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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 in the Limestone Coast

Fr Neil (Nalini); Fr Wayne Corker; Fr Lyndon Sultzberger, Bishop Michael Hough

Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

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

The Suggestion Box

is now in place at the rear of the church for people to start utilizing.
Your suggestions/input are most welcome.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Trinity 20 : 17th October 2021



Not to be served—but to serve



As a Christian community, we acknowledge and pay respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the lands on which we gather and meet.

We pay our respects to the Elders—past, present and future.

***Wearing of face masks is mandatory, so please remember to wear your face mask when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop or meetings at the church.
You must also register using the QR code or by manually filling out an attendance sheet.***

From Fr Neil

NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE

It's a great story that the Gospels give us during these final weeks of the Church's year - the Christian journey in miniature. Jesus and the disciples are on the way to Jerusalem. Their journey across the plains and hills, and down into the valleys, and their experiences and dialogues along the track, pick up many of our experiences as we cover the hills and valleys that mark our journey across life.

There are two distinct sections in this passage:

- Mark 10; 35- 40: the encounter between Jesus and the sons of Zebedee; and
- Verses 41 to 45: his teaching on service.

James and John are typical of young, enthusiastic followers of any cause – very ambitious, but also very committed and ready for everything. Note how they are confident: they can accept the challenges, even if they do not see clearly what they entail. The portrayal of Jesus is very touching: his respect for the young men, the way he takes them seriously, the way he challenges them and reassures them simultaneously. His humility is remarkable as he disclaims the authority to give final rewards. Jesus is the model for civil as well as religious leaders, and the two brothers can be the church community or the nation.

We are created to be happy. Our pursuit of happiness revolves around, and often misled by, the three P-wants: Pleasure, Possession, and Power. Pleasure is the ability to enjoy positive mental and physical states. Possession is the endowment to have access to the fundamental needs of human beings. And power is the possibility to have agency over the environment and people around us. The 3 P's may contribute to happiness, and at the same time, an exaggerated focus on them could leave us unhappy. This is our struggle: to balance our need and want for pleasure, possession and power. Consistently in his life, Jesus chooses the path of suffering, detachment and service. Jesus wants his followers to attain happiness, rather than only pleasure, possession and power.

If we have been following the gospel readings of these three consecutive Sundays, all from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 10, we notice that we have been invited to reflect on these three temptations that we face. The gospel passage of the 27th Sunday (Mk 10: 2-16) invited us to reflect on marriage and family: Christian marriage is not to be based on the sole principle of pleasure, but on faithfulness and love. The gospel passage of the 28th Sunday (the last Sunday: Mk 10:17-30) was on the inability of the rich man to be a disciple of Jesus because of his

| READINGS AND ROSTERS FOR | | | |
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| Sunday, 17th October 2021—Trinity 20 | | | |
| Isa 53. 7-12 | Ps 35. 18-29 | Heb 4. 14-16 | Mark 10. 35-45 |
| Server | Darren Schunke | | |
| Readers | Trevor and Sue Christopher | | |
| Intercessions | Sue Christopher | | |
| Sound desk | Robyn Ashby | | |
| Flowers | Jan Hunt | | |
| Sunday, 24th October 2021—Trinity 21 | | | |
| Jer 31. 7-9 | Ps 126 | Heb 5. 1-6 | Mark 10. 46-52 |
| Server | Julienne Feast | | |
| Readers | Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett | | |
| Intercessions | Julienne Feast | | |
| Sound desk | Trevor Christopher | | |
| Flowers | Roma Driscoll | | |

| ROSTERS FOR | OCTOBER |
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| GARDENING  | Richard Strickland |
|  MOWING ROSTER | Richard Strickland |
| FREEZER MINISTRY  | N.B. Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hand out home cooked goods to people presenting for Emergency Relief. However, pre-prepared goods such as frozen packaged foods are acceptable. |

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will be held in the Ashworth Room on **Tuesday, 19th October 2021 at 2.00pm**. Joan Tremelling will be speaking on her life as a reporter. All most welcome.

Hostess : Denise McDonald

Anne Ashworth
President



PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

FOR OCTOBER

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| 1st | Margaret Boardman | 17th | Otfried Linder |
| 1st | Venus Van Tilburg-Gerrard | 24th | Elizabeth Hodges |
| 3rd | Roma Driscoll | 26th | Jeff Bowman |
| 11th | Pepe Ortega | 27th | Rita Johnston |
| 15th | Tim Hawkes | 28th | Dianne Burton |

FOR NOVEMBER

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| 6th | Zoe Van Tilburg-Gerrard | | |
| 16th | Fr Neil | 20th | Darren Schunke |
| 17th | Maree Lynch | 21st | Nalini |

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

Alpha Group hosts

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| Elizabeth Hodges (in her home) | Trudy-Anne Doyle (@ Christ Church) |
| Julienne Feast (in her home) | David Clarkson (@ Woodlands) |
| Joan Tremelling (in her home) | Robyn Ashby (via Zoom) |
| Anne Ashworth (in her home) | Maree Lynch (@ Port MacDonnell) |

If you would like to join one of these groups, please place your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church.

