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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 Sulzberger, Bishop Michael Hough

#### Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

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

# **The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier**

**Christ Church Mount Gambier** 

St Luke's Mount Schank

St Thomas
Port MacDonnell

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Epiphany 2: 16th January 2022



# Do whatever Jesus tells you



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

#### DO WHATEVER JESUS TELLS YOU

The Gospel Reading (Jn 2:1-11) of today presents us with the first miracle of our Lord Jesus Christ at the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee where He changed water into wine, at the request of His Mother Mary and at the obedience to His instruction by the servants of the host.

The Wedding Feast of Cana gives us the first of the signs which reveal His glory. That means that if we pay attention, we shall see the divinity shining through Christ's humanity. This is another Epiphany, a manifestation of the divine.

God is always at work within us especially in the ordinary things of life, manifesting His glory and inviting us to believe in Him whose power working in us can achieve more than we can ever think of or imagine. Believing in Him not only opens our eyes to see more and more of His glory and to know and understand Him better and deeper but also leads us to share in His glory. May we continue to be witnesses of the glory of God and may our faith strengthen us to be sharers of this glory in this life and in the life to come.

The reading from the Prophet Isaiah today tells us that God cannot be silent any longer. God loves His bride, the Church, the people redeemed by His Son. God wants to rejoice in His people and wants His people to rejoice in Him. It is true that most of us have not seen a miracle such as this one. It is just as true that there are miracles as great as this happening even in our own day.

The miracle is not just changing water into wine, the miracle is also that Jesus helps others. The water into wine miracle just is the way that Jesus helps in this situation. The miracle is impressive, so also is the help to the newly married couple and their families.

Jesus is always willing to help, even when a miracle is not required. Am I willing to help others when they need me? Am I willing to give my time and my energy to helping others when it has no benefit for me?

The First Letter to the Corinthians, from which the second reading is taken today, continues this same message. Each of us has gifts and we are to use them to build up the body of Christ, to benefit others. Perhaps we think that our gifts are negligible. Perhaps we think that others have better or more important gifts than ours. That does not matter, whatever we are given, we are given to use them for others.

Sunday, 16th January 2022—Epiphany 2					
Isa 62. 1-5	Ps 96. 7-13	1 Cor 12. 4-11	John 2. 1-11		
Server		Darren Schunke			
Readers		David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth			
Intercessions	Intercessions		Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Sound desk		Robyn Ashby		
Flowers		_			
Sunday, 23rd January 2022—Epiphany 3					
Nehemiah 8. 2-10	Ps 19. 7-14	1 Cor 12. 12-30	Luke 1. 1-4; 4. 14-21		
Server	Server		Julienne Feast		
Readers		Bill Hudd / Robyn Ashby			
Intercessions	Intercessions		Julienne Feast		
Sound desk		Trevor Christopher			
Flowers		_			



ROSTERS FOR	JANUARY
GARDENING	Volunteer required
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
FOOD and 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.

#### PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



#### **FOR JANUARY**

6th	Peter Searcy
8th	Robyn Ashby
13th	Neil Geddes
17th	David Clarkson
27th	Lorraine Sims

#### **FOR FEBRUARY**

1st	Heather Allen
6th	Pam Miller
8th	Sandra Grant
9th	Maree McIntyre
10th	Fran Laslett
14th	Lisa Searcy
27th	Glenyse Nott

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

# Do you Know?

In the vestry above the TV is a box framed tapestry. It is surrounded in mystery! No one seems to know of it's origins but it was obviously deemed very important to preserve it for future generations.

It has been identified by Dr Linda Walker (Curator of the Needham 22 Faithful Gifts exhibition) to be of outstanding beauty.

If you know anything about the object or know someone who might, please contact Bill Hudd on 0477 504 223. Many thanks.

Today as we remember the Wedding Feast of Cana and the first of the great signs of Jesus, we can also deepen our awareness that life is to be given away for others, that our gifts are not to bring glory to us but to the Lord.

Concern for others is the beginning of miracles. Before Christ: there was emptiness, chaos and gloom. After Christ: abundance, cosmos and celebration.

If we live this mystery of the manifestation of God in the ordinary human reality, we will appreciate so much more that giving to others, loving others, is the art of loving God and living in Jesus. May our understanding allow our lives to manifest the Lord in this New Year.

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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.

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Virginia, together with her family, wishes to sincerely thank Father Neil and the Parish family for the love, prayers and support during their time of grieving. Lance enjoyed the fellowship and friendship during his time of worship at Christ Church.

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Our faith, and time, will heal our sadness.

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## 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; Shirley Stacpoole; Terry Wilson; Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother); Allan Hincks; Vern Petschel (Faye's uncle)

**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.

Please pray for the family and friends of Robert (Ned) Brown who passed away recently.

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—preferably 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.

The birthday listing has gone missing from the church!!

If anyone knows the whereabouts of it, it would be appreciated if could you please let the church office know. Many thanks.

# 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
1st & 3rd	3.30-4.00pm	Tea and coffee
Thursdays	4.00-5.00pm	Charismatic prayer group in hall



# **National Church Life Survey forms**

Please place your completed NCLS form in the box at the back of the church as soon as possible.

Thank you