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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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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, Lynn Fisher, 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 St Luke's
Mount Gambier Mount Schank

Lent 3 : 20th March 2022



Change your ways and repent



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

CHANGE YOUR WAYS AND REPENT



We are in the third Sunday of Lent. All three of today's readings speak of God's mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment while giving them another chance despite their repeated sins. Although God's love for us is constant and consistent, He will not save us without our co-operation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives by producing fruits of love, compassion, forgiveness, and faithful service.

In the first reading of today, God says: "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering". These lines beautifully express the compassionate heart of our God. Yes, the Israelites disobeyed God and as their punishment, God allowed them to experience the hard times of being under the bondage of slavery in Egypt. It was this hard experience that made them realize their need for God, and they cried out for deliverance. Their cries and prayers were heard by God, only after they had paid the price for their sins. At the right time, God stepped in to end their woes and slavery by appointing a mediator—Moses to spearhead the mission of their liberation as the leader of His people. God provided all that was needed to successfully accomplish that task of liberating His people from bondage and slavery.

In today's Gospel Jesus was confronted about two issues; Pilate's brutality to the Galileans and the sad fate of eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell. The people informed Jesus of these two situations thinking that they were better off. While it was true that they were suffering oppression and injustice from the Romans, for Jesus, even those whose cause is just need conversion. One who seeks justice is not exempted from being just! But the lesson is clear; just as the fig tree is given a chance to bear fruit, all of us will be given chances to repent and bear fruit. The same is true with those who were killed by the fallen tower of Siloam. Jesus would not want to waste time talking about why those people suffered a tragic fate. He wanted His listeners to dwell on things which will make them bear fruit. And that is through repentance.

Difficulties and hardships are part and parcel of our existential experience. In the dark moments of our lives, we often fail to acknowledge the presence of God. Often, we think that God does not hear, understand or see our afflictions but on the contrary, He sees, He knows, and He understands because nothing escapes His Knowledge – He is all-knowing. The hard times we experience are often God's ways of disciplining us because He loves us. *Proverbs 3:12* says: "... because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in". Both the sinner

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		
Sunday, 27th March 2022 : Lent 4			
Josh 5. 2-12	Ps 34. 1-10	2 Cor 5. 17-21	Luke 15. 1-3, 11-32
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Bill Hudd / Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		

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.

- 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.

GARAGE SALE **and MINI MARKET** **SATURDAY 26TH MARCH** **CHURCH GROUNDS &** **HALL** **8.30am – 12.30pm**

Stalls & convenors include:

- **Shed: Trevor Christopher 0400 745 056**
- **Craft: Kathy MacIntosh 0447 255 790**
- **Plants: Andrew Hogg 0428 104 160**
- **Cakes & Produce: Roma Driscoll
0455 544 143**
- **Food: Fr Neil & Nalini 0478 085 894**

**Any donations for the stalls would be appreciated.
Please contact either the convenors or Jeff
Bowman 0487 486 260 if you are able to help.**

**The Bell Tower Op Shop will be holding a “FILL A BAG
SALE FOR \$3.” This includes clothing, shoes &
handbags.**

and the saint experience the “disciplinary love of God”. The degree of suffering is not directly proportional to one’s sins, only God knows the measure and degree of discipline He applies in dealing with His children in love, so when one person suffers more than the other, it is not because that person has sinned more than others. One basic truth about life is that we often suffer the consequences of our choices – good or bad.

Today, maybe your second chance; *“Sir, leave it for this year also, it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down”*. Jesus is that mediator pleading on God the father for more time for us. Let’s appreciate the redemptive work of Christ in our lives and repent from our sins. The Lenten season is an ideal time “to dig around and manure” the tree of our spiritual life so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance, reconciliation, forgiveness and sensitivity to the feelings of others. We need to make the best use of the “second chances” God gives us. During Lent, too, we are given another chance to repent and return to our Heavenly Father’s love.

Now is the time to reconcile with God and others. Tomorrow is a promise to no one. While time still lasts let us bear the fruits of holiness and reconcile with God and others.

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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.

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.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



MARCH

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

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	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 3rd Thursdays	3.30-4.00pm 4.00-5.00pm	Tea and coffee Charismatic prayer group in St Margaret's Chapel

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
Sat, 9 April	11.30am	Opening of "Faithful Gifts" exhibition @ Riddoch Art Gallery

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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.

