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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; 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 9 : 14th August 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 emerging.

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or meetings at the church.  
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*From Fr Neil*

**LET THE FIRE FALL**

One thing God never ceases to do is to come to the aid of His children in times of need! He is the same yesterday, today and forever. The Word of God is light and life giving (John 1:1-18)! One of the strangest things we encounter on daily basis is how one can be an opposition to the word of God! Nobody loves to be in the dark and life is the greatest value anyone would dream of losing. How then can one oppose the real source of light and life? This opposition is what we see in the First Reading (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10) with the experience of the Prophet Jeremiah. This brought the prophet so much suffering and pain. Most often, opposition to the Word of God arises because people are afraid to confront the error in their actions. This was the case with some officers of King Zedekiah and they had to conspire to maltreat the Prophet.

Today, from Jesus' very lips - we can hear the frightening avowal "I have come to bring fire upon the earth" (Lk 12:49). Being faithful to God entails division. For truth is opposed to lies and deception; the spirit of charity is the opposite of a selfish spirit; justice is the opposite of injustice. This fire that Jesus brings is what St Peter was talking about when he said: "In this, you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6-7). In the world—and inside us—there is a mixture of good and bad; and we must take sides, must take an option, while being conscious that faithfulness is "uncomfortable". It seems far easier to compromise, but it is certainly far less evangelical.

We would like to have "the Gospels" and "a Jesus" tailored to measure and going by our individual taste and passions. But we must convince ourselves that Christian life is not just a simple "routine", a matter of "just keep going", without a constant desire for improvement and perfection. Jesus Christ is not just a private conviction or an abstract idea, but a real person, whose becoming part of human history is capable of renewing the life of every man and woman.

Loyalty requires courage and ascetical fight. Sin and evil are constantly tempting us, and this is why a courageous fight and effort along with our participation in the Passion of Jesus Christ are a peremptory requirement. Hating sin is not easy. The kingdom of Heaven demands efforts, fight and violence upon us, and the violent take it by force (cf. Mt 11:12). If we get our mind stay put on Jesus we shall never lose heart. His sacrifice represents the contrary to the spiritual lack of enthusiasm, which so often engulfs us.

SUNDAY, 14th August 2022 : Trinity 9 — 8.00am Eucharist, 9.15am Pathways Service			
Jer 38. 2-10	Ps 40. 1-7	Heb 12. 1-4	Luke 12. 49-53
Leader	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		
SUNDAY, 21st August 2022 : Trinity 10			
Isa 66. 18b-21	Ps 117	Heb 12. 5-7, 11-13	Luke 13. 22-30
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
Morning Tea	Diane Burton / Virginia Kuhl		

ROSTERS FOR	AUGUST
GARDENING	Richard Strickland
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland
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>



## Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Saturday, 20th August

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Volunteers are required for the next Bunnings sausage sizzle between 8.45am – 4.00pm : raising funds for FOODBANK.

Please record your name on the form at the back of the church.  
All volunteers are required to wear enclosed shoes.

Thank you for volunteering.  
Enquiries to Jeff Bowman 0487 486 260

### 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.

### ABM Synod Stamp Stampede

Please see the notice at the back of the church or in the Vestry regarding the appeal by ABM for stamps, postcards and other postal items to be collected and taken to the next Synod.

### 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 **EXTREMELY URGENT**—so please commit this matter to prayer.

Today's readings remind us of some of the trials we must endure to be sharers in the Lord's Kingdom. Our faith in the truth of God's word will give us victory over our enemies: All human good arises from persevering in the truth, rather than abandoning it. Our entire good consists in accepting the truth of God's word, and persevering in it. We may have to suffer to be sharers in the Lord's Kingdom. Yet, when we are armed with the shield of truth and of faith we will courageously overcome our enemies because our strength is in God and not ourselves.

God's Word will strengthen you to persevere and to do what is required for your greater welfare and happiness, providing you walk simply in faithful observance. How happy you are who are armed with the truth of God, for it will be your shield against the arrows of your enemies and will make you victorious!

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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.



*We give thanks for the safe  
homecoming of Fr Neil,  
Nalini and boys on their  
return from visiting  
their families in  
Sri Lanka*



### The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:

Monday to Friday	10.00am to 3.00pm
Saturday	9.30am to 12.30pm

**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



#### AUGUST

1st	Sue Christopher	18th	Anne Ashworth
2nd	Millicent Kaule	19th	Kathy McIntosh
2nd	Eleanor Hogg	21st	Alexander Lynch
13th	Warwick Hummerston	21st	Emily Lynch

*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:

	<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.00am and 9.15am</b> (note changed time)	
	<b>10.30am</b> 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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Wed, 17 Aug	4.00pm	Parish Council meeting in Ashworth Room
Sat, 20 August		Bunnings Sausage sizzle
Sat, 27 August		Recycled Runway @ St Martin's School
Sat, 3 Sept		Garage Sale and Mini Market
Sat, 26 Nov		Garage Sale and Mighty Market

### RECYCLED RUNWAY UPDATE

- About 45 entries have been received and look amazing! We are on track for the fashion parade on 27 August.
- If anyone has a very small amount of leftover red paint (don't buy any) to freshen up a concrete mushroom—diameter approx. one foot, please let Trudy-Anne know on 0466 788 262.
- 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.