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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, 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**

Easter 4 : 15th May 2022



 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 no longer mandatory.
However, you may—as a matter of personal choice—choose to wear one
when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop
or meetings at the church.
Hand sanitizing is still strongly recommended.***

From Fr Neil

BY OUR LOVE THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

The theme of this Sunday’s readings is about love: God’s love for us, and our response of love to Him. The core of the entire Gospel proclamation is: “A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you”. Self- sacrificing love is the true mark of a Christian. This love is not easy for it necessarily entails sacrifices on our part, just as God willingly sacrificed His own Son for us.

The first reading is from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. It is quite inspiring how the apostles tried their best to follow the love of Jesus. The missionary journeys of St. Paul, accompanied by Barnabas, are clear illustrations of this. They were ready and willing to forgo personal comfort and undergo indescribable sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel. It is the main content of their exhortation: “It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God”. Their love for the Lord totally erases all selfish and worldly desires. In the end, they even gave up their lives for the sake of Christ – total dedication and self-sacrifice. They have discovered the real meaning of love.

Love means sacrifice. Love is a very common word. In fact, we use it very loosely and we have the tendency to trivialize it. Seldom do we realize the grandeur and profundity of its meaning and the seriousness of its challenge. In the Gospel, Jesus made a very important qualification to the love he is talking about; Jesus is urging us to follow his kind of love, that is, self-sacrificing love, even to the point of offering oneself for the beloved. In our experience, true love hurts. But the hurt becomes bearable, and even meaningful and necessary because it is borne out of love. That is precisely the difference between a donation and a sacrifice. A donation is something that comes out of the pocket; a sacrifice comes out of the heart. And God is not asking for our donation; rather, He is asking for sacrifice, something painful because it is what we give from our hearts filled with love.

Love makes faith real and unifying. Mother Teresa said: “If faith is scarce, it is because there is too much selfishness in the world, too much egoism. Faith, in order to be authentic, has to be generous and giving. Love and faith go hand in hand”. This is the main problem among many Christians. We tend to separate faith from love. We pray and worship God, but our hearts are selfish. We are not generous enough. We are not willing and ready to make sacrifices. If ever we give, we oftentimes give grudgingly and we expect in return. How can a people, united in worship, be so divided? We pray together, but we do not act together. And we enjoy spreading gossips and intrigues, and fomenting dissent. What exacerbates the situation is because we are not only the agents of gossips; we are also its willing clients. So long as there are people willing to listen to and believe in false and malicious stories, these will never end.

SUNDAY, 15th May 2022 : Easter 4			
Acts 14. 21b-27	Ps 145. 8-21	Rev 21. 1-6	John 13. 31-35
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	TBA		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland		
Morning Tea	Diane Burton / Viginia Kuhl		
SUNDAY, 22nd May 2022 : Easter 5			
Acts 15. 1-2, 22-29	Ps 67	Rev 21. 10-14, 22-23	John 14. 23-29
Server	Julienne Feast		
Reader	Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		
Morning Tea	The Men		

ROSTERS FOR	MAY
GARDENING	Richard Strickland
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland
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.

Roster Update

Thanks to all who responded recently to a request to boost our Rosters people pool.

I am building on those responses and will have a new roster ready in a week or two – much appreciated.

Of course we are entering new territory now with the prospect of 3 Sunday services ! – so whatever I come up with is bound to need a massage fairly soon. We go forward with God's guidance – and on that light please take time to identify your areas of interest as Robyn A starts to circulate her thoughts on a way forward.

Warm regards Richard Mills

We welcome the parents, godparents and friends of

Noah James Jenkin
and
Lawrence Sanhtwe



who are being baptised into our parish family today.

WORKING BEE This Saturday, 14th May from 9.00am

If you are able to spare some time to come and help with the working bee, please bring your gardening tools, gloves etc. with you.

The more helpers we can get, the shorter the time spent on the tasks.

The more, the merrier!!!

Ladies do Coffee

A month has gone by and it is time for us all to catch up again. Last Monday was lovely with 13 attending—let's see if we can raise the number this time!

We'll meet at the Limestone Coast Pantry on Tuesday, 17th May 2022 at 2.00pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Glenyse Nott
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Love is the only true mark of a Christian. We are all followers of Christ. But not all are true followers. Many are Christians in name, others are by convenience, and many others are seasonal Christians. Going to church, and joining religious organizations or ministries, though these are commendable in themselves, are not proofs of being true followers of Christ. There is always the need to purify our motivations and rectify our directions. Everything we do that may be good in themselves lose meaning and value when they are not done out of love. Ref. Corinthians, chapter 13 – all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in vain when there is no love. In other words, the value of anything we do will only come when we do it out of love.

Love one another as Jesus has loved you.

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FUNDRAISING NEWS – THERE'S PLENTY OF IT!!

The Fundraising Team have the following events planned for the next couple of months. Your help with any of these events would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday 21st May Election Day : Sausage sizzle

7.30am – 12.30pm.

At least 3 helpers required each shift: cook, serving, taking money.

Please put your name on the roster in the church if you can help.

Setting up from 7.00am.

Enquiries: Jeff Bowman 0487486260

Saturday 28th May : Garage Sale & Mini Market

8.30am – 12.30am

Stalls will include **Produce, Craft & Plants** as well as the **shed**.

Setting up from 7.00am

We would like to have at least **ONE FOOD** stall such as soup on the day.

If anyone is willing to make soup and/or oversee the selling of it or has another idea, please contact Jeff B 0487 486 260 before 15th May.

WOOD RAFFLE

We have been offered a TRAILER LOAD OF WOOD to raffle during June/July and are planning to commence selling tickets at the Mini Market. **Please contact Jeff if you would be willing to sell tickets at the Mini Market for a couple of hours. Either 8.30am – 10.30am or 10.30am – 12.30pm.**

We would also appreciate parishioners taking a booklet of tickets to sell as we did last year with the Petrol Raffle. Tickets will be available after 28th May.

The raffle will be drawn at our **Parish Meat Pie & Mash Luncheon** in the hall on **Sunday, 17th July**. More details about this event closer to the time.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE : SUNDAY, 17TH JULY
Parish Meat Pie & Mash Luncheon.

Pray for those who are unwell and for each other

Val Linder; Sue Ongley; Maree & Bob Lynch; 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.

Wearing of face masks is no longer mandatory. However, you may—as a matter of personal choice—choose to wear one when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop or meetings at the church.



PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

MAY

4th Bob Lynch
17th Clifflie Cox
25th Jenny Bowman
30th Catherine Gerard

JUNE

5th Rick Fisher
6th Val Collins
9th Bev Hamson
19th Ryan Searcy



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



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
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room

Tues, 17 May	2.00pm	Ladies do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Sat, 21 May	7.30am	Election Day Sausage Sizzle
Sat, 28 May:	8.30am	Garage Sale & Mini Market
Fri, 3 June - Sat, 4 June		Synod in Murray Bridge
Tues, 7 June	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting

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.