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Pew Sheet

All notices/information for pew
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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)**

**29th January 2023
Epiphany 4**



Blessed are the poor in spirit



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

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

In the first reading from the book of Zephaniah, God promise to preserve a remnant for Israel. However, one remarkable thing about this promise is that this group would be made up of only humble and lowly people. Through the church, God has invited us to form part of this humble people that put their confidence in Him. We are invited to part of this remnant through, integrity, honesty, humility and obedience to God. At times, we try to resist this prestigious rest to which God has invited us. This is because we often think we can get it only with money, fame, and power. Let us not deceive ourselves, but continue to follow the permanent values that radiates from the person and life of Jesus Christ

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus.

Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God. Christ recounts and reminds us of the most important Christian virtues that will help us become part of this remnant that God promises to elect for himself in our first reading. If we meditate on this, we will see that the poor in spirit, that is, those who suffer, those who mourn, the hungry and thirsty for justice, those who work for peace, the merciful the pure in heart, the insulted and persecuted, are living a voluntarily stripped life that draws them closer to God.

The Gospel for today focuses on how to be happy by living the beatitudes. If one takes apart the word "beatitudes," one sees the expression "Be-attitudes." In other words, beatitude is a positive attitude that permeates our whole interior life in such a way that it comes out in our actions by praising and thanking God. When we are blessed, we don't have all the material comforts we want but all that we need. In our present condition there is joy and peace. Everything that comes into our life advances our love of life and God. The Beatitudes is God's plan for us right now. Beatitude is a spiritual attitude of recognizing that all that we have is pure gift. Beatitude is the attitude of a loving person who relies totally on God, not worrying about self-interest. People who possess the gift of beatitude entrust all their interests to God.

SUNDAY, 29th January 2023 : Epiphany 4 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Pathways @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Micah 