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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 Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

Trinity 13 : 11th September 2022



No sin outweighs His mercy



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

NO SIN OUTWEIGHS HIS MERCY



We celebrate today, ‘God’s Love in Action’, a kind of love that is second to none, a love exemplified in the most pragmatic attribute of God, his MERCY. GOD IS MERCIFUL and he forgives us our sins even when in truth we are not deserving of forgiveness. Both the first reading taken from Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 and the Gospel passage Luke 15:1-32 attest to this fact. The Israelites were a stubborn people before God; in fact they were a recalcitrant people who were not just highly un-teachable but were also quick to forget how good the Lord was been to them. Today again, they apostatized by forgetting the God who brought them out of Egypt and built themselves a molten calf, worshiped and sacrificed to it (Exo. 32:7-8); and what did God do? Upon the intercession of Moses, “the Lord repented from doing the evil he had planned against them.” (Exo. 32:14). This is pure mercy, it is unconditional forgiveness at play. Psalm 51:17 tells us that God will never turn his back on a broken spirit, a crushed and contrite heart. We need to repent from our ways, come back to our senses and return to God and he will forgive us.

The biblical stories of God’s mercy and forgiveness prepare us for the three parables mentioned in today’s gospel reading; namely, the parables of a lost and found coin, a lost and found sheep as well as a lost and found prodigal son (Luke 15:1-32). Our Lord Jesus told these parables to emphasize the fact that God’s mercy is more readily available than the air we breathe. Indeed, we often enjoy the mercy of God even when we have not asked for it; for if His sunshine and rainfall are enjoyed by both good and bad persons (cf. Matt. 5:25).

He first showed how important everyone is to God in the parable of the Lost Sheep, then he told the great parable of the Prodigal Son to show the unfathomable compassion of God. The parable narrated the ordeals of a strayed son and the Jubilation that followed his return. The essence of the parable is the Compassion of the Father and not the sin of the sinner. The unfortunate scenario that played out when the 1st son came back shows the stance of the Pharisees. The first son did not feel compassion for his brother. He did not feel he had the need for mercy because he felt self-righteous, and he did not accept that his brother should have it. A lot of us are like this son or the Pharisees. We feel self-righteous and we condemn all others. If you are like that, then you do not possess the forgiving heart of the Father. As Christians we are called to show compassion to the weak.

The Parable of the Merciful Father (Prodigal Son) illustrates in the best way possible, the highly merciful nature of God and how he sits in wait for our return to

SUNDAY, 11th September 2022 : Trinity 13 8.00am Eucharist; 9.30am Pathways Service			
Exod 32. 7-14	Ps 51. 10-19	1 Tim 1. 12-17	Luke 15. 1-10
Server	Sue Christopher		
Readers	Robyn Ashby / Bill Hudd		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
Morning Tea	Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		
SUNDAY, 18th September 2022 : Trinity 14 8.00am Eucharist; 9.30am			
Amos 8. 4-10	Ps 113	1 Tim 2. 1-8	Luke 16. 1-13
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
Morning Tea	Dianne Burton / Virginia Kuhl		

ROSTERS FOR	SEPTEMBER
GARDENING 	Fran Laslett
 MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant
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.

**INDOOR GAMES IN CHURCH HALL
from 3.00—5.00pm**

Every Saturday—all welcome.

There are board games for all to enjoy—so come and join in the fun.



Garage Sale & Mini Market

Despite the showery and damp conditions last Saturday, our Mini Market & Garage Sale was a great success. Proceeds from the morning including takings from the Op Shop exceeded \$2500.

This was a wonderful result & a great team effort!! Thank you to everyone who assisted in anyway. Takings for each stall were as follows:

Shed	911.65
Plants	905.10
Prints & Pictures	215.00
Op Shop	496.35
TOTAL	\$2528.10

**Jeff Bowman
Fundraising Team**



Please wear something yellow to show your support.

Op Shop seasonal change-over

The seasonal change-over for the Op Shop is happening on the long weekend, Saturday, 1st to Monday, 3rd October.

If you are able to help at all with this process, particularly on the Saturday morning, please let Gill Doyle know as soon as possible on 0438 867 146.

PET SERVICE—Sunday, 25th September 2022



Speakers : Virginia Kuhl and a representative from Riding for the Disabled
Laurie Mann will be present with his Assistance dog

Please bring your pet(s) — or a photo of your beloved pet—to the service to be held in the church grounds at 9.30am. Pony rides will be available on the day. All welcome—and bring a friend.

him when we offend him. The name of God is mercy and Jesus Christ is “Misericordiae Vultus” “The Face of Mercy,” he is ‘the face’ of His Father’s mercy and calls us to be “Be merciful like the Father (LK 6:36). “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34)! Finally, may the ever-merciful Father forgive us this moment and always as He hears these pleading words of His Beloved Son. Eph 2:4, really gives us the true image of our God; for “when through disobedience we lost God’s friendship, He did not abandon us to the domain of death. He came in mercy to the aid of all, so that those who seek might find Him.” May the ever flowing stream of God’s mercy cleanse us from every sin and bring us closer and nearer to God. May the power of God’s mercy be your strength and lead you to spiritual, moral, fraternal and material transformation.

The passion for revenge can block us from receiving God’s mercy, this is because there’s no way we can harbour anger against someone and expect healing from the Lord (Sirach 28, 3). When the Lord demands us to forgive the one who offends us as many as 77 times, he’s simply saying that there should be no limit to our forgiveness. The Lord wants us to take after him in this regard by overlooking faults as he does (Sirach 28, 7). And the book of the Psalms emphatically stressed: “if the Lord should mark our guilt, who would survive?” (130, 3). Forgiving others wins us the grace of divine mercy: “for in forgiving a neighbour the wrong he has done, then your sins will be pardoned when you pray (Sirach 28, 2).

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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.



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



SEPTEMBER

13th	James Allen	22nd	Virginia Kuhl
14th	Trevor Christopher	29th	Barbara Wardley
22nd	Raylene Milligan		

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 9.30am
	10.45am in hall (1st & 3rd Sundays)
	(commencing after school holidays)

And 1 service at St Luke's, Mount Schank on the 2nd Sunday of each month @ 11.30am

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2nd & 4th Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
3rd Thurs	7.p.m	Pro Life meetings
Wednesdays	8.00am 1.00-3.00pm	Ministers' prayer and Association meeting Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room
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, 13 Sept	3.15pm	Fundraising meeting in Ashworth Room
Sun, 25 Sept	9.30am	Pet Service
Sat, 1 Oct—Mon, 3 Oct		Op Shop seasonal changeover
Sat, 26 Nov		Garage Sale and Mighty Market

New name badges

Quotes have been obtained for new magnetic name badges for the church. They will cost in the vicinity of \$10.50 each.

To determine interest in this—and to finalise numbers ASAP so an order can be placed, could you please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

Thank you.

Hall and kitchen upgrade

There is a small sub-committee being formed to look into the upgrading of the hall and kitchen.

If you have an interest in this issue, please speak to Fr Neil or Dick Hamson.

The committee needs to be finalized as soon as possible to get the project underway.