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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; 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 Berrin (Mount Gambier)

**Christ Church
Berrin (Mount Gambier)**

**St Luke's
Parreen (Mount Schank)**

Trinity 7 : 31st July 2022



How much is enough for you?



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

How much is enough for you

“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity” says the teacher. If we brought nothing into the world, just as we shall take nothing out of it. If everything is useless, all our labours, endeavors, wealth etc. then, what is the value of life? The answer is: only God can give us happiness.

Thus, this is the point Jesus is making in today’s Gospel of Luke 12:13-21. Let the pursuit of mundane things not block our view of the eschatological realities. Our happiness should not be here and now, like the rich fool. Our earthly possession should be a means to achieve our end; that is to live happily with God in the next life.



Today, Jesus places us facing what is fundamental in our Christian life, in our relationship with God: to get rich before him. That is, to fill our own hands and heart with all kinds of supernatural and spiritual goods of grace, and not of material possessions.

This is why, in the light of today’s Gospel we can wonder: what do we fill our heart with? The man of the parable saw it quite clearly: Rest, eat, drink and enjoy yourself (Lk 12:19). But this is absolutely not what God expects from his good children. The Lord does not want our happiness to rely upon legacies, banquets, latest model cars, exotic holidays, estates, our armchair, beers or money. All these things are good, but they cannot satisfy per se our yearning for the plenitude of our souls, and, consequently, we should employ them only as the means they simply are.

Many buildings collapse because they have weak sub structure. The Psalmist once proclaimed, “Foundation once destroyed, what shall the just man do?” Jesus once drew our attention to the need to build on the rocky mountain and not on sandy ground.

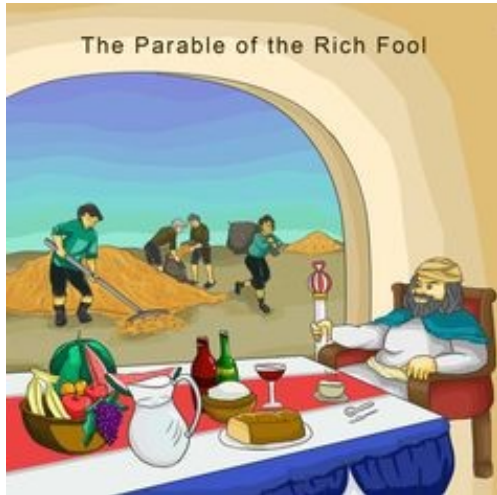
Our life is like a building; our achievements and possessions are the superstructure of pillars, windows, doors, roof, etc. Our faith, hope and love determine the strength of our foundation-substructure. If our faith is not in the Living God and our hope is in the false security of our riches and our love is selfish, then we have a weak foundation-substructure. Therefore, like the collapsed mansion we just imagined, all our achievements and possessions will come to nothing if we lack faith and obedience to God.

SUNDAY, 31st July 2022 : Trinity 7 — 8.00am Morning Prayer and 9.15am Pathways service			
Eccles 1. 2, 2.20-23	Ps 95	Col 3. 1-11	Luke 12. 13-21
Leader	Trevor Christopher		
Readers	Bill Hudd / Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Darren Schunke		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
Morning Tea	The Men		
SUNDAY, 7th August 2022 : Trinity 8 — Morning Prayer			
Isa 63. 7-9	Ps 33. 13-21	Heb 11. 1-2, 8-19	Luke 12. 32-48
Leaders	Trevor and Sue Christopher		
Readers	—		
Intercessions	—		
Sound desk	—		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		
Morning Tea	—		

ROSTERS FOR	JULY
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
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.

“Yes, I can do that”

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



WANTED—GARDEN CO-ORDINATOR

Someone to co-ordinate the gardening and mowing roster, getting the volunteers together every six months or so to discuss what needs to be done in the garden, and organising the occasional working bee.

Please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible if you would like to take on this not-too-onerous a task.

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.

This situation is becoming **URGENT**—so please commit this to prayer.

Ms Christine Lubcke is our newly appointed Assistant Registrar. Christine's last role was as a Financial Adviser for 17 years specialising in pre and post retirement, Centrelink and Aged Care.

Christine has lived locally in Murray Bridge her whole life, and is well versed with the demographic composition. She is an active person and looks forward to the challenge in this newly created position within the Diocese.

Possessions are not what defines life. We need to share the goods of the earth. God gave us gifts not for ourselves but for the service of the community. We can only consume and use so much. We tend to over secure our future that we deprive our present. We tend to forget that tomorrow may never come. I have known of a lot of people who worked so hard, deprive themselves of a lot of things, save what they can, and retire using only the interests of their savings. Many of them die leaving so much unused riches. They failed to spend them according to how God wanted them to be spent. The heirs were left to decide for it. The opportunity to be of service to others was lost.

There is nothing wrong with preparing for the future but not at the expense of the present. The attitude of possessing and possessing or better called greed, must be curtailed. The greedy is never contented. It is a question of attitude towards things rather than the quantity of things wanted. Human wants have been proven to be insatiable. Our wants increase progressively that they tend to enslave us. It should be the reverse. Wants are normal but we must manage them to our advantage.

As we remember God, our neighbors and family as our priorities against aggressive pronoun of "I", "me" and "mine" may the expansion of our scope of abundance and business open the gate of eternal happiness for us after our earthly sojourn

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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.

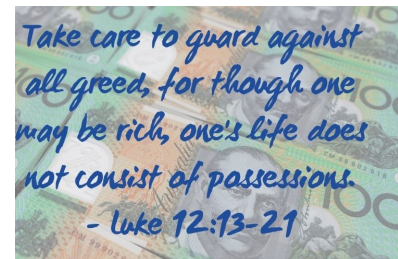
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

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.



Please continue to pray for the safe keeping of Fr Neil, Nalini and family whilst they are visiting their family in Sri Lanka—and return them safely to us.



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



JULY

2nd	Lynn Fisher		
3rd	Donna Winckel	7th	John Allen
5th	Judy Geddes	16th	Robert Sims

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); Sandy Coulson; Betty and Max Wright

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

There are 4 services conducted weekly at Christ Church as follows:

	Friday	11.00am
Sunday	8.00am and 9.15am	<i>(note changed time)</i>
	10.30am	in hall
	<i>(N.B. The 10.30am service will not be held whilst Fr Neil is away : 12/7 to 10/8)</i>	

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

Sat, 20 August	Bunnings Sausage sizzle
Sat, 3 Sept	Garage Sale and Mini Market
Sat, 26 Nov	Garage Sale and Mighty Market

RECYCLED RUNWAY UPDATE

- A record number of bags have been sold to entrants—68 bags, plus 18 in the unmodelled category. Not all of these will result in entries lodged.
- The entries will be shown on the runway at St Martins School on 27 August. Tickets will be sold via 'sticky tickets' from the start of August.
- See Trudy-Anne if you have any questions.