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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

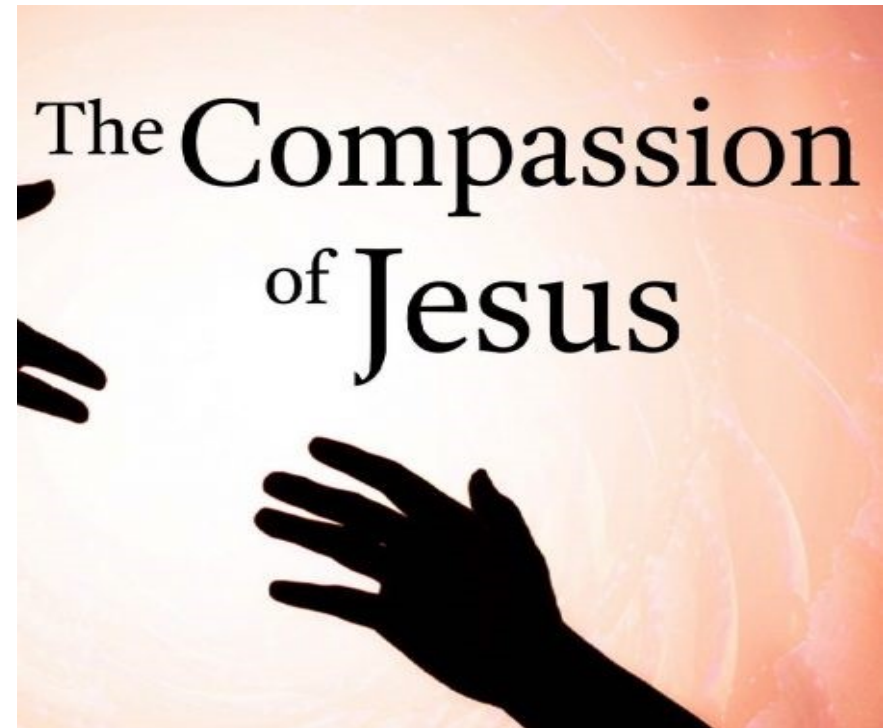
The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Trinity 1 : 14th June 2020



Jesus had compassion on them



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our church

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens

Jesus had compassion on them

In the Gospel of Matthew, the word for "compassion" (*esplagchnistheí*), occurs only five times with Matthew 9:35-10:8 representing the first occurrence. Each time the language of compassion appears in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus is the one feeling it after he has observed the state of those around him. He feels compassion for people afflicted physically and socially. Each time he is portrayed as making concrete strides to remedy their affliction. In Matthew 14:14, Jesus feels compassion for the sickly crowd. He begins to heal those ill among its membership. In Matthew 20:34, Jesus feels compassion for two blind men and he heals them both. In a slightly different situation in Matthew 15:32, Jesus states aloud to his disciples that he has compassion for the crowd, which has followed him for three days without food. He says, "I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way". In this way, Jesus demonstrates concern about a future probability that endangers his followers. In today's passage, Jesus' compassion is in response to not just illness or the lack of food, but the situation of vulnerability. He is moved by those who apparently live on the edges of society because of illness, disability, ostracism, and social convention that renders some people "harassed and helpless" (9:36), particularly in Judean Jewish life (10:5-6; cf. Matt 28:18-20).

Compassion in the Gospel of Matthew is not simply feeling sympathy and empathy, but it is acting concretely on the behalf of the afflicted. Because Jesus is the only person explicitly named as showing compassion in the Gospel of Matthew, it has messianic significance. Yet, Jesus' messianic compassion extends beyond him to the work of those who follow him and into the life of the communities they enter.

In Matthew 9:35-10:8, there is a lot happening. While Jesus travels, he teaches, proclaims, and heals along the way. Jesus summons his inner circle of disciples only to dispatch them to continue and expand his endeavour of teaching, proclamation, and healing (10:1, 7-8). Jesus establishes the scope and expands the scale of his endeavours through the appointments of his disciples. Jesus' commission of the twelve continues Jesus' messianic acts of compassion. He recruits and assigns people to execute it across the region.

You see the volunteers in the Churches, Op Shop, ac.care, Soup Kitchen helping the people in need. They journey to the edges and alleys of the city to provide some relief in form of healthcare, meals, housing assistance, and human connection. Like the responsive nature of Jesus and the disciples as they travel, there is a kind of awareness that is being practiced about the state of the local community and the ways the church can respond that is helpful, even when it cannot remedy the problem entirely. As one of the workers said, "We don't really supply that much, but to them it is really necessary".

The essentials of life are not just healing the ailment but also letting those who are weary and in pain know that they are seen. Moving compassion is about the

READINGS for Sunday, 14th June 2020—Trinity 1			
Exodus 19. 1-6	Ps 100	Romans 5. 6-11	Matthew 9. 35—10.8a
Welcomer		David Glover	
Reader		Julienne Feast	
Intercessions		Sue Christopher	
Server		Faye Hill	
Eucharist Assistant		Trevor Christopher	
READINGS for Tuesday, 16th June 2020			
<i>MP</i>	Pss 37. 27-41; 38	Jud 6. 1, 11-end	Luke 11. 1-13
<i>EP</i>	Pss 39; 41	Jer 38. 1-13	Rom 1. 8-17
READINGS for Friday, 19th June 2020			
<i>MP</i>	Pss 48; 49	Judges 9. 44-end	Luke 11. 37-44
<i>EP</i>	Ps 50	Jer 40	Rom 2. 17-end
READINGS for Sunday, 21st June 2020—Trinity 2			
Jer 20. 1-4, 7-11	Ps 69. 1-13	Rom 5. 12-19	Matthew 10. 24-33
Welcomer		Anne Ashworth	
Readers		Rick and Lynn Fisher	
Intercessions		Rick Fisher	
Server		Julienne Feast	
Eucharist Assistant		Sue Christopher	

ROSTERS FOR JUNE	
GARDENING	Richard Strickland
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher

Church Ladies with Typewriters (continued)

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7.00pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7.00pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

A Little Humour : Church Ladies With Typewriters

Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters (or word processors). The following sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'. Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00pm - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7.00pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7.00pm. Please use the back door.

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action of seeing those who are not often seen. It is about remembering the names of those who often go nameless and recognizing the presence and absence of people society has forgotten.

Today's scripture is a true witness to what the Pentecost season should be about. Pentecost is not simply about Christians recognizing how God has empowered us through the Holy Spirit to be bold and courageous for the sake of the Gospel message. This is not a season of empowered and inspired individualism. This is a season of recognizing we have been empowered to see the world around us, particularly the people in the world often overlooked and ignored, and to act on their behalf in ways that address the circumstances that endanger their lives and communities. After all, Jesus' compassion for others is always sparked by a single observation, which is that "others" are "harassed and helpless" and we must do something to address it. What authenticates Christian compassion is the action that accompanies the one feeling it, not the emotion alone. Is compassion on the move in and around you? What does your compassion move you to do?

We are expected to resemble Jesus in word and deed. To be sent *by* Jesus is, in some sense, to be sent *as* Jesus.

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Other ways of staying 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 JUNE

Julienne Feast

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.

Please remember Jean Hawkes, Fran, Tim, Jonathon and Simon in your prayers as they mourn the passing of David, who died earlier 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—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.

St Martin's Lutheran Church

St Martin's Bookshop will be reopening every **Monday—10.00am to 2.00pm**—as from Monday, 15th June.

The Sunday opening of the bookshop will not occur until they resume worship together as a congregation.

Services and coming events in the Parish and Diocese

As from **Friday, 12th June**, Fr Neil will be conducting 4 services weekly as follows:

Friday	11.00am
Saturday	5.00pm
Sunday	8.00am and 9.30am
Maximum of 20 attendees per service	

To attend **1** of these services, please contact Fr Neil (0478 085 894) to book in, (preferably by the Wednesday prior)

This Sunday, 14th June there will also be a service at Mt Schank @ 11.30am (numbers will be limited so please contact Fr Neil to book in)

Weddings (limited to 20 people attending)
Funerals (with a limit of 50 people)



The Bell Tower Op Shop is now fully open again!

The opening hours are as follows:
Monday to Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm

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

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

22 August 2020
(subject to Covid 19 restrictions)

Recycled Runway Fashion Show

