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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 2 : 26th June 2022**

S	E	L	P	I	C	S	I	D	N	HEAVEN	MESSENGERS	SAMARITAN
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*God calls—never forces*



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*

### God calls — never forces

Given the rate of scandals and atrocities in the body of Christ today, many have had to wonder: “Why does God still call people? Why do we even need Church at all? Why can’t we just worship God directly? These questions immediately bring to mind the mystery of the Incarnation. Why did God allow His Son Jesus to take our human flesh with all its weaknesses and corruption? Of course, God had the power to save mankind without becoming man, but He still chose to be one of us.

In the same way, from time immemorial, God incarnates Himself to mankind through His chosen ones. God desires that through His ministers, we are able to encounter Him in flesh and blood. Hence, as Elijah’s time was drawing to an end, God told him to anoint Elisha to avoid a vacuum. In the same way, Jesus called followers so that through them, the people of God would always experience God’s presence in their midst.

What is my mandate to follow Christ? In the first reading of today, Elisha received His Divine mandate through the prophet Elijah by the simple act of Elijah throwing his cloak upon him (Elisha). Elisha did not waste time to turn towards the new direction of life. He quickly did away with the old lifestyle and faced the new calling. Yes, Jesus averred in the gospel that once the hands have been laid on the plough no one who looks back is worthy. That was the disqualification of the men in the gospel. Already, you and I have the cloak of God cast upon us. Old ways are dead and gone. Let the dead bury their dead.

God Calls: He Never Forces His way on Anyone  
St Paul begins our second reading today by saying: “For freedom, Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1). When God calls people into ministry, He does not force them, but allows them to choose whether or not they would respond. Anyone prepared to answer the call must be prepared to deny himself, pick up his cross daily and follow Jesus (Matt 16:24).

God’s call takes prominence over any other responsibilities. God’s call demands total detachment from material pursuits. God’s call demands total commitment. We are free to reject it out rightly, we are free to walk away, but having said “Yes” to God, we cannot indirectly say “No” at the same time. Raising a family or pursuing riches, building mansions or investing in business are obstacles that tend to prevent us from saying “yes” completely to God. St Paul tells us that as

SUNDAY, 26th June 2022 : Trinity 2			
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	???		
SUNDAY, 3rd July 2022 : Trinity 3			
Isa 66. 10-14	Ps 66. 1-8	Gal 6. 7-18	Luke 10. 1-20
Server	TBA		
Readers	TBA		
Intercessions	TBA		
Sound desk	TBA		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
Morning Tea	TBA		

ROSTERS FOR	JUNE
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”*

*Don't forget to complete and return your form to the Parish Office as soon as possible.*

**Fundraising News**

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 firefighters**.

Thank you all those people who have taken booklets of wood raffle tickets to sell. We would appreciate all booklets being returned to the church office by **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> July**.

To assist with the sale of tickets we are planning to sell them in front of **COLES on THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY** & if required **FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY**. We will be located inside the building out of the weather. If you are able to help for a couple of hours please put your name on the roster which is located in the church. We need to have at least 2 people each shift. Any enquiries please contact Jeff B on 0487 486 260.

**Please note: The Meat Pie and Mash lunch has been postponed (see note below)**

**Jeff Bowman  
For Fundraising Team**

**Do you have an interest in Workplace Health & Safety???**

As a legal requirement, Parish Council needs someone to take on this role sooner rather than later. If you are at all interested, please speak to Fr Neil or one of the Wardens for further information.

**Postponement of Parish Lunch**

Due to the absence of several key people the “Meat Pie and Mash Lunch” which had been planned for 31<sup>st</sup> July has been postponed until a later date.

Keep your eye out for future updates!

**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.*

children of God, we are faced with a battle deep within us. “For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other” (Gal.5:17).

But as St Paul admits, as long as we remain flesh and blood, we are constantly going to be engaged in a battle. This is what he meant when he sought to encourage the young Bishop Timothy: “But as for you, man of God... aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith...” (1 Timothy 6:11-12).

Fighting this good fight means living in the Spirit and dying to the cravings/desires of the flesh. I must admit this is not an easy fight, but it is one that must be fought to the grave. We all need to pray for each other for the grace to win this battle constantly and the grace to admit our mistakes and pick up again every time we fall follow Jesus faithfully.

Take the road less travelled : Be Happy. Live Positive. Have Faith

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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.**

Donna Jones, Registrar has tendered her resignation effective from the end of July. Please pray for Donna and her family as they embark on a new direction, and keep in your prayers the committee tasked with finding a replacement for her Registrar position.



### 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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Fri, 24 June to Sun, 26 June		<b><i>Bishop Keith in Parish and will be preaching at the services this weekend</i></b>
Wed, 29 June	4.00pm	Parish Council in Ashworth Room
Sun, 10 July		<b>ac.care Sunday</b>
Thurs, 14 July	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Tues, 19 July	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting

### 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 our Diocese and the church in general is heading.

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