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

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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 in the Limestone Coast

Fr David Patterson; Fr Wayne Corker; Fr David Withers (Ann);
Fr Neil (Nalini), Fr Lyndon Sulzberger

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Richard Mills, Brian Smith,
Lisa Searcy, Graham Savage, Faye Hill, Lynn Fisher

Diocesan Prayer

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love so that we are wholly yours and may love each other and grow as a community of faith. Fill us and use us to share your healing power with those with whom we work, live and worship. Ignite within us a passion for your Gospel so that we can be beacons of love, justice and mercy using our gifts and talent for your glory. Open our hearts and our minds to your truths given to us in scripture and to the needs of others. Strengthen us to share these truths within our community, that we may produce a greater harvest for your kingdom. Come Holy Spirit; renew and empower us to that we can face all things with courage knowing that you are with us. In Jesus' name, Amen

**The Anglican Pastoral District of
Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Epiphany 5 : 7th February 2021



Take everything to God in prayer



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

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

Take everything to God in prayer

Most of us live terribly busy lives. As a result, we may be spiritually impoverished. We continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. In the midst of all his work Jesus took time out to pray. Through prayer Jesus gained what people sought from Him. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

Do we pray sufficiently? Is our prayer limited only for one hour when we attend the Church on Sunday? Do you enjoy spending time with Jesus? How best can you strengthen your relationship with Jesus?

READINGS for Sunday, 7th February 2021—Ordinary Sunday 5			
Job 7. 1-7	Ps 147. 1-11	1 Cor 9. 16-23	Mark 1. 29-39
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Brian Smith and Raylene Milligan		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Bill Hudd		
READINGS for Sunday, 14th February 2021—Ordinary Sunday 6			
Lev 13. 1-2, 45-46	Ps 32. 1-8	1 Cor 9. 24-27	Mark 1. 40-45
Server	Faye Hill		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Julienne Feast		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Darren Schunke / Trudy-Anne Doyle		
READINGS for Ash Wednesday, 17th February 2021			
Joel 2. 12-18	2 Cor 5. 20-6.2	Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-18	



ROSTERS FOR	FEBRUARY
GARDENING	Richard Strickland
MOWING ROSTER	Darryl Grant
FREEZER MINISTRY <small>(Please remember to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container)</small>	Anne England Elizabeth Hodges Jenny Bowman Rhonda Strickland

N.B. We no longer have the facility to collect stamps for ABM to be forwarded through Diocesan Office. The stamps, if you collect them, should be forwarded directly to ABM from now on. Thank you.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

For February

1st	Heather Allen
6th	Pam Miller
8th	Sandra Grant
9th	Maree McIntyre
10th	Fran Laslett
13th	Lisa Searcy
14th	Val Linder
27th	Glenyse Nott



For March

2nd	Coral Chaffey
2nd	Sadewu
6th	Ruth Clarkson
7th	Tara McCracken
10th	Matthew Allen
19th	Dot Saffin
24th	Denise McDonald
28th	Helen Douglass

We wish them all a very happy birthday!!



Please check to see if your name is on the list at the back of the church — and if not, and you would like to have it appear — please add your name to the listing.

Thank you

‘HAT Day’

There is to be a fun **HAT** Day to be held on **Sunday, 28th February** following the 9.30am service.

Please bring along your favourite hat—and a friend—and share in the fun and games.

BYO food and drink please.



Saturday, 20th February



Garage Sale and Mini Market

8.30AM – 12.30PM

Featuring a sausage sizzle & Craft stall.

Any assistance with either setting up at 7am or helping on the sausage sizzle would be very much appreciated. The shed is “bursting at the seams” with goods to sell. We need to get as many items out of the shed on the morning to display on trestles.

Enquiries please contact either—

Graham Savage : 0417 800 175 – sausage sizzle

Trevor Christopher : 0400 745 056 – garage sale

Jeff Bowman : 0487 486 260

MOTHERS’ UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Mothers’ Union will hold their first meeting for 2021 on Tuesday, 16 February at 2.00pm in the Ashworth Room. This will be our Annual General Meeting and we hope all members and friends will attend. COVID restrictions will apply.

Elizabeth Hodges
President

Fr Neil and a couple of parishioners represented the parish at the funeral of Fr Peter Carlsson in Adelaide last Monday.

The funeral of Margaret Gleed, was also very well attended, with several Mt Gambier Parish parishioners attending.

Don't forget

If you have recently updated your phone (and/or contact details) - please don't forget to let the Parish Office know so that your updated information can be placed on our data base to ensure you continue to receive timely Parish information.

Thank you

Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

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

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 also be found at the back of the church.



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 : Strict 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.

Bell Tower Op Shop Food Donation Bin

The Bell Tower Op Shop is in a monthly partnership with ac.care and with our very own Thursday Food Ministry, to collect non-perishable food items, with the December donations being donated to ac.care.

We are requesting that as you make your shopping list, you put on a few extra items to support our community in need. Bring these items into the Op Shop where our friendly volunteers will say thank you and we would love to say hello.

Suitable items are: tinned tuna or salmon, rice and noodles, cereals, tinned or packet soups and vegetables and casseroles, tinned fruits and long life full fat milk.

Many thanks for your small acts of kindness when you do your shopping, and know that it has real meaning to those individuals in need.

Services and coming events in the Parish

Fr Neil is conducting 3 services weekly as follows:

Friday 11.00am
Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am
Maximum of 66 attendees per service

Numbers attending weddings and funerals are limited within the body of the church due to social distancing requirements and square meterage available

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2nd & 4th Thursdays	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
Mondays and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
3rd Tuesday	2.00pm	Mothers' Union meet in Ashworth Room
2nd & 4th Thursday	3.00pm	Bible Study group @ Elizabeth Hodges'
2nd & 4th Saturdays	10.00am	Bible Study in church Vestry
Thurs, 4 Feb		Sri Lanka Independence Day
Tues, 16 Feb	2.00pm	Mother's Union AGM in Ashworth Room
Wed, 17 Feb	5.00pm 5.45pm	Ash Wednesday service Parish Council meeting
Sat, 20 Feb	8.30am - 12.30pm	Garage Sale and Mini Market
Sun, 28 Feb	following 9.30 service	HAT day (bring your favourite hat and a friend) (BYO food & drink)
Sun, 21 March	“ “ “	Ännual Vestry Meeting
Sun, 28 March	afternoon	Child Safe Environments refresher Course (details to be confirmed asap)