th April 2020—First Sunday after Easter			
Acts 2. 42-47	Ps 118. 19-29	1 Peter 1. 3-9	John 20. 19-31
Readers		Rick and Lynn Fisher	
Intercessions		Sue Christopher	
<i>MP</i>	Pss 30; 48	Exod 16. 1-15	John 6. 25-51
<i>EP</i>	Pss 100; 115	Isa 51. 1-16	2 Cor 4. 5-end
READINGS for Sunday, 26th April 2020—Second Sunday after Easter			
Acts 2. (14,) 22-28	Ps 16	1 Peter 1. 17-21	Luke 24. 13-35
<i>MP</i>	Pss 49; 134	Ezek 20. 1-21	John 10. 1-18 or 1 Peter 5
<i>EP</i>	Pss 2; 8	Isa 25. 1-9	Luke 24. 13-35

ROSTERS FOR APRIL	
GARDENING	Vivienne Ortega
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland

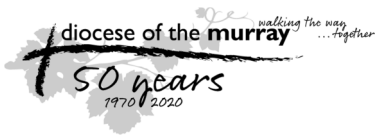
Church Craft Group Mothers Day Raffle



The raffle will not be drawn on 3rd May due to the isolation regulations etc., but will be drawn at a later date so we can sell more tickets. After all, we can appreciate our mothers every day!



Please pray for the Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide, who was elected by the Board of Electors as Primate of Australia—effective from 7th April 2020.



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From the Bishop

16 April 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today marks the 50th Anniversary of the formation of our Diocese. We give thanks for the faithful ministry of men and women, clergy and bishops over this time, seeking to bring the Gospel, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the promise of his coming again, to what is undoubtedly the best part of South Australia. In 1970 this date would have fallen just after Easter. It is apposite that the season of new life and new hope was the season in which a new Diocese was formed.

Fast forward 50 years and we find ourselves marking this milestone in subdued times amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. While this time may leave many of us feeling unsure, or uncertain we are reassured by the season of Easter that Jesus has overcome death, therefore, new life, new opportunities, new ways of living, are now open to us through the resurrection. Thus, in these uncertain times, from our world view we can have great confidence that life is assured in Christ, and this Diocese, and the church we are a part of belongs to Him and is under His control and aegis.

Further, it's at a time like this that I'm mindful of the self-sacrifice of so many people, not least of all, all our lay people who have laboured so diligently in often difficult circumstances. I want to give thanks for you and your contributions over the years. I'm also conscious of clergy, such as Canon John Bleby, who gave up the living of Burnside to serve this Diocese. He, and many other unsung saints, are to be thanked and honoured at this time.

I encourage each and every one of us at this time to give thanks to our Lord and Heavenly Father for His graciousness to us and pray that He will continue to sustain, uphold and nurture us now and into the future.

With prayers and every blessing to you all,

The Right Reverend Keith Dalby
Bishop of The Murray

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.

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!

- From now onwards you can access Morning and Evening prayer through the ePray Daily app—so download the app to join in.
- 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 general public access 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; 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.



Things to do to help you through COVID-19 from MU Australia

Body and Soul	Keep Moving
1. Pick or smell a flower	1. Stand up/sit down more times than usual. Alternative—squat up and down 10 times!
2. Watch a bird	2. Hold a weight (maybe a can of soup) and stretch out your arms in front of you. Alternative—with weights hold arms outstretched and do 10 little pulses up and down.
3. Tidy or clean a neglected spot	3. Flex your feet up and down. Alternative—stand near a wall and stand on tip toe and hold 10 times. Then try it standing on one foot.
4. No coffee out today? Pop the money you would have spent in a container for later donating	4. Walk into each room you have several times for no reason. Alternative—walk around the house or garden briskly 10 times.
5. Make a tea/coffee and phone a friend.	5. Practice deep concentrated breathing. Alternative—do something that builds up your heart rate several times a day.
6. Water or weed the garden or pot plants	6. Get up and move instead of comfort food. Alternative—the same!
7. Look up the meaning of the next 'odd' word you read	7. Lie on the bed and raise legs slowly. Alternative—lie on the floor and raise one leg at a time and pulse or circle it.
8. Pay a compliment by word, phone or email	8. The same lying on your side.
9. Pop a positive note in someone's letter box.	9. Stretch arms upwards 10 times. Alternative—lean against a wall and do arm 'press-ups'.
	10 Walk carefully around the room. Alternative—walk around the room with feet pointing outwards then inwards.
Prayer—Life is so overwhelming at present, perhaps the following 10 ideas will help today. Please pray for:	
1. Your family	6. People in our Diocese still suffering effects of the bushfires
2. Medical staff at your local hospital	7. Those working in your local supermarket
3. your local doctors	8. Your congregation who cannot meet.
4. Give thanks for the good news stories	9. Your own district neighbourhood.
5. Your MU branch members	10. Yourself.
Kneel down and pray!!!	