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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 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 23 : 7th November 2021



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE VETERANS' COVENANT

We, the people of Australia, respect and give thanks to all who have served in our defence force and their families.

We acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the sacrifice demanded of all who commit to defend our nation.

We undertake to preserve the memory and deeds of all who have served and promise to welcome, embrace, and support all military veterans as respected and valued members of our community.

Lest we forget



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

GOD DESERVES NOT A TIP BUT A TRIBUTE

The Holy Scripture today praises God for being ‘able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think’ (Eph. 3:20). Indeed, God can do far more than we expect or can imagine! The stories of the two poor widows in today’s first and gospel readings underscore the fact that God is ‘able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think’.

In the first reading, the widow took the big risk of trusting in the words of a thirsty and hungry stranger – the prophet Elijah – and offered him not only water but also part of what would have been the last meal for her son and herself. But, what was the outcome? A great miracle! Indeed, she was rewarded with more than 100% of what she had sacrificed.

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood” Mk12: 41-44.

In fact, today’s gospel passage is more about dependence on God than it is on generous almsgiving. Jesus expects us to trust Him completely. Many of us are not quite so sure that we can trust Him, even though we want to trust Him. The widow in the first reading shows us how a person can trust completely, even to the point of giving up the little one has for another person. The Gospel of Mark today repeats that message with the story of the poor widow who gave all she had, trusting in the Lord. The challenge today: Will I trust? Will I give up what I have because I trust in the Lord? Giving can be a little bit difficult but when we give, it opens doors for more blessings, as in the case of the widow of Zarephath, in the first reading.

There are four different types of giving:

1. *Grudge giving* : I hate to part with this \$20 but I will.
2. *Shame giving* : I must match whatever the other family is giving.
3. *Calculated giving* : We part with our money with a sense of favours to come—e.g. bingo.
4. *Thanksgiving* : I part with my funds precisely because God has been so wonderfully generous to me.

READINGS AND ROSTERS FOR			
Sunday, 7th November 2021—Trinity 23			
1 Ki 17. 8-16	Ps 146	Heb 9. 24-28	Mark 12. 38-44
Server	Darren Schunke		
Reader	Brian Smith		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Bill Hudd		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
Sunday, 14th November 2021—Trinity 24			
Dan 12. 1-3	Ps 145. 8-16	Heb 10. 11-18	Mark 13. 24-32
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Julienne Feast		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		

ROSTERS FOR	NOVEMBER
GARDENING 	Robyn Sweetnam
 MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage
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.



Please remember in your prayers, Fr Neil’s father and mother in Sri Lanka as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this Saturday.

Our congratulations to them both.



PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

FOR NOVEMBER

6th	Zoe Van Tilburg-Gerrard	17th	Maree Lynch
10th	Brian Collins	20th	Darren Schunke
16th	Fr Neil	21st	Nalini

FOR DECEMBER

16th	Sathyanga	28th	Don Currie
19th	Dick Hamson	29th	Jennie McDonald
26th	Dean Searcy	30th	Simon and Jon Hawkes

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

MU meeting : Tuesday, 9th November 2021 N.B. Change of date and venue



This will be our Christmas breakup meeting and will be held at President Anne's home, 15 Graney Court—commencing @ 12 noon.

Each member to bring a small plate to share, savoury or sweet. A collection will be taken up for ac.care.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Glenyse Nott
Secretary

The Petrol Raffle money!

Final reminder that the tickets and monies raised need to be returned *no later* than Thursday, 11th November.

The raffle will then be drawn at the Mini-Market and Garage Sale on Saturday, 13th November.

Jeff Bowman, Fundraising Team

Pharisees were not really motivated by the love of God in their giving and their act of generosity was without Devotion. Also Jesus berated them for living in plenty and yet offering only a little to God. The event of the widow of Zarephat and Elijah, is a clear indication that God gives back in abundance to those you give with a sincere heart. For he is a multiplying God. We pray for a kind and generous heart, and that in our giving, we may receive in abundance.

On this Remembrance Day we give thanks to all the people who have given their all. May they be rewarded in heaven. Remember this epitaph on an English gravestone: "What I kept I lost. What I spent I had. What I gave I have".

We are grateful to all our donors. May they receive a hundred-fold.

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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.

Images of the attendance at the last Eucharist & Decommissioning Service at St Thomas', Port MacDonnell



Following the service a luncheon was held at the Victoria Hotel, Port MacDonnell

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. is not allowed during this time of COVID 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.

Late Night Op Shopping

The Anglican Bell Tower Op Shop is participating in the Late Night Op Shopping event, which is part of the National Recycling Week.

This event will take place on **Tuesday, 9th November 2021** from **4.00pm to 7.00pm** at various locations around Mt Gambier and Penola. Please refer to separate notice for further details.

It would be great for the parish to support this event, and promote it with their friends. So please mark this date in your diary.

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
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'
1st & 3rd Thursdays	3.30-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm	Tea and coffee Charismatic prayer group in hall
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Tues, 9 Nov	12 noon 4.00pm— 7.00pm	Mothers' Union Christmas breakup meeting @ Anne Ashworth's home Late Night Op Shopping
Sat, 13 Nov		Mini Market and Garage Sale
Sun, 14 Nov		Memorial Garden Remembrance service
Fri, 19 Nov		White Ribbon Day
Sun, 21 Nov	9.30am	Christ the King Patronal Festival (one service only in parish today) followed by lunch at venue to be decided.
Sat, 18 Dec		Bunnings sausage sizzle