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All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office **no later**

than

9.00am Thursday mornings please

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BSB : 105-002
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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



If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

**St Thomas
Port MacDonnell**

Epiphany 7 : 20th February 2022



Be kind and merciful



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



BE KIND AND MERCIFUL

At the heart of the teachings of Jesus that we hear today are two teachings that are so important in our lives: forgiveness and acceptance of mistreatment. Jesus tells us “love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you”. These teachings are so against our modern ways of thinking! Yes, these same teachings would revolutionize our present world if we all lived them. We see these teachings today in the story of David’s relationship with King Saul. We also see this today clearly in the Gospel reading. In the reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul tells us that we bear the image of the first man, Adam (earthly) and we shall also bear the image of the (heavenly one) Jesus Christ.

When someone hates you, you have two choices: you can hate them back or you can refuse to hate. When someone hurts you, you can respond in two ways: you can hurt them back or you can refuse to hurt. This is why Jesus teaches that we are to love our enemies, and why he enshrines that teaching in the golden rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do to you”. In face of violence Jesus says: turn the other cheek. He calls for resistance, but non-violent resistance – that states and lays claim to our own dignity and our own inner freedom. To turn the other cheek is to stand up straight, look the offender straight in the eye, name the injustice for what it is – and to claim our own dignity. It is most certainly not meek submission – “put up with it”, “say nothing”, “cover up” – that simply serves to feed a debilitating dependence. Remember Jesus under interrogation in the courtyard of the High Priest: Why did you strike me? – He confronted his aggressors.

Jesus wants God’s love to triumph over hatred and rancour in every heart. The logic of love, which culminates in Christ’s Cross, is a Christian’s badge and induces us to meet everyone with the heart of brothers and sisters. But how is it possible to overcome human instinct and the worldly law of retaliation? Jesus provides the answer in the same Gospel passage: “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (v. 36). Those who hear Jesus, who make an effort to follow him even at a cost, become children of God, and begin to truly resemble the Father who is in heaven. We become capable of things we never thought we could say or do, and of which we would have been rather ashamed, but which now give us joy and peace instead. We no longer need to be violent, with words and gestures: we discover that we are capable of tenderness and goodness; and we sense that all of this comes not from ourselves but from him!

Sunday, 20th February 2022 : Ordinary Sunday 7			
1 Sam 26. 22-23	Ps 103. 1-5	1 Cor 15. 45-49	Luke 6. 27-38
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Lynn and Rick Fisher		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
Sunday, 27th February 2022 : Ordinary Sunday 8			
Eccles 10. 8-14	Ps 92. 5-15	1 Cor 15. 54-58	Luke 6. 39-45
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		

ROSTERS FOR	FEBRUARY
GARDENING 	Richard Strickland
 MOWING ROSTER	Darryl Grant
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.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our first Garage Sale for 2022 was well supported by the local community. Takings on the day amounted to \$819.35 which was an outstanding result. There were undoubtedly many “hidden treasures” in amongst the many items in the shed. Thank you to those people who helped throughout the morning, particularly with setting up & packing up.

The Op Shop also had a very productive morning with takings of \$370.00. This reflects the great work our volunteers continue to provide every day the shop is open.

⇒ Our first **MINI MARKET** for the year will be on **Saturday, 26th March**.
 More details soon.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



FEBRUARY

1st Heather Allen
 4th Peter Coulson
 6th Pam Miller
 8th Sandra Grant
 9th Maree McIntyre
 10th Fran Laslett
 13th Lisa Searcy
 14th Val Linder
 27th Glenyse Nott

MARCH

2nd Sadewu
 2nd Coral Chaffey
 6th Ruth Clarkson
 7th Tara McCracken
 8th Amanda McKinnon
 10th Matthew Allen
 19th Dot Saffin
 24th Denise McDonald
 28th Helen Douglass

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



There is nothing greater and more fruitful than love: it bestows all dignity to the person, while, on the contrary, hatred and vengeance decrease it. This command, to respond to insult and wrongdoing with love, has created a new culture in the world: “a culture of mercy” — we need to learn this well! And properly practice this culture of mercy. And Jesus assures us that our behaviour, inspired by love for those who do us harm, will not be in vain. He tells us: “forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you” (vv. 37-38). This is beautiful. God will give us something beautiful if we are generous, merciful. We must forgive because God has forgiven us and always forgives us.

We must forgive because God has forgiven us and always forgives us. If we do not forgive completely, we cannot expect to be forgiven completely. However, if our hearts are open to mercy, if we seal forgiveness with a brotherly embrace and secure the bonds of communion, we proclaim to the world that it is possible to overcome evil with good. At times it is easier for us to remember the harm they have done to us and not the good things; to the point that there are people who have this habit and it becomes a sickness. They are “collectors of injustice”: they only remember the bad things done. And this is not a path. We must do the opposite Jesus says. Remember the good things, and when someone comes with some gossip, and speaks ill of another, say: “Yes, perhaps ... but he has this good quality...”. Turn the discussion around. This is the revolution of mercy.

cf. Internet Libreria Editrice V

URGENT — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

MORNING TEA ROSTER

Volunteers are required if we are to reinstate morning tea following the 9.30am Service on 27th March.

Please speak to Julianne Feast or Fr Neil if you are able to go on the roster.

BELL RINGER ROSTER

We are seeking at least one other person (or 2 !) who would like to ring the bell prior to the 9.30am Sunday service. On-the-job training will be provided.

Please prayerfully consider where you might be able to help ‘fill the gaps’ on the above rosters.

What? PARISH RETREAT
@ Tarooki Campside, Robe

When? 1st—3rd April 2022

Cost? \$160 pp inc. accommodation and food

The retreat numbers are being limited to 40 attendees, so if you would like to take part, please contact Fr Neil or leave a message at the Parish Office.

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.

We now have a Facebook page. If you use FB just key in Christ Church Mount Gambier and you will reach the site.

Please 'like' the page and if there is anything you would like to post related to our Church please do. We have 2 admin people Sandy and Faye who approve items before they are posted.

Please contact Sandy Coulson on 0429 116 910 if you have any queries.

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;

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—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.

Please note

With the passing of the Parochial Administration Ordinance 2021 at Synod last year, the date for the Annual Meeting (previously known as the Annual Vestry Meeting) has been set for all parishes in the Diocese to be held on **SUNDAY, 13th MARCH 2022.**

Please mark this important date in your diary and be part of the support mechanism and decision making of our Parish for the forthcoming year.

All volunteers involved in the gardening and mowing are invited to the Limestone Coast Pantry on Tuesday, 22nd February @ 10.00am to discuss how best to proceed with the rosters.

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 Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
Mondays and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Tuesdays	5.00pm	Evening Prayer via ZOOM
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
3rd Thursdays	4.00-5.00pm	Charismatic prayer group in St Margaret's Chapel

Wed, 2 March	5.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY service
Sat, 5 March	10.00am	Lenten Studies commence @ Christ Church (lead by Fr Neil) (Bible Study groups will also commence their Lenten Studies)
Thurs, 4 March	7.00pm	World Day of Prayer @ Uniting Church, Elizabeth Street
8—10 March		Diocesan Clergy Training
Sun, 13 March	following 9.30am service	Annual Meeting (previously known as Annual Vestry Meeting)
Tues, 22 March	3.15pm	Fundraising meeting in Ashworth Room
Sat, 26 March	8.30am	Mini Market and Garage Sale
Sun, 27 March		Mothering Sunday
1-3 April		Parish Retreat at Tarooki Campsite, Robe