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**Pew Sheet**

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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,  
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**

**Trinity 1 : 19th June 2022**



*God's chosen people or frozen people ?*



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 emerging.

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*From Fr Neil*

***Are we God’s chosen people or frozen people?***

Jesus asks his disciples ‘Who do the crowds say that I am? Then he asked who do you say I am?’

The disciples must have been delighted to hear Peter proclaim that Jesus was none other than the long-awaited Messiah. However, the stern words of Jesus about the suffering that awaited him must have brought a different reaction. As with the disciples God will always give us the grace to deal with whatever comes our way knowing that he always fits the back for the burden.

This passage brings up explicitly the ‘fundamental question’: who Jesus is for me, not in a merely intellectual sense but in a personal sense. Is he a leader, a friend, a judge, a teacher, a father, a combination of all? Our life of faith is based on the fact that we ourselves have made this confession of faith in Jesus.



Then he said to them all: ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me’. Jesus calls all sorts of people to follow him, no matter what their background is. Jesus called ordinary men from rural Galilee who had no special training. We all have different starting points, but Jesus asks each of us to come and see who he is.

What it really means to follow Jesus? To follow Jesus means to follow his lifestyle. When Jesus talked about what the Messiah would do, it included suffering, death and resurrection. In verse 23, Jesus said, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.’ To carry our cross means to follow Jesus to our death, but remember, Jesus conquered sin and death and we inherit that victory when we follow him.

To help his disciples understand that Jesus’ lifestyle is the best lifestyle, he continued, ‘For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it’. When we look out only for ourselves, we actually end up forfeiting our very selves.

For those who choose to deny themselves and take up their crosses and follow Jesus, he promises great things. We already know that knowing Jesus means that we know life and have eternal life, but that life is not the same miserable drudgery that we experience now. Jesus finishes this passage by saying, ‘Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the

<b>SUNDAY, 19th June 2022 : Trinity 1</b>			
Isa 40. 27-31	Ps 63. 1-9	Gal 3. 23-4. 7	Luke 9. 18-24
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Intercessions	??		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
Morning Tea	Diane Burton / Virginia Kuhl		
<b>SUNDAY, 26th June 2022 : Trinity 2</b>			
1 Ki 19. 15-21	Ps 16	Gal 5. (1) 13-18	Luke 9. 51-62
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Jeff Bowman / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
Morning Tea	???		

<b>ROSTERS FOR</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
GARDENING 	Fran Laslett
 MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
FOOD and FREEZER MINISTRY	<b>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.</b>

*“Yes, I can do that”*

*Thank you to those people who have already responded to the questionnaire.*

*We look forward to receiving your response if you have not as yet returned the questionnaire to the Church Office*

**Fundraising News**

**WOOD RAFFLE**

Thanks to the generosity of Theo Savanakas from the Greek Community who has donated a **trailer load of wood**, we are able to hold a wood raffle over the next few weeks. Peter Burchell from Baxter Hire has kindly donated a **wheelbarrow** which will be the second prize. Third prize will be some **kindling and firelighters**.

**Tickets will be in booklets of 10 and will cost \$2 each.** We plan to draw the raffle on **Sunday, 31st July** at our *Meat Pie and Mash* lunch.

To help with the sale of tickets, we would appreciate as many parishioners as possible taking a booklet of tickets to sell. **They can be collected from and returned to the Church Office on Sundays, Tuesdays (9.30am – 11.30am) or Thursdays (10am - 12 noon.)**

We would appreciate all booklets being **returned by Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July.** Thank you in anticipation.

**Please note: The date for the lunch has been changed from Sunday, 17th July to Sunday, 31st July.**

**Jeff Bowman  
For Fundraising Team**

Hello ladies. Next Tuesday, 21st June, will be time for us to enjoy each others' company and a nice cuppa.  
Hope to see you at the Limestone Coast Pantry from 2.00pm.  
Glenyse Nott  
0429 087 947

**Appreciation meal for the Op Shop Volunteers**  
*This will be held on Saturday, 2nd July @ 12.30pm in the church hall.*  
*Parish Council members are invited to attend.*

kingdom of God” (27). The kingdom of God is wherever God’s people are. The kingdom of God is wherever sinners are transformed by the forgiveness of their sins through Jesus’ death and resurrection. While it will come into its fullness when Jesus returns, God’s great kingdom starts the moment you decide to follow Jesus and that changes things.

Following Jesus is something that we must choose to do. This is a daily decision, and even though it may be hard, when we deny our own desires to follow Jesus’ will, we find out that Jesus’ way is the best way. There is so much peace and joy when we submit ourselves to God. We become greater than this world, no longer filled with bitterness and pettiness, but filled with grace and love.

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**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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**Fr Neil and family will be away from the Parish from 12th July to 10th August 2022 to travel home to Sri Lanka to see their families for the first time in a number of years.**



### 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.**

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### PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



#### 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**

### 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); Robert Hodges; Sandy Coulson

***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.***

### Services and events in the Parish

Fr Neil conducts 4 services weekly at Christ Church as follows:

**Friday 11.00am**  
**Sunday 8.00am and 9.15am (note changed time) 10.30am** in hall

And 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month

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2nd & 4th Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
3rd Thurs		Pro Life meetings
Mondays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Wednesdays	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
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Tues, 21 June	2.00pm	Ladies do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Fri, 24 June to Sun, 26 June		Ordination Candidates Formation Weekend in Mt Gambier <b><i>Bishop Keith will be leading the services on this weekend</i></b>
Wed, 29 June	4.00pm	Parish Council in Ashworth Room
Sun, 31 July		Meat Pie and Mash lunch <b>(N.B. Change of date from 17th July)</b>

### BISHOP KEITH'S CHARGE TO SYNOD

His address to Synod can be found on the Diocesan website. (Once on the website, it is located under The Bishop / Papers). It is well worth reading as it highlights the direction that the Diocese and the church in general is heading.

And one implication of his address may come as a surprise to some people!!!!