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diocese of the **murray** *walking the way*

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 6 : 29th May 2022

Remain Focused in Jesus

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.

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Hand santizing is still strongly recommended.

From Fr Neil

Remain focused on Jesus

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Jesus. His Ascension completes the process of a cycle. It all began at the Annunciation, when the Eternal Word was conceived in the virginal womb of Mary; then his birth on Christmas; his growth and public ministry; then his death on the cross, resurrection, and finally he goes back home to the Father in his Ascension.

Heaven – Jesus ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. For many people, heaven is a place we aspire to reach. But the truth is heaven is not only a place; it is a state of being with God. The real cause of perfect happiness of the angels and saints is the presence of God whom they see face-to-face (beatific vision of God). We go to heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him. Heaven is a person: "Jesus himself is what we call 'heaven'". That is why union with Jesus here on earth is already a "foretaste of heaven," the term used by many theologians and saints to describe the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we are reminded that although Jesus ascended into heaven, he continues to be with us.

It would be a mistake to interpret the Ascension as "the temporary absence of Christ from the world." Contrary to what many people believe, Jesus is not absent in the world, even temporarily. Instead of looking at the Ascension as abandonment by Jesus, we should rather look at it as man's greatest glory. The meaning of Christ's Ascension expresses our belief that in Christ the humanity that we all share has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard-of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God. It is not that we are left behind, but rather we are being taken up by Jesus into the innermost life of God.

In the meantime, that we are still in this world, the challenge for us is to remain with Jesus, as branches on the vine. If we want to enter heaven, Jesus is our only way. And the good news is that he, who is our head, has gone up to heaven already. And we, as his body, will surely follow where the head has gone. Thus the body must always stay united with the head: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Apart from me you can do nothing."

There are several ways to remain united with Jesus. First, we must follow his commandments. Second, we must follow his will. Third, we remain with Jesus through prayer, and especially through the celebration of the sacraments, which he himself instituted. Foremost among these sacraments is the Eucharist, the sacrament of his Real Presence. And finally, we remain with Jesus when we participate actively in his mission. His parting words to all his followers: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to all nations." Proclaiming his gospel is not much in talking, but more in action, particularly in doing what Jesus did. After all, Jesus identified himself with the poor and the lowly, and even made it the basis for the last judgment: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me."

The Ascension, then, of Jesus, though it marks the end of his earthly ministry, ushers in a new stage in the life of the Church. Now that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, it is the turn of the disciples to do their part. That is why, immediately before he went to heaven, his last instruction was for them to begin their mission: "Go into the whole

SUNDAY, 29th May 2022 : Easter 6 (Healing Service at 9.30am)			
Acts 1.1-11	Ps 47	Eph 1.17-23	Lk 24.46-53

Server	Julienne Feast
Readers	Trevor Christopher
Intercessions	Rick Fisher
Sound desk	Darren Schunke
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green
Morning Tea	The Men

SUNDAY, 5th June 2022 : Pentecost Sunday			
Acts-2.1-11	Ps104.26-32	1 Cor 12.3-7,12-13	Jn 20.19-23

Server	Julienne Feast
Reader	Trevor Christopher
Intercessions	Rick Fisher
Sound desk	Darren Schunke
Flowers	Jane Hunt
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.**

We Care Appeal for Sri Lanka

Thanks to the Community in Millicent and the Luthern Church for raising $1700.00 through the Luncheon.
We Care Thank all the other donors for their generous contributions towards the appeal.

world and proclaim the gospel to all nations." His Ascension, therefore, was not abandonment by Jesus of his disciples. Rather, it was part of the whole process of growth and expansion of the Church.
He had to go in order for his disciples to assume active role in the task of evangelization. In the family, this also happens. At times, the father has to leave, or in more tragic cases, he dies, leaving behind his wife and children. In many instances, this painful event drives those left behind to strive their best, and the results are usually positive. In the parish, this is also true. An active parish leader leaves the parish. It becomes an opportunity for the others to step up and assume responsibility. This is always difficult, but that is part of the process of growth and maturity.
The Ascension of Jesus is not the end of the history of salvation. We say in our Creed, "He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead." This is what the Blessed Mother is talking about in her message. It is true and praiseworthy that we have to continue our mission of evangelization. But it is always in view of the glorious coming of Jesus. Our attitude should like that of a servant awaiting his master's return in the middle of the night. We continue doing our duties, always knowing that the Master will come any time. So turn your gaze toward Him who is risen from the dead to lead you all into his kingdom of life. His victory in his resurrection will be fully shared by us a when he returns in glory Internet Mike Lagrimas Cf

"Yes ,I can do that"

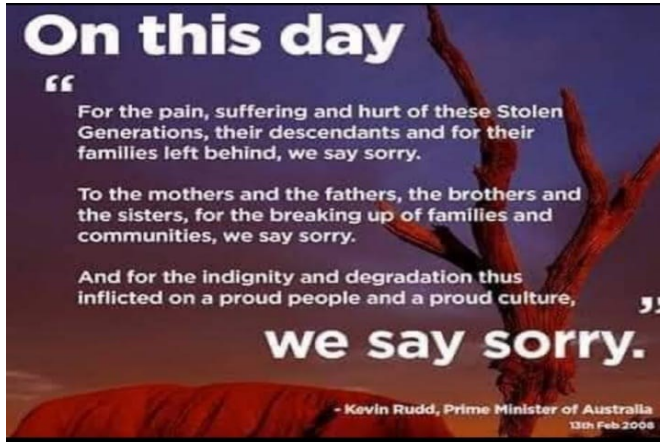
Thank you to those who have responded to the questioner
We look forward to hearing from you all in the future

GARAGE SALE and MINI MARKET

Thank you to all whom were in involved with Garage Sale and Mini Market yesterday
Further updates to appear in next weeks pew sheet

Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated

National Sorry Week :--as stated by Past PM Kevin



We Pray for Peace in the World

God of peace and justice,
we pray for people in places where there is war, violence and civil unrest.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those in power, that wisdom, discernment and compassion guide their decisions. Help them hear the cries of their people.

Above all we pray for the people of the Ukraine, Russia and Sri Lanka - at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them and provide for their needs.

Amen.

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)

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PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

MAY		***JUNE***	
4th	Bob Lynch	5th	Rick Fisher
17th	Cliffie Cox	6th	Val Collins
25th	Jenny Bowman	9th	Bev Hamson
30th	Catherine Gerard	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

Sun , 29 May	9.30am	Healing Service in Hall followed by soup
Wed 1 June	4 00pm	Parish Council Meeting in Ashworth Room
Fri, 3 June - Sat, 4 June		Synod in Murray Bridge
Tues, 7 June	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting

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);

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.***