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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew
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9.00am Thursday mornings please

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Details for giving by Direct Debit : The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier
BSB : 105-002
A/c number : 041 398 740



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**

Lent 1 : 6th March 2022

**Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer**

*Overcome evil through prayer, fasting
and almsgiving*



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

OVERCOME EVIL THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

On this very first Sunday of Lent, the Word of God reminds us that God is first, and he must be first in our lives! In the first reading, Moses instructed the Israelites to place God first in their lives. Centuries later, Jesus demonstrated how to place his Father first in our lives. Moses knew his people were capable of abandoning God once they succeeded; he had in mind the precedence of his people worshipping the golden calf and claiming it had delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

When God formed a people for Himself, the Israelites, they also experienced a time of testing. After they had been liberated from slavery in Egypt and had begun their journey home to the Promised Land, they had to sojourn in the desert, where they faced shortages of food and drink, attacks by their enemies, and the temptation to return to Egypt in their hearts by practicing the idolatry they had left behind there. God was teaching His people to trust Him, no matter what.

They found this hard to do! Over and over, they, too, let their trust in God's Fatherhood die. Even when they reached the Promised Land, they refused to take possession of it, fearing its inhabitants more than they feared God. This final disobedience resulted in forty years of wandering in the desert, until the hard-hearted generation got what they wanted—they died before they could ever step foot in Canaan.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and tested by the devil for forty days. During this time Jesus proved his love for his Father was stronger than everything else. Our love for Jesus leads us to want to draw closer to Jesus during Lent and overcome anything in our lives from the devil that keeps us apart from Jesus. Jesus in the desert is our model during Lent. If Jesus had given in to any temptation of the devil, he would have wrecked his Father's plans. When we give in to temptation, we wreck God's plans for us. Sin separates us from what God intends for us. Sin separates us from God. It has been like that since the first sin, the sin of Adam in the Garden of Paradise. As a result of that sin Adam and Eve were thrown out of the garden. Sin separates us from Jesus. But our love for Jesus impels us to want to overcome sin during Lent so that we will not be separated from Jesus. Our love for Jesus impels us to take Lent seriously so that at the end of Lent we will be closer to Jesus.

Do you love Jesus enough to fix whatever in your life is separating you from Jesus? Lent is the time to do it. Do we love Jesus enough to take Lent seriously so that at the end of Lent we can say we gave up this sin or overcame that sinful inclination so that we could be closer to Jesus? Do we love Jesus enough so that when we

Sunday, 6th March 2022 : Lent 1			
Deut 26. 1-11	Ps 91. 1-12	Romans 10. 5-13	Luke 4. 1-13
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Brian Smith / Raylene Milligan		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Darren Schunke		
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		

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.

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!!



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

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

Bush Church Aid

It’s box opening time again. Please return your box to the Parish Office as soon as possible to enable the money to be counted and forwarded to BCA.

Thank you

celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the end of Lent, we can also celebrate Jesus’ new life in us because we overcame sin during Lent? Lent is the time to draw closer to Jesus.

When we are ill we go to the doctor and the doctor writes a prescription. If we take the medicine, we hope to get better. For centuries the Church has recommended medicine during Lent to help us get better, to bring us closer to Jesus and help us overcome sin. That medicine is the three things we heard in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday (Matt 6:1-6, 16-18); prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are a remedy to help cure our soul. This remedy is the wisdom of centuries of experience; the experience of centuries of holy people who drew closer to God during Lent with the remedy of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Not only is this remedy the wisdom of centuries of experience of holy people, it is the teaching of Jesus. As we heard in the Gospel on Ash Wednesday it is Jesus who taught us about prayer, who taught us the value of fasting, who taught us the value of almsgiving. Why would someone question what Jesus taught us and say there is a better way during Lent? Jesus in the desert is our model during Lent.

Our love for Jesus leads us to want to draw closer to Jesus during Lent and overcome anything in our lives from the devil that keeps us apart from Jesus. We can do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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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.

Numbers are needed by 10th March, so please let Fr Neil know ASAP if you intend going to the Parish Retreat!!

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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force for your protection and the protection of all attendees at services**

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

Sat, 5 March	10.00am	Lenten Studies commence @ Christ Church (led by Fr Neil) (Bible Study groups will also commence their Lenten Studies)
8—10 March		Diocesan Clergy Training (Fr Neil will be attending this training)
Thurs, 10 March	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
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