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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**

**Trinity 3 : 28th June 2020**



*Jesus, the centre of my life*



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

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

**Jesus, the centre of my life**

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks explicitly about what this death to sin and life for God mean. He tells us, first, just like St. Paul, that in order for us to be experience this new life, we first need to die: "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." In order to find new life, we first need to lose our old life. This transformation occurs in two stages, which are also the two preconditions he states for our being "worthy" followers of him. First, he says that we must love God above every other love, and make Him the only absolute in our life. He tells us in the most straightforward language: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." The second condition concerns what loving him really means. True love is not a warm feeling of affection for Jesus; it's rather a choice to be willing to suffer and die for him: "Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Jesus showed us this type of love himself when he told us and showed us that "no one has greater love than to lay down his life for his friends" (Jn 15:13).

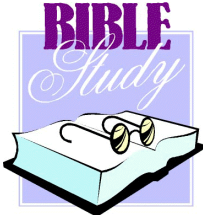
With regard to our love for our mum and dad, for our children, for our siblings and for our friends, to say that we must love God more than we love them does not mean that we will love them any less. On the contrary, if we begin to experience the newness of life in and for God that Jesus and Paul describe, we will love them MORE and BETTER. We will learn how to love them more like God loves them, for God loves them even more than we do. If we love God as he deserves, we will become more capable of passing on to them the gift of God, who is the greatest gift we can give to anyone we love. We will become concerned above all, as God is, with their holiness and their salvation – their experiencing this newness of life that God wants to give them, in this world and in the next. And we will become more capable of true love, of giving our lives for them in imitation of Christ's own love (cf. Eph 5:25). But in order to love them more, we need to make sure that we do not love them "too much," by allowing them to take God's place in our lives. If this happens, we will end up loving them too little and doing harm, rather than good, to them and to ourselves. This goes for all the realities of our lives. The way to true newness of life, and the full experience of love, is, as Christ tells us today, to love God above every other love and use the gift of our daily crosses to die to ourselves so that Christ's life, this life for God, may live in us.

What is the reward that I receive losing my self, losing my life and finding the life, a holy life as a disciple of Christ? I can categorically say that we receive many rewards in our life. We find meaning to our life. We find peace in our life. We find the life for God in Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus is not only about a way of life founded on love and mercy, but above all about the person of Jesus himself. Today he claims a special place in our lives, more important than our dearest ones. Being a disciple is not a marginal aspect of my life, it is central. I ask for the grace to be a real disciple of Jesus, capable of taking up my cross and following him.

READINGS for Sunday, 28th June 2020—Trinity 3			
2 Kings 4. 8-17	Ps 89. 1-9	Rom 6. 3-11	Matthew 10. 34-42
Reader		Darren Schunke and Bev Hamson	
Intercessions		To be advised	
Server		Julienne Feast	
READINGS for Tuesday, 30th June 2020			
MP	Ps 74	1 Samuel 1.21—2.11	Luke 13. 10-21
EP	Ps 77	Ezra 4. 1-6	Romans 7. 1-6
READINGS for Friday, 3rd July 2020			
MP	Pss 83; 84	1 Samuel 5	Luke 14. 12-24
EP	Pss 85; 86	Ezra 6	Romans 8. 12-17
READINGS for Sunday, 5th July 2020—Trinity 4			
Hosea 11. 1-4	Ps 145. 1-7	Romans 8. 9-17	Matthew 11. 25-30
Readers		Brian Smith and Raylene Milligan	
Intercessions		Anne Ashworth	
Server		Faye Hill	

ROSTERS FOR	JUNE	JULY
GARDENING	Richard Strickland	Robyn Sweetnam
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher	Richard Strickland



**Bible Study Christ Church B Zone**

In consultation with Fr Neil, it has been decided to meet on Thursday, 9 July at 3.00pm in Elizabeth Hodges' home—1/6 Heriot Street. A permanent date for study will be discussed.

All are welcome in the Church's B Zone and it would be appreciated if Elizabeth could know numbers. Please contact her on 0419 595 653 to advise of your attendance.

## To Mothers' Union Members



I hope you are all well, keeping warm and protected from this coronavirus. It would be nice to meet soon for social reasons and also to welcome Barbara Teague to our circle. Barbara has moved from Naracoorte and was a staunch member of their Mothers' Union.

It's been decided to wait a little longer before we make a date but if you would like me to visit, please call me?

Elizabeth Hodges  
President, Christ Church Mothers' Union



## Other ways of staying in touch!!! Here's how:

- Go to our Parish website:  
**[www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au](http://www.anglicanmountgambier.org.au)**  
for ongoing 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 if you are not able to attend a service.
    - Likewise, 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 ongoing difficult time!**
- Bible studies to commence shortly (see separate notice).

At the same time, Jesus assures us that even the smallest gesture of mercy to those in need will not go unnoticed. When we hear this reading today from the Second Book of Kings, our hearts need to go forward also to remember that this woman, so hospitable, does receive a son. Later that son dies as a little of some kind of odd disease. Then he is restored to life by the Prophet Elisha. So it does have a nice ending to the story. But most of us know what it is to suffer through a death of someone we love. Not many of us know what it is to suffer the death of an only child for which we have waited such a long time. What anguish this woman has gone through. The focus of the story is always on the power of Elisha the Prophet, but this woman is an incredible model of total trust in God. Her heart and her spirit are tried over and over again and she always trusts in God and in God working through the Prophet Elisha.

The point of today's readings, of course, is hospitality: how do we receive others, how do we accept others, how do we treat others?

The Gospel speaks about receiving a prophet, about receiving a righteous person and about receiving any disciple. Our memories should bring to mind the passage later in this same Gospel, Matthew 25:32 and following, which tells the parable of the final judgment and the separation of the sheep and the goats. There, the parable is clear: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." This is not even about a disciple but our actions towards anyone else in need.

*cf. internet*

## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

### For June

4th	June Willcourt
5th	Rick Fisher
9th	Bev Hamson
11th	Vivienne Ortega
19th	Ryan Searcy
24th	Alice Gladigau



### For July

2nd	Lynn Fisher
5th	Judy Geddes
7th	John Allen
30th	Julienne Feast



*We wish them all a very happy birthday!!*

## 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 is not yet up and running for the general public at present. However, if you are struggling due to ill health/infirmities to obtain the provisions you need—or you know someone who is struggling—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.



### 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.**

**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.**



## Services and coming events in the Parish and Diocese

Fr Neil will be conducting 3 services weekly as follows:

**Friday 11.00am**

**Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am**

**Maximum of 33 attendees per service**

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

**Weddings and funerals (limited to 33 people attending within the body of the church due to square meterage available and the requirement to socially distance)**



### The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:

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 are in force for your protection and the protection of the attendees at services and the Op Shop workers.**

Mondays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group resumes in Ashworth Room
Thursday, 9 July	3.00pm	Bible Study at Elizabeth Hodges' home (see separate notice in pew sheet)
22 August 2020 (subject to Covid 19 restrictions)		Recycled Runway Fashion Show