2022 Australian Anglican Church calendar

The calendar is again available to order and features **St Thomas', Port MacDonnell** as one of the photos:

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| 1 calendar | cost \$14, plus \$3.30 postage |
| 2-3 calendars | cost \$13 each, plus \$5.50 postage |
| 4-6 calendars | cost \$12 each, plus \$12.50 postage |
| 7-25 calendars | cost \$11 each, plus \$15.50 postage |
| 26-40 calendars | cost \$10 each, plus \$18.00 postage |

If you would like to purchase a calendar, please place your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church so that numbers required are determined and an order placed as soon as possible.

possessions. Christian life is to be based on detachment and simplicity. Today, the 29th Sunday, the gospel reading (Mk 10: 35-45) invites us to reflect on power. As Christians we influence our environment not through power and control, but in service and willingness to suffer.

We are a people to whom much has been given and from whom much is expected. Occasions for serving others are part of each believer's daily experience. Parents, teachers, civil servants, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders, must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we are expected to mirror him.

One woman's insight into the possibilities for service is embroidered on a little plaque that hangs above her kitchen sink: "Apostolic service is rendered here, three times a day!"

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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 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 all understanding, as we place our trust in Jesus, in whose powerful name we pray.
Amen.

The Petrol Raffle is back!

The Fundraising Team is conducting a **PETROL RAFFLE** leading up to our final Garage Sale & Mini Market on **Saturday 13th November**. Historically, the raffle has been one of our major fundraisers leading up to our Annual Fair. Thanks to the generosity of a couple of parishioners we are going to conduct it over the next few weeks.

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| 1st prize | : | \$200 petrol voucher |
| 2nd prize | : | \$75 petrol voucher |
| 3rd prize | : | \$25 petrol voucher |

In the past we have sold the majority of tickets outside local businesses; however due to COVID restrictions at the moment we are relying on parishioners selling tickets rather than selling directly to the public.

Consequently we would appreciate everyone taking a booklet of 10 tickets to sell at \$2 each. **They can be collected from & returned to the Church Office on Sundays, Tuesdays (9.30am – 11.30am) or Thursdays (10am - 12 noon.)**

Please return all tickets by the **13th November** when we will be drawing the prize winners.

Jeff Bowman, Fundraising Team
0487 486 260

Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Val Linder; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; June Willcourt; Joe Maier; Wendy Monger & Don Currie; Alice Gladigau; John & Phillis Beaven (brother & sister-in-law of Alice); Shirley Stacpoole; Terry Wilson; Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother); Allan Hincks

Pray for the repose of the souls of those near and dear to each one of us and for those whose yearly remembrance occurs 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.

N.B. Please remember to wear a face mask and register via the QR code or manually complete an attendance sheet when attending the Op Shop. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Peter and Sandy Coulson who celebrate their Ruby wedding anniversary—40 years! - this Sunday, 17th October. They were married in the Naval Chapel of St George the Martyr HMAS WATSON South Head Sydney.



Please note : the Meditation Group has been cancelled until further notice.

Services and events in the Parish

Fr Neil conducts 3 services weekly at Christ Church as follows:

Friday 11.00am
Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am
Maximum of 100 attendees per service @ Christ Church

And 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month
Maximum of 31 attendees per service @ St Luke's

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

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| 2nd & 4th Thursdays | 4.00-5.00pm | Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison |
| 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' |
| 1st & 3rd Thursdays | 3.30-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm | Tea and coffee Charismatic prayer group in hall |

17-20 October

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

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| Tues, 19 Oct | 2.00pm | Mothers' Union meeting in Ashworth Room |
| Wed, 20 Oct | 4.00pm | Parish Council meeting |
| Sun, 24 Oct | @ 9.30am | Baptism of Henry Castle |
| Thurs, 28 Oct | | BLUE KNOT DAY |
| Sun, 31 Oct | 9.30am | Pet Service |
| Commencing November | | National Church Life Survey |
| Sun, 7 Nov | | Remembrance Day service |
| Sat, 13 Nov | | Mini Market and Garage Sale |
| Sun, 14 Nov | | Memorial Garden Remembrance service |
| Sun, 21 Nov | | Christ the King Patronal Festival |