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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew sheet to Parish Office **no later** than 9.00am Thursday mornings please

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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

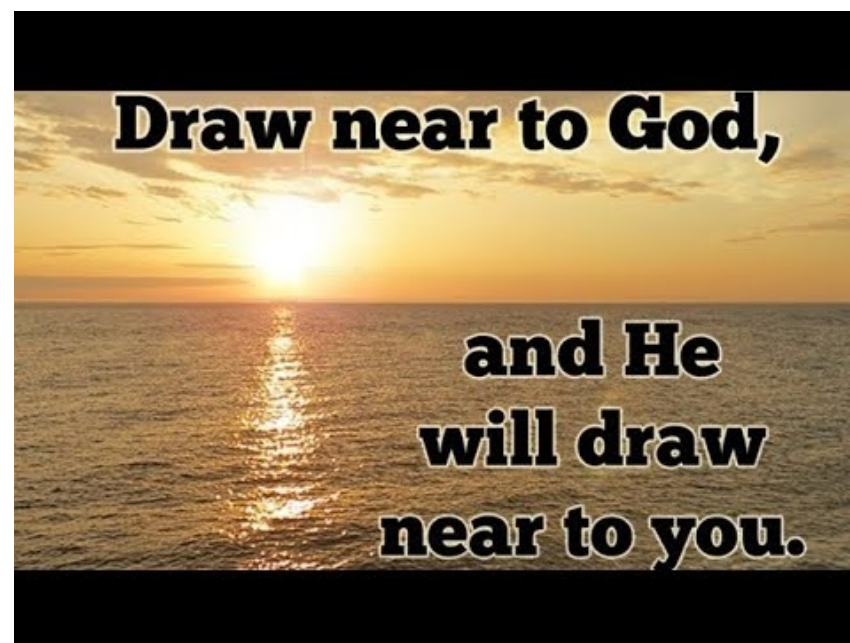
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

1st January 2023



Seek the Light



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 Neill

Seek the Light

Preaching immediately after Christmas seems to be just the straw that breaks the camel's back. We have worked hard to prepare for Christmas Day, now there is a sense of a lull. This is perfectly natural because after a moment of stressed solemn time, there is the necessary moment of quiet.

This time between Christmas and New Year is the time when in the liturgy we have the octave: the time for letting the mystery of Christmas slowly sink in. And this reflective, letting it sink in slowly must dominate the homily today.

We often remember the sacrifices our parents made for us. Financial generosity, giving their time, understanding us when we go wrong. The first family story of Jesus is a tough story—Joseph caring for him and Mary through the dangers of the journey into Egypt and back, like asylum seekers or refugees today fleeing from danger in their country.

We salute the love of parents, siblings, guardians, grandparents and extended families; we remember at different times of life how much they did for us and gave to us.

In the difficulties of family life today, the role of the church is to support family life of all kinds—with education, faith-formation, supporting political structures that support family life, being there for families in bad times like illness and death, and providing a place to celebrate family life in marriage and baptism. Parishes try to be committed to supporting family life.

Jesus came not only to be with us, but to care. This is the call to the church—being in the world and being for the world.

Joseph took the child and his mother. He was a caring man, looking after them, making a huge difference to a small number of people.

This is the message of love in the gospel and is the central message of the feast today.

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SUNDAY, 1st January 2023 : The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Eucharist @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Numbers 6. 22-27	Ps 8	Gal 4. 4-7	Luke 2. 15-21
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Brian Smith / Raylene Milligan		
Intercessions	Anne Ashworth		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
SUNDAY, 8th January 2023 : The Epiphany of Our Lord 8.00am — Eucharist / 9.30am—Eucharist @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Isaiah 60. 1-6	Ps 72. 1-7, 10-14	Eph 3. 1-12	Matthew 2. 1-12
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	David Glover / Julienne Feast		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		

ROSTERS FOR	DECEMBER
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland
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.

N.B. The Parish Office and church will be closed from Friday, 30th December 2022 and the church will re-open on Tuesday, 17th January 2023.

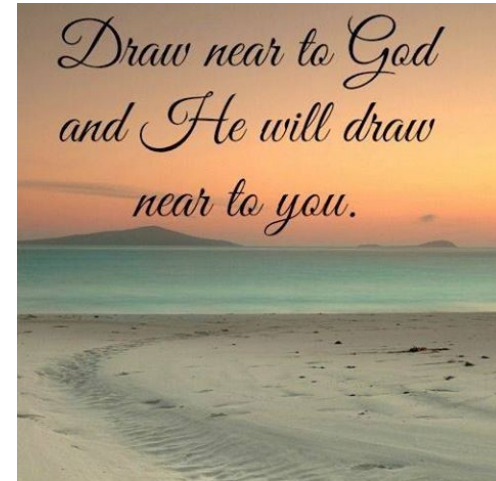
This means that the next pew sheet won't be published again until mid-January.

However, Fr Neil will still be available—just give him a call on his mobile.

Mayor Lynette Martin receiving from Fr Neil the money raised from the Carols & Culture service held late November last year.



*Draw near to God
and He will draw
near to you.*



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.

A Tour to Sri Lanka and A Pilgrimage To The Holy Land

Pilgrims from Australia and Sri Lanka could join the Pilgrimage under the spiritual guidance of Fr Neil Fernando, Parish priest, Christ Church, Mount Gambier, South Australia.

5th July to 25th July 2023

If you are interested in joining this tour, please speak to Fr Neil as soon as possible.



The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:

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

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The Op Shop closed on Wednesday, 21st December and will re-open again on MONDAY, 9th January 2023

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

JANUARY

3rd Wendy Mango	17th David Clarkson
6th Peter Searcy	27th Lorraine Sims
8th Robyn Ashby	
13th Neil Geddes	



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; Glenys Smith

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 (commencing in the New Year)

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

(N.B. There will be no services at Mt Schank during January 2023)

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2nd & 4th Thurs	4.00-5.00pm	Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison
3rd Thurs	7.00pm	Pro Life meetings
Wednesdays	8.00am 1.00-3.00pm	Ministers' prayer and Association meeting Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room (Craft will resume on Wednesday, 1st February 2023)
Mondays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Thurs 2nd— to Sun 5th Feb 2023	2.00pm Thurs— to 12.00pm Sun	Future Vision Workshop @ Seven Hills, Clare (see letter from the Bishop)
5th—15th July 2023 16th—25th July 2023		Tour to Sri Lanka Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

URGENT : Volunteer Needed: to administer the records of the Memorial Garden for the Parish.

This involves:

Keeping records of all names, dates and interment and location of ashes in the Garden.

Liaising with Parishioners in regard to engraving and ordering of plaques.
Working with Finance volunteers to ensure payments are received and recorded.

Answering queries in regard to the Memorial Garden records.

This role has been efficiently managed by Maree Lynch over the years and is now vacant.

If you are interested in this position and/or have any questions, please contact Robyn Ashby or Lynn Fisher.