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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office by 9.00am Thursday mornings please

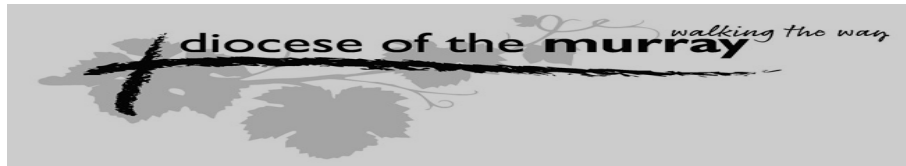
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Details for giving by Direct Debit : The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier
BSB : 105-002
A/c number : 041 398 740



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 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

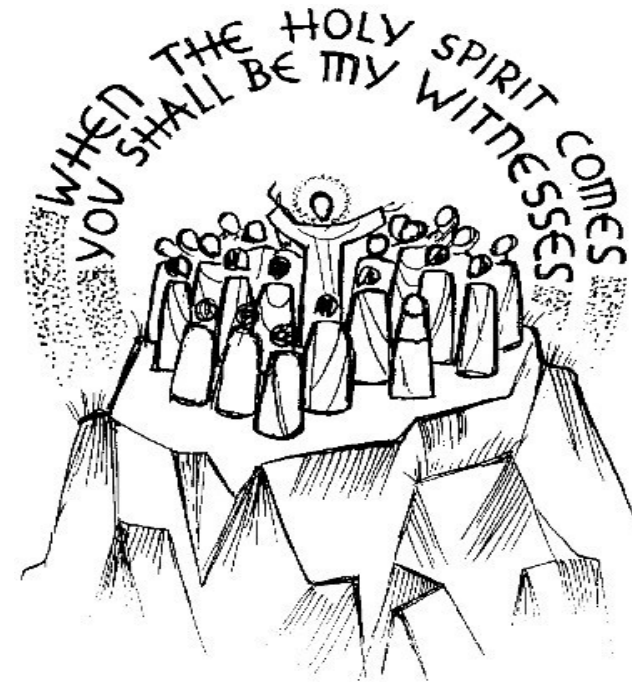
The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Sunday after Ascension : 24th May 2020



Preach the Good News and be my witnesses



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our church

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens

From Fr Neil

Preach the Good News and be my witnesses

The feast of the Ascension is celebrated this Sunday. The Ascension and Pentecost, taken together, mark the beginning of the Church’s active life. The feast of the Ascension tells us that the Church must be a community in mission, guided by the Holy Spirit and confident of God’s protection even in the face of suffering and death. Jesus’ Ascension is both an ending and a beginning. The physical appearances of Jesus are at an end — the revelation of the “Good News” is complete; the promise and mission of the Messiah is fulfilled. Now begins the work of the disciples to teach what they have learned and to share what they have witnessed.

After Jesus’ ascension what are we to do? Do we sit around and wait for something to happen or do we go and do something? Sitting around and waiting for something to happen is the mistaken view of some disciples in Luke’s account of the ascension which we heard in the first reading, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:6). They had a mistaken view of Jesus and his mission.

We are not to sit around and wait, we are to do something, “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8). Clearly, we are not to sit back and just let society and the culture around us rot. We are called to make society and the culture holy and we can do by witnessing that we follow Christ.

We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives his mission to all the believers: *“Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”* This mission is not given to a select few but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. *“We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives.”*

As we celebrate the Lord’s return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension — we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement, and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we may bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

READINGS for Sunday, 24th May 2020—Sunday after Ascension			
Acts 1. 12-14	Ps 27. 1-8	1 Peter 4. 12-19	John 17. 1-11
Welcomer		To be advised	
Readers		Richard Mills and Richard Strickland	
Intercessions		Julienne Feast	
MP	Pss 108; 110	2 Kings 2. 1-13	John 17. 1-13 (-end)
EP	Pss 146; 150	Dan 7. 9-14	Eph 1. 15-end
READINGS for Tuesday, 26th May 2020			
MP	Pss 37. 27-41; 38	Num 22. 2-35	Luke 7. 1-10
EP	Pss 39; 41	Deut 31. 1-13	2 Peter 3
READINGS for Friday, 29th May 2020			
MP	Pss 48; 49	Num 24	Luke 7. 36-end
EP	Ps 50	Deut 32. 15-47	1 John 2. 18-end
READINGS for Sunday, 31st May 2020—Pentecost Sunday			
Acts 2. 1-11	Ps 104. 26-32	1 Cor 12. 1-13	John 20. 19-23
Welcomer		Jeff Bowman	
Readers		Richard Strickland and Richard Mills	
Intercessions		Julienne Feast	
MP	Ps 68	Joel 2. 21-end	Romans 8. 1-17
EP	Ps104. 1-14; 26-37	Ezek 37. 1-14	Romans 8. 18-27

ROSTERS FOR MAY	
GARDENING	Helen Douglass
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher



Wrecked shoes

Recycled Runway is a contest run by this church where contestants convert a bag of op shop clothes into an outfit. This year we intended to include shoes, but so far we have only 20 pairs, and need 30 more.

The closure of the Op Shop ended a steady supply of shoes not suitable for reselling. Are there any shoes lurking in cupboards that are in some way ruined or broken, and have been retained on the pipe dream of repair?

We are looking for shoes with potential—e.g. paint scratched but otherwise in ok condition, could be covered with fabric; or pretty wrecked but some nice details that could be cut out and added to a handbag. No mouldy loafers though thank you!!

Please contact Trudy-Anne on 8725 9881.

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.

We also have a teaching mission: Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation both by living and by preaching them. Our mission is to bring them to others in the same ways. Hence, let us learn all Jesus did and taught through daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, reception of the Sacraments and works of charity, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, convey to others Jesus whom we have experienced.

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Please stay in touch!!! Here's how:

- 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!

- Evening prayer is now being held via Zoom each Tuesday and Friday at 5.30pm—so please join in. To do this, you need to hit the 'control' key and then click on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2016111974>
- Bible studies by Zoom to come shortly.

FREEZER MINISTRY FOR MAY

Anne England
Jenny Bowman

Elizabeth Hodges
Rhonda Strickland



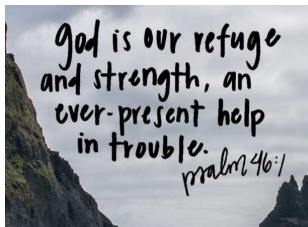
Please remember when preparing food for the freezer ministry, **to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container.**

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; Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Marion McDonald (Lynn's sister); Shirley Stacpoole;

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.



Pray especially for Virginia and Lance Kuhl and family as they mourn the loss of Virginia's mother, Roma King, who died last week.

Also pray for the family of Edna McIntyre as they mourn her loss. Edna died on Thursday, 21.5.2020

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—at present via email (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.

If you have any notices you would like to appear in the pew sheet, please e-mail them to me at diapason16@gmail.com by Wednesday evening—as the pew sheet is prepared on a Thursday in readiness for the coming Friday and Sunday.
Many thanks. *Lynn*

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 revised as follows — with the observance of social distancing and sanitizing regulations:

**Maximum of 10 people in worship
Weddings (limited to 10 people attending)
Funerals (with a limit of 20 people—30 if outside)**

Parish Council has been able to meet as the total number in attendance is less than 10 people—and other meetings such as Diocesan Council are being conducted via Zoom.



The Bell Tower Op Shop is going to re-open on Monday, 25th May 2020

(unfortunately, the provision of tea/coffee etc. will not be allowed during this time of restrictions)

The opening hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	10.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday	9.30am to 12.30pm
Closed	Wednesdays

Please note : Observance of all social distancing and sanitizing regulations will be in force for your protection and the protection of the workers.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

11.00am Friday services

Fr Neil is resuming the Eucharistic service at 11.00am on Fridays—commencing this Friday, 22nd May.

As numbers are limited to **10 people in attendance**, please contact Fr Neil (0478 085 894) if you would like to attend.

There will be a register of attendance with contact details kept, together with the requirements of hand sanitizing upon entry and exit to the service, as well as the observance of social distancing.

This will ensure that all in attendance are kept as safe as possible.