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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,
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**

Lent 3 : 7th March 2021



My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit



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

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

From Fr Neil

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit

On this third Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus in the Temple. But instead of seeing his countenance wrapped in divine glory as when he was in the desert and in the mountain, we see him incredibly angry. The first reason for his righteous anger was because the Temple, instead of being a house of prayer, has become a den of thieves. The Jews consider the Temple of Jerusalem as the centre of their religious life. Every year, during Passover, they go to the Temple. It is the feast that recalls the liberation of the people from Egypt through the saving act of Yahweh. So, during this time, the Temple is packed with people who have come to fulfill their obligations to God. One of these is to offer animal sacrifices. There were inspectors who would see to it that the animals (oxen, sheep and doves) must be unblemished and of the best quality. But, for obvious reasons and ulterior motives, these inspectors would readily disapprove the animals that the pilgrims brought with them. So the people were obliged to buy the animals sold in the Temple, and at very exorbitant price. This system had the approval of the high priest. Most of these people usually end up going home without being able to offer sacrifices simply because they did not have enough money. The moneychangers had also their share in the injustice done to the people. The secular money from outside is considered unworthy and dirty and they cannot be brought into the Temple. They had to be exchanged with the Temple money, and of course, for a lower value.

Obviously, injustice and oppression are done, especially to the poor. And this made Jesus very angry. The rituals in the Temple have become the occasions for abuse and oppression against the poor. The Temple became the place where greed, corruption, deceit and cheating take place. The second reason why Jesus was angry was the discrimination that was happening in the Temple. Remember that the Temple was divided into five sections: the court of the Gentiles, the court of women, the court of men, the court of priests and the Holy of Holies. The outermost part of the Temple is the court of the Gentiles. In other words, the Temple is not only for the Jews but also for all people, including the Gentiles. But it was in the court of the Gentiles that the merchants did their business and all their shady deals. In all aspects, it has become a marketplace, and not anymore part of the house of God. So those who come to this place to pray were effectively prevented from doing so. They were practically deprived of their chance to worship God. They are excluded from the Temple worship.

We all profess that we believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The word "catholic" means universal. It refers to the will of God that all people may be saved. He is the God, not only of Jews and Christians. He is God of all peoples. He belongs to all, and not only to a particular group of people. Discrimination has no room in the life of a true Christian who seriously follows the one commandment of love: love of God and love of fellowmen and women, even of enemies.

READINGS for Sunday, 7th March 2021—Lent 3			
Exod 20. 1-17	Ps 19. 7-14	1 Cor 1. 22-25	John 2. 13-25
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Margaret Boardman and Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Bill Hudd		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
READINGS for Sunday, 14th March 2021—Lent 4			
2 Chron 36. 15-21	Ps 137. 1-6	Eph 2. 4-10	John 3. 14-21
Server	Faye Hill		
Readers	Bill Hudd and Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Darren Schunke and Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby / Beryl Heard		



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.	

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



For March

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

For April

8th	Joan Tremelling		
10th	Darryll Grant	19th	Nora Smibert
14th	Roger Jones	24th	Kelvin Smibert
16th	Glen Solomons	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

Finally, the challenge of Jesus to the Jewish authorities is worth considering. He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up" (Jn 2:19). The evangelist, St John, was quick to explain: "But he was speaking about the temple of his body" (Jn 2:21). In other words, he was referring to his physical body as the Temple. If God resides in the temple, so also the body of Jesus is God's Temple par excellence, for he is himself the God Incarnate. We can, therefore, certainly assume that Jesus would be equally angry at seeing people abusing and neglecting their bodies. Hence, the Gospel this Sunday is strongly reminding us to take care of our body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit, according to St. Paul. Any action that harms the physical body – such as vices, abuses, and other illicit practices – is a grave sin. If we take good care of the Church building, so also we have to take care of our physical body, the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

As we come together in this Temple of God, let us cleanse our heart of all selfish motives and sins. May our heart be a worthy dwelling place for God. And may our acts of worship be authentic as we strive to deepen our relationship with God through our love and concern for one another.

cf. Internet .Fr. Mike Lagrimas

We Care take-away dinner

Friday, 19th March 2021 from the Ashworth Room @ 6.00pm

Rogan Josh Lamb—\$20.00 per serve

This is a fundraiser to support vocational training in Sri Lanka and autistic children in our local community.



+ FORTY DAYS PRAYER +

+ MERCY REPENTANCE +

+ PENANCE FASTING +

+ CHARITY REFLECTION +

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Holy Week

Services for Holy Week

Easter

March

Sunday, 28th Children's Service—Holy Communion
Palm Sunday

Tuesday, 30th 5.30pm—Holy Communion

Wednesday, 31st 5.30pm—Holy Communion

April

Thursday, 1st 7.00pm—Maundy Thursday service
(until 12 midnight)

Friday, 2nd 9.00am—Good Friday service
(there is only 1 service in the parish today)

Saturday, 3rd 7.00pm—Mt Schank service
8.30pm—Easter Vigil

Sunday, 4th 9.00am—Easter Sunday service
(there is only 1 service in the parish today)

Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Bishop David McCall; Val Linder; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; Sallyann 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.

*Please remember in your prayers the family and friends of Helen Millowick who died last Sunday. Her funeral will be held here at Christ Church on **Friday, 12th March @ 1.00pm.** Helen was a regular worshipper at Christ Church—usually attending the 8.00am Sunday service.*

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 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
Thurs, 11 March	3.00pm	Bible Study @ Elizabeth Hodges' home
Fri, 19 March	6.00pm	We Care take-away dinner from Ashworth Room
Sat, 20 March	8.45am—4.00pm	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Sun, 21 March	following 9.30 service	Annual Vestry Meeting
Thurs, 25 March	3.00pm	Bible Study @ Elizabeth Hodges' home
Sun, 28 March	1.00-4.00pm	Child Safe Environments refresher Course @ Christ Church