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

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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



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The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier


Christ Church Mount Gambier **St Luke's Mount Schank**

Lent 2 : 13th March 2022



**BUT OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN,
FROM WHICH WE ALSO EAGERLY WAIT
FOR A SAVIOR, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.
PHILIPPIANS 3:20**

Our citizenship is in heaven

 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



OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN

On the mountain Peter, James and John saw that there was more to Jesus than met the eye. During the transfiguration they got a glimpse of the future glory of Jesus' resurrection. Like them we too get glimpses of the presence of God in our lives. We get glimpses of God in the love we receive from other people. We get glimpses of God when badly needed help suddenly comes to us from out of nowhere. We get glimpses of God when we look back over our lives and what we couldn't understand in the past makes sense now. We see glimpses of God when we see someone making a sacrifice to help somebody else. We see glimpses of God in the beauty of a fine day, a nice beach or a beautiful sunrise or sunset. We see glimpses of God when a passage from the Bible or a homily strikes a cord in our hearts. We get a glimpse of God when we spend time in prayer and experience the loving presence of God in our lives. We get more than just a glimpse of God when we receive the body of Jesus in Holy Communion. The Transfiguration coming early in Lent encourages us to continue our Lenten penances because it reminds us of the glory of Jesus risen from the dead.

Peter's amazement and statement: "Lord it is wonderful for us to be here..." is interesting. However, he was wrong, and was only being human. No, it was not yet time to rest, or enter the fullness of this glory. (The struggle continues, and victory is certain through Christ). For the apostles did not want to leave Mount Tabor but they did not want to stay in the garden of Gethsemane. When Jesus was arrested, they all fled. We can all identify with the apostles because in our mountain-top experience of joy and consolation, we also want to stay. We want this experience to go on forever. But then in the moments of trial we want to flee. We forget that our Lord never promised us a rose garden. "If anyone will come after me let them take up their cross daily and follow me". The transfiguration was the mountain-top experience for the apostles, which prepared them for their future trials. The Holy Eucharist is our mountain-top experience which prepare us for the trials of our day. In the joy and consolation of Communion, we say with Peter, "Lord it is good for us to be here". We do not want to leave. But later we hear the words at the end of the Eucharist "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another". So we pick up our cross and leave to face the trials of the day. The season of Lent is an invitation to leave behind our self and discover our true self.

When Jesus and the disciples came down the mountain Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about his transfiguration until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Of course they did not know what he meant. Unknown to them the glory of Jesus' transfiguration was preparing them to accept the scandal of the cross. They

Sunday, 13th March 2022 : Lent 2			
Gen 15. 5-18	Ps 27. 9-17	Phil 3. 17—4.1	Luke 9. 28b-36
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	David Glover / Julienne Feast		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Sunday, 20th March 2022 : Lent 3			
Exod 3. 1-15	Ps 103. 8-18	1 Cor 10. 1-13	Luke 13. 1-9
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		

ROSTERS FOR	MARCH
GARDENING 	Fran Laslett
 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.

PLEASE NOTE

The Op Shop will be closed on Thursday, 17th March and Friday, 18th March due to the SA Electoral Commission using the hall, kitchen, Ashworth Room and toilet facilities from the Thursday through until Sunday.

Parishioners are reminded that these areas cannot be accessed by the public over those 3 days.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



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!!



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Thank you**

would understand this only afterwards when looking back. The good times take us through the bad times. So when our cross is heavy or when we are tempted to despair about the meaning of life, let us look beyond the pain of the present moment and remember those times when we got glimpses of God, those times when God sent us his consolations. Let us look beyond the pain of life and see the presence of God in our world, and the offer of life that God wants to make to each of us. Let us look beyond the illusion of happiness that this life offers to the real happiness that God offers us.

The transfiguration drama is meant to remind us that, if we work hard and remain faithful to God's call and command, we shall be among the triumphant church. This glory is only a glimpse of the future glory of our final destination. So, in order to share in Christ's glory, we must first walk with him to Calvary. The glory revealed today should serve as the "activation energy" that motivates us to continue walking towards our final destination.

The journey is not yet over, and truly, not an easy one. However, Christ is with us. So, He encourages and tells us: "Do not be afraid!"

cf. Internet

MORE FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our first Mini Market will be held on **Saturday 26th March** from 8.30am – 12.30pm. At this stage we plan to have the following: Garage Sale, Plants, Craft & a Food stall.

We are hoping to have a coffee van again. If anyone else would like to convene a stall please contact Jeff B 0487 486 260 no later than 13th March.

PLEASE NOTE

For some time we have been concerned about the impact of our volunteers in the shed having to lift & move heavy items. As a result we have made the following decision:

"In the interests of the safety & well being of our volunteers, we will no longer accept donations of furniture or other items which are heavier than 20 kg, e.g. wardrobes, lounges, recliners, sofa beds etc. Whilst we appreciate people's generosity we need to protect our volunteers from the risk of injuries that might be incurred by lifting or manoeuvring heavy items."

Fundraising Team

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.

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.	

**Last call!! Have you booked?
Numbers needed by Fr Neil by 10th March.**

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.

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. Thank you.

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.

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Does anyone know the history of the giant cypress/pine tree next to the driveway on Bay Road. If you have any relevant info please contact Robyn Sweetnam on 0498 968 394.

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

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

