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**Pew Sheet**

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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 4 : 5th July 2020**



*Come to me - I will give you rest*



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

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

From Fr Neil

**Come to me... I will give you rest**

Jesus tells us **“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest”**. We would all agree that these are very consoling words. But how many of us have really ever done this? First of all, we all have to agree that in life we labour and are burdened.

At certain times we have all felt under pressure, stressed or stretched to our limits. This may have been because of personal or family problems, difficulties, worries, sickness, pressure of work or maybe the lack of work. At some stage we have all felt overburdened by what life throws at us. At times like that we all need a helping hand or an encouraging word. We need human support, but we also need something more. And when that does happen, how often do we think to take them to our Lord? Do we ever think to just take and pour them out to our Lord in His presence?

In today’s Gospel Christ is offering us a comforting invitation when we feel overburdened: **“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest”**. Christ’s invitation is an open door for us to enter at any time but especially when we feel the pressures of daily living getting too much for us to handle. He invites us to go to Him and he offers us rest and peace.

He invites us to learn from Him because of two beautiful qualities he has – **gentleness** and **humility**. We need these two qualities so much in our world today where aggression and arrogance are often portrayed as necessary virtues if one is to succeed.

Today’s psalm praises God because **“He is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love”**. God’s love and compassion took flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. As one writer said: **“Jesus is the compassion of God.”**

Jesus prides the Father for hiding things from the wise and revealing them to childlike. The wisdom Jesus offers is not a series of teachings, things we must learn or achieve through our

READINGS for Sunday, 5th July 2020—Trinity 4			
Hosea 11. 1-4	Ps 145. 1-7	Romans 8. 9-17	Matthew 11. 25-30
Reader		Brian Smith and Raylene Milligan	
Intercessions		Anne Ashworth	
Server		Faye Hill	
READINGS for Sunday, 12th July 2020—Trinity 5			
Isa 55. 6-11	Ps 65 8.13	Rom 8. 18-23	Matthew 13. 1-23
Readers		Bill Hud and Robyn Ashby	
Intercessions		Sue Christopher	
Server		Darren Schunke	



ROSTERS FOR	JULY
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland



	<p><b>Bible Study Christ Church B Zone</b></p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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.</p>



### 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

own pursuits. The wisdom he offers is not book knowledge, **but a Person - himself**. We come to that wisdom by following and staying close to him; observing his actions; listening to his words; imitating him and seeing the world from his perspective. That's what makes the disenfranchised wise and those who claim they know everything, foolish. Quite a twist; but it is a Gospel twist: the wise are foolish, and the "little ones" wise; or put in another way, the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

**Wisdom demands a choice.** Jesus was "meek and humble of heart" because he chose to be that way. Meekness seems like a useless and impossible virtue in our modern world with all its weapons and aggressions. But the Gospel today invites us to meekness and humility: disarming our own hearts; not returning anger against anger; but by using our personal authority to stand with the powerless and those deprived of a chance for a full life.

*"Take my yoke and learn from me..."*. **This is the true wisdom of God.**

*cf. internet*

### Other ways of staying in touch with the Parish Family!!! 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).

**MISSING IN ACTION FROM THE TABLE AT BACK OF THE CHURCH:  
Page 1 of the Parish Birthday Calendar (containing the months of January and February, May and June, September and October. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of this page, please advise the Parish Office ASAP. TKU**

### PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



#### For July

2nd	Lynn Fisher
5th	Judy Geddes
7th	John Allen
10th	David Glover
30th	Julienne Feast

#### For August

1st	Sue Christopher
18th	Anne Ashworth
19th	Kathy MacIntosh
23rd	Alexander Lynch
23rd	Emily Lynch



*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

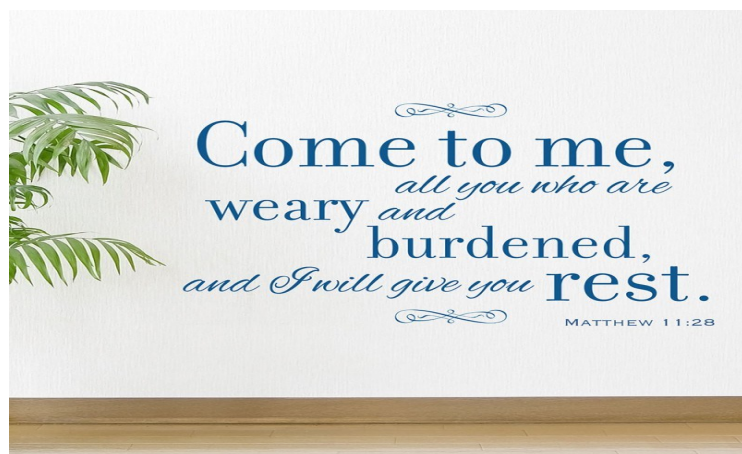
Bishop David McCall; Val Linder; Fr Peter Carlsson; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Sally-Ann Geddes (daughter of Neil & Judy); June Willcourt; Joe Maier; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Marion McDonald (Lynn's sister); Shirley Stacpoole;

**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.**

Please pray for Brian and Val Collins as they mourn the death of their son-in-law, Brenton Kinnear, a couple of weeks ago in Toowoomba.

**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 and Thursdays	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)
Wednesday, 15 July	5.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Ashworth Room
22 August 2020 (subject to Covid 19 restrictions)		Recycled Runway Fashion Show