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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

Prayer during COVID 19

Our heavenly Father, we come before you with contrite hearts, yearning for your comfort and your grace. In the midst of COVID 19 spreading across the globe, we ask in your mercy that you would stop this plague and restore harmony and health to the nations, and especially Australia.

And we pray for the families, especially those who have lost loved ones to this disease, or those suffering from its effects. May we know the peace that passes understanding, as we place our trust in Jesus, in whose powerful name we pray. Amen.

The Anglican Pastoral District of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

**Easter 5 : 9th May 2021
Mother's Day**



Love each other as I have loved you



We extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our church

Please make yourself known to the Parish Priest or Wardens

From Fr Neil

LORD BLESS ALL THE MOTHERS AND WOMEN



The role of mothers in our lives:

This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behaviour, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society. There is a beautiful Spanish proverb: "An ounce of mother is better than a pound of clergy." Hence, it is highly proper for us to express our love and gratitude to our mothers by our presence (not possible this strange year), gifts, and prayers on Mother's Day.

We offer this Eucharistic celebration on Mother's Day for all the mothers in our congregation, whether they are alive here or have gone for their eternal reward.

The word "mum" is synonymous with sacrificial, *agápe* love in its purest form, as commanded by Jesus in his farewell speech: "Love one another as I have loved you." Hence, let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them before God.

Mothers and motherly women in the Bible:

Certainly, the Bible recognizes women in positions of power – women who have contributed to making the world a better place.

There was Miriam who led the people in praising God after the crossing of the Red Sea (Ex 15:21); Ruth who put God first and became the ancestress of King David (Ruth 1:16; 4:17); Deborah, a judge in Israel (Judges 5); Hannah who "gave to the Lord" the child of her prayers (1 Sam 1:28); Esther who took her life in her hands to plead for her doomed people (Esther C:14-30);

In the New Testament Jesus' Mother, Mary, whom Jesus, on the cross, gave to be Mother to John, his beloved friend, became our Mother. Jesus praised the poor widow for her gift of two mites to the Temple (Mk 12:43).

READINGS FOR Sunday, 9th May 2021—Easter 5—Mother's Day			
Acts 10. 25-48	Ps 98	1 Jn 4. 7-10	John 15. 9-17
Server	Faye Hill		
Readers	David Glover / Julienne Feast		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle / Darren Schunke		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		
READINGS FOR Sunday, 16th May 2021—Sunday after Ascension			
Acts 1. 15-26	Ps 103. 19-22	1 Jn 4. 11.16	John 17. 11-19
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea	Dianne Burton / Alice Gladigau / Barbara Wardley		



ROSTERS FOR	MAY
GARDENING	Helen Douglass
MOWING ROSTER	Volunteer needed
FREEZER MINISTRY <small>(Please remember to label, date and list all the ingredients in each container)</small>	Julienne Feast
<p>N.B. Due to COVID restrictions, we are currently unable to hand out home cooked goods to people presenting for Emergency Relief.</p> <p>However, pre-prepared goods such as frozen packaged foods are acceptable. If you can help by donating some pre-packaged frozen foods, it would be most appreciated.</p>	

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



For May

17th Lance Kuhl
17th Cliffie Cox
25th Jenny Bowman

For June

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



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**

The New Testament also presents some women who showed maternal love. Tabitha, called Dorcas – full of good works (Acts 9:36); Phoebe and Priscilla – servants of the Church (Rom 16:1-4); Lois and Eunice who had sincere faith (2 Tim 1:5), Persis “the beloved,” and Tryphena and Tryphosa who laboured for the Lord (Rom 16:12). So being a mother does not suggest lack of initiative and ability. It does mean getting one’s priorities straight. It doesn’t mean freeing men from all responsibility with young children. It means mutual sharing of responsibilities with the recognition of individual gifts and needs.

Let us salute our mothers : Mothers should be saluted ;for their tenacious and sacrificial love for their children, for the tremendous impact they have on their children and for their intimate relationship with us from birth to death. We learn to speak by calling “mum” and die with the same name on our lips.
Today we thank our mothers and all the women.

We pray for them, honour them by offering our mothers and all the women on the altar of God.
Cf. Internet.

OP SHOP NEWS - SHOPPING BAGS IN DEMAND

The Op Shop has been extremely busy since it re-opened in the new year, so much so that it is in urgent need of CLEAN PAPER, PLASTIC OR MATERIAL shopping bags to use for customer’s purchases.

If you have any that you no longer require please drop them into the Op Shop during opening hours or label them and leave in the Vestry.

INTERFAITH SERVICE ON SATURDAY 1ST MAY

For those who attended the Interfaith Service on Saturday 1st May \$464.35 was raised and donated to Caritas, to be used for projects in Asia.

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

1st N. Capewell	2nd Vivienne
3rd Elva Rochow	4th Maree Lynch
5th Sonja Kennedy	6th Jennie McDonald

*Love is patient, Love is kind.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.*

Love never fails



1 Corinthians 13:4. 7-8

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); Shirley Stacpoole; Esma Pratt (Donna's grandmother); Jean Hawkes; Sandy Coulson; Terry Wilson

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.

We remember especially at this time the family and friends of Lynn and Rick Fisher as they mourn the death of Lynn's sister, Marion, last Saturday morning.

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 100 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
Wed, 12 May	10.00am	Strategic Planning Group meeting in Ashworth Room
Thurs, 13 May	3.00pm	Bible Study @ Elizabeth Hodges' home
Fri, 14 May - Sat, 15 May		Synod in Murray Bridge