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Pew Sheet

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, Lynn Fisher, Dick Hamson, Graham Savage, Robyn Sweetnam, Sandy Coulson



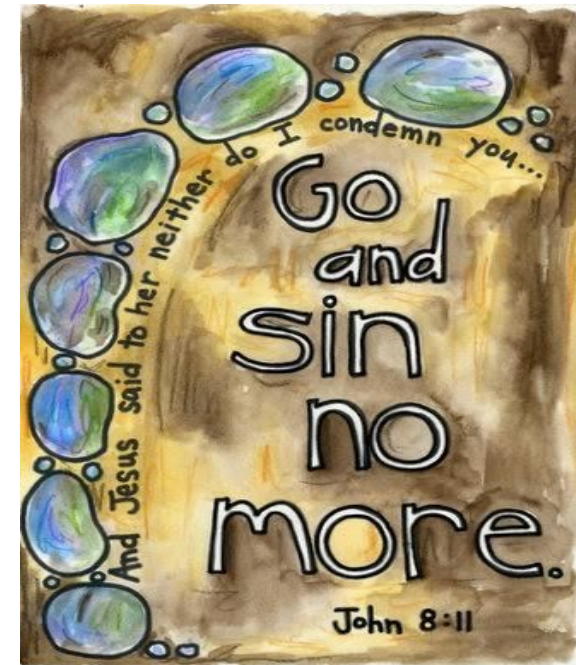
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier**

**St Luke's
Mount Schank**

Lent 5 : 3rd April 2022



I condemn you not, go and sin no more



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

I condemn you not — go and sin no more



The Prophet Isaiah tells us in the first reading today: “Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new!” What is this prophecy of a new thing? This prophecy indicates the coming of the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit who was active in creation and would provide consolation and hope to the people. Centuries later, the early disciples of Christ would remember this message and recognize renewal in relationship to Jesus.

From the Letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul tells us that no pleasure, gift, talent, or riches can rival the invaluable blessing of possessing Christ. To the converted Paul, then, the value of everything else would fade away: “I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Jesus my Lord. For Him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in Him” (Phil. 3:8).

As Christian disciples we are expected to put everything at the service of our relationship with Christ. Through Christ our relationship with His Father has changed. A renewal has taken place because He demonstrated His love for us by living among us. Like St Paul, may we value our faith in Jesus Christ, the only Way to the Father in heaven, above all other things (money, business, and life). And may our way to heaven, where Christ has made us citizens (Phil 3:20), be secured forever in His name.

The Gospel of John lays bare how Jesus living among us showed us mercy and forgiveness. Jesus shows His loving kindness to the woman caught in adultery. The mercy of God does not condone sin but rather compassionately recognizes repentance and grants forgiveness. In every work of God both justice and mercy are united and they support each other. Justice without mercy is cruelty; and mercy without justice is ruin, destruction. The experience of Christ’s love provides an opportunity to move forward in a renewed life of holiness. Why should we think that He would not show us the same loving kindness? We can accept His invitation to believe, to move forward, and to walk the path as His followers. Especially at this time of Lent. No matter how much we may stumble and fall, He is always there, inviting us to be with Him, renewing us, urging us to begin again.

Sunday, 3rd April 2022 : Lent 5			
Isa 43. 16-21	Ps 126	Phil 3. 8-14	John 8. 1-11
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Denise McDonald / Helen Douglass		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Sunday, 10th April 2022 : Palm Sunday			
Isa 50. 4-7	Ps 22. 6-22	Phil 2. 5-11	Luke 22. 14—23.56
Server	N/A—outdoor service		
Readers	N/A—outdoor service		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	N/A—outdoor service		

ROSTERS FOR	APRIL
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Graham Savage
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.

There are a number of Lenten bible study books still available @ \$10 each.

They can be found at the rear of the church—and it would be appreciated if you could place your \$10 donation for the book in the locked box.

RECYCLING ICE CREAM CONTAINERS

Do you have any spare 2L, 4L or larger cream or white ice cream containers? If so, Andrew Hogg & Jeff Bowman would gladly take them off your hands as they cut them up and use them for labels on their plants.

If you can help, please leave them in the Vestry or drop them off at the Op Shop.

EASTER SERVICE TIMES : 2022

Maundy Thursday Thursday, 14 April	7.00pm	at Christ Church
Good Friday Friday, 15 April	9.30am	at Christ Church <i>(This is the only service in parish this day)</i>
Easter Eve Saturday, 16 April	7.00pm	at St Lukes, Mt Schank
Easter Day Sunday, 17 April	9.00am	at Christ Church <i>(This is the only service in parish this day)</i>

Bishop Keith Dalby will be presiding at all services



Bishop Keith will be in the Parish from Maundy Thursday until Easter Sunday.

If you are able to host Bishop Keith for a meal during this time, please let Fr Neil know as soon as possible.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

APRIL

8th	Joan Tremelling		
10th	Roger Jones	16th	Glen Solomons
10th	Darryll Grant	30th	Sue Ongley
11th	Sandy Coulson		

We wish them all a very happy birthday!!

If you would like your name on the birthday list, please contact the Parish Office so that your details can be included.

Thank you



Our Christian life is about meeting Jesus every day and knowing that His love for us is ever new. Life in Christ gives us strength to overcome difficulties that come into our lives. This Lententide is not about being perfect. Rather, it is about learning to follow the Lord Jesus as best we can, always relying on His love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Let us fill us with joy knowing for sure God forgives us everything, absolutely everything we ever did, are doing, or will do, through repentance in the sacrament of reconciliation.

Let us ask during this Lent: Lord Jesus, renew us with your love. "God will make a way, where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side, with love and strength for each new day. He will make a way. (Don Moen's song).

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.



Parish Retreat Saturday, 2nd April 2022

9.00am—3.30pm
Led by Bishop Michael Huff

\$20 per head—which includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.

(This will be followed by an Interfaith Service 3.30pm—4.30pm in the church grounds. A collection will be taken with the proceeds being sent to the flood victims in the eastern states via the Red Cross)

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.

Please also pray for the family and friends of Glenice Searles and June Willcourt—both of whom died 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.

.GARAGE SALE and MINI MARKET

This event held last Saturday was a great success and was blessed with a beautiful morning. Proceeds from the stalls & shed amounted to \$2980.35 while the Op Shop was very busy with takings of \$380.55 on the final day of its \$3 a bag sale. A summary of takings for each stall can be found below. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with this event.

Shed	766.45
Plants	987.05
Craft	332.35
Cakes	530.50
Curries	224.00
Donations	140.00
TOTAL	\$2,980.35

**Jeff Bowman
for Fundraising Team**

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

Sat, 2 April	9.30am— 3.30pm	Retreat in Parish Hall (for full details see separate notice in pew sheet)
	3.30pm— 4.30pm	Interfaith Service in church grounds
Fri, 8 April	10.00am	Funeral of June Willcourt @ Christ Church
Sat, 9 April	11.30am	Opening of "Faithful Gifts" exhibition @ Riddoch Art Gallery
Sun, 10 April Palm Sunday	9.30am	Blessing of the Palms and Passion enacted by the children in the church grounds BYO chair (this is the only service in parish this day)
Thurs, 13 April	9.30am	Men do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry