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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 Lyndon Sulzberger
Fr Neil (Nalini),

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Richard Mills, Brian Smith,
Dick Hamson, Graham Savage, Faye Hill, Robyn Sweetnam

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 so 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**

Palm Sunday : 28th March 2021



Hosanna to the king of Kings



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

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

Hosanna to the king of Kings

Today is Palm Sunday. It marks our entrance into the holiest of weeks. It is a unique Sunday in Lent because it marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palm Sunday celebrates the triumphant entry of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. This entry is highly symbolic. It demonstrates that Christ is the Davidic king that fulfilled this ancient prophecy: *“He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness...”* (Isaiah 9, 7).

Our procession today was for two reasons. First, to honour Christ as he enters the royal city. Hence, we sang: *“Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”* Second, to express our solidarity with Christ as he begins the journey that will ultimately lead to our salvation. So, as we sing hosanna today, we must ask God for the grace to remain faithful to the end.

Both the first and second reading of this Sunday are on the suffering and humility of Christ the son of God. The first reading from the book of Isaiah, is the song of the suffering servant of God. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul also reminds us of the humility and obedience of Christ, the servant of God: *“...He emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, he was humble even to accepting death on a cross.”* It’s one of the key passages in the New Testament and it sums up what Holy Week is all about. It’s a meditation on what theologians call Jesus’ kenosis or self-emptying, his humility.

It reminds us of the humility of our God.

God the Son is Divine, but he came to earth not in the form of God but as a man like us. That’s humility! He came not in the form of a great man but of a humble common man. That’s humility! He was so humble that he permitted other men to put him to death. That’s humility! Not just any death, but the most humiliating death possible – on a cross. That’s humility! He did this out of loving obedience to his Father and love for us. That’s humility! This is how Jesus Christ redeemed us and became the Saviour of the world. The Father was so pleased in Jesus that he has raised him on high, to the highest heavens, where he is and always will be acclaimed by us as Jesus and Lord.

Humbly, the servant of God accepted all his sufferings in order to save us. He offered and lost his life in order to secure victory for us. The most important lesson from all these is that, the virtues of patience, humility and obedience are very important in life. Also, the readings teach us that suffering is inevitable in life. Therefore, only those who are ready to persist and endure to the end will triumph. Also, they teach us that, if we persist in our faith, we shall emerge victorious over sufferings.

Let the events of Holy Week and the mysteries we celebrate in our Holy Week liturgies speak to your heart. Or rather, through these events let God speak to your heart, remembering that God does not only want to touch our emotions this week, he wants to deepen our faith. Allow God to do this and our imitation of his humility will come of its own accord.



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READINGS for Sunday, 28th March 2021—Palm Sunday			
Isa 50. 4-7	Ps 22. 6-22	Phil 2. 5-11	Mark 14. 1-15.47
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Modern service		
Intercessions	Modern service		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Morning Tea	David and Ruth Clarkson / Vivienne Ortega		
READINGS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY, 1st April 2021			
Exod 12. 1-14	Ps 116. 11-16	1 Cor 11. 23-26	John 13. 1-15
Server	Julienne Feast / Darren Schunke		
Readers	Trevor Christopher / Raylene Milligan		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Bill Hudd		
READINGS FOR GOOD FRIDAY, 2nd April 2021			
Isa 52. 13-53.12	Ps 31. 11-18	Heb 4. 14-16	John 18. 1-19.42
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Various		
Intercessions	Darren Schunke		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
READINGS FOR EASTER VIGIL, Saturday, 3rd April 2021			
Exod 14. 15-15.1	Exod 15. 1-6, 17-18	Rom 6. 3-11	Mark 16. 1-7
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Anne England		
Sound desk	Julienne Feast		
READINGS FOR EASTER DAY, Sunday, 4th April 2021			
Acts 10. 34-43	Ps 118. 19-29	Col 3. 1-4	John 20. 1-9
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Dick Hamson		
READINGS FOR Sunday, 11th April 2021 : PATHWAYS SERVICE			
Acts 4. 32-35	Ps 118.19-29	1 John 5. 1-6	John 20.19-31
Server	Faye Hill		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Darren Schunke		

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



For March

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

For April

8th	Joan Tremelling	16th	Glen Solomons
10th	Darryll Grant	19th	Nora Smibert
11th	Sandy Coulson	24th	Kelvin Smibert
14th	Roger Jones	30th	Sue Ongley



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

Strategic Planning Team Survey

We would like to thank all those who responded to the recent Parish Survey conducted by our team. We really appreciated people's thoughts, honesty & integrity in their replies.

The team are currently working through the feedback as part of our process of developing our Strategic Plan for the future. If you happened to "miss the boat" & would still like to respond then please do so. Additional responses can be left anytime in the box on the Vestry door. Members of this team are Fr Neil, Kaylene Barreira, Sue Charlton, Faye Hill, David Glover, Rick Fisher, Trevor Christopher & Jeff Bowman.

ROSTERS FOR	MARCH
GARDENING	Robyn Sweetnam
MOWING ROSTER	Darryl Grant
FREEZER MINISTRY <small>(Please remember to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container)</small>	Julienne Feast
N.B. Due to COVID restrictions, we are currently unable to hand out home cooked goods to people presenting for Emergency Relief. However, pre-prepared goods such as frozen packaged foods are acceptable.	



Services for Holy Week



March

Sunday, 28th	Children's Service—Holy Communion / Palm Sunday
Tuesday, 30th	5.30pm—Holy Communion @ Christ Church
Wednesday, 31st	5.30pm—Holy Communion @ Christ Church

April

Thursday, 1st Maunder Thursday	7.00pm—Maundy Thursday service @ Christ Church (The Watch of the Passion continues until midnight following this service)
Friday, 2nd Good Friday	9.00am—Good Friday service @ Christ Church (there is only 1 service in the parish today)
Saturday, 3rd	7.00pm—St Luke's, Mt Schank service 8.30pm—Easter Vigil @ Christ Church
Sunday, 4th Easter Day	9.00am—Easter Sunday service @ Christ Church (there is only 1 service in the parish today)

Fundraising News

The fundraising team is planning to hold garage sales each alternate month during the year as long as there is sufficient stock in the shed. We are also planning to include stalls on some of these occasions to promote the idea of a mini market as we did late last year.

Our next Mini Market /Garage Sale is planned for Saturday, 17th April from 8.30am – 12.30pm. At this stage we will have craft & plant stalls as well as Fr Neil & Nalini's "Heavenly Fried Rice" available. If anyone else would like to hold a stall please contact Jeff Bowman 0487 486 260.

Old Tools are very much in demand at garage sales. If you have an excess of garden or handyman/person tools or just want to get rid of a few old ones, then we would be very glad to accommodate them ready for our next garage sale.

Bunnings sausage sizzle

This fundraising event for ac.care held on Saturday 20th March was a great success with \$1044.25 being raised. FYI we sold 432 sausages! Woolworth's on Commercial St East kindly donated the sausages & bread. Thank you to the person who left a generous financial donation on the roster in the church as well as all the volunteers who assisted on the day. Special thanks to Joe Maier for slicing up the onions!

Fundraising Team

Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Bishop David McCall; Val Linder; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Joe Maier; June Willcourt; ; 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; Sandy Coulson

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. is not 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 donations being distributed to the organisations a month about.

We ask that as you make your shopping list, you put on a few extra items to support our community in need. Please 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 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 at Christ Church as follows:

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

and 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month
Maximum of 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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1st Tues/month	10.00am	St Mary's Boandik service
1st & 3rd Fri/month	1.30pm	Boandik Lake Terrace East service
2nd & 4th Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
Mon & Thurs	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 Thurs	3.00pm	Bible Study group @ Elizabeth Hodges'
2nd & 4th Sat	10.00am	Bible Study in church Vestry
Saturdays	10.00-11.00am	Lenten studies
Sun, 28 March	1.00-4.00pm	Child Safe Environments refresher Course @ Christ Church
Thurs, 8 April	3.00pm	Bible Study @ Elizabeth Hodges' home
Sat, 17 April	8.30am	Garage Sale and Mini Market
Thurs, 22 April	3.00pm	Bible Study @ Elizabeth Hodges' home