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

9.00am Thursday mornings please

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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**

Epiphany 5 : 6th February 2022



Launch out into the deep



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



LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP

Today, the readings remind us that God’s call to a person and the positive response to that call leads the person to discipleship. Presenting the special calls, of Isaiah, Paul and Peter as life-changing events, the readings challenge us to examine our own personal calls and responses to conversion and discipleship. The first lesson for us is that God can indeed change what we are. A second lesson is that God can change what we do. We can note three things about this Divine call: it comes from God, there is a purification and cleansing, and, finally, there is a willingness on the part of the one who is called to respond with assent.

Every Christian by virtue of baptism has a special call from God to carry out a specific mission. Just as each one of us is unique so is our mission. We have both individual and collective mission. Each person has a unique imprint to make in the world that no one else can. “ *We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.*” – St. Francis de Sales. When we relate closely with God in the solitude and silence of interior life then we can hear and discern what He calls us to do. What is God’s criteria for calling people to serve and how does one qualify? God does not look at the external features of a person or is He concerned about the qualification or skill. Without favouritism or prejudice, God extends His call equally to everyone. His criteria seem to be His trust that you can do it because He provides whatever is needed to accomplish the mission. But do we respond positively to God’s call? This call may come in different forms; it could be to help a person in need, to forgive a brother or sister, to volunteer for some social or religious service, to preach or to pray for others. In a more general sense, it could be a call to the priesthood, to religious life or marital life. *We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things.*

When we examine the lives of Isaiah, Paul and Peter in relation to their response to God’s call, something very remarkable comes to light namely the feeling of personal unworthiness and a willingness to answer the call; This is what qualifies a person to answer God’s call. God chooses what is weak to shame the strong(cf [1Cor1:27](#)). He does not call the qualified but qualifies the called. It is only God’s grace that supplies what is lacking in our ability to answer God’s call hence Paul acknowledged “ *I am what I am only by the grace of God*”. Proud and haughty people will never submit to God’s call. We need to see ourselves as unworthy children of God and submit ourselves to God so that His grace will lift us up and strengthen us to answer whenever and wherever He asks us to go so that like Isaiah we can say “ *Here I am Lord send me*”.

Sunday 6th Feb 2022 Epiphany 5			
Isa 6. 1-13	Ps 138. 1-6	1 Cor.15. 1-11	Luke 5. 1-11
Server			
Readers	To be advised		
Intercessions	To be advised		
Sound desk	To be advised		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges & O. Green		
Sunday 13th Feb 2022 Septuagesima Ord. Sun 6			
Jer 17.5-8	Ps 1	1 Cor. 15.12-20	Luke 6. 17-26
Server			
Readers	To be advised		
Intercessions	To be advised		
Sound desk	To be advised		
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.

GARDENING ROSTER

We are in **URGENT** need of more people to go on the gardening roster. Several people who were on the list are no longer in the parish or health issues prevent them from continuing.

Both the front garden and the Memorial Garden require attention with weeding and general tidying up.

If you feel you could help fill some of the gaps on the roster, please contact Robyn Sweetnam on 0498 968 394 as soon as possible.



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

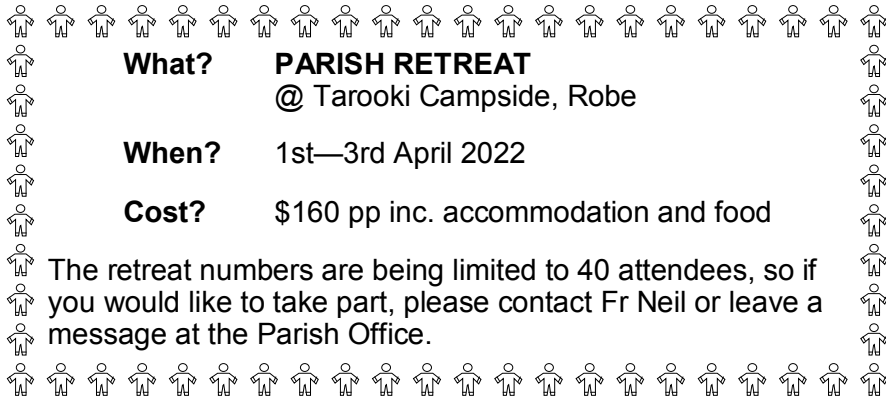
MARCH

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
 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



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.

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.

The Church and our world today is going through difficult and tumultuous times. Our world has seized to be conducive because we have lost sight of our missions. Many never answered God's call, many are still wallowing in ignorance trying to discern who is calling or what they are called for. Worst still many who accepted God's call, allowed selfish interest to come between them and God. They abandoned the sender, the mission and message entrusted to them and embraced personal mission, preach the personal message and take all the glory for their accomplishments. *A mission without God is a failed one.* Simon Peter and his fellow fishermen toiled all night at the sea and caught nothing but when Jesus instructed " *Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch* ", Simon obeyed and made an unimaginable catch. If we turn back to God and heed to His instructions, our world shall be salvaged from total collapse and disintegration. If we abandon our mission as Christians in search of some personal goals and interests, we shall register little or no success. *True success in our call comes with total dependence on God* who called us because when we separate ourselves from God we shall not achieve anything. (cf Jn 15:5)

God called and continues to call some unworthy characters: King David, Mary Magdalene, the penitent thief at Our Lord's Crucifixion, you, and me. Doesn't this give us all hope for our salvation, the ultimate reunion with God the Father. We are called by our baptism to follow the Lord. We are purified, regularly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Let us be open to God who is daily calling us to serve, to love, to holiness, to make a difference in our world. Cf. Internet



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.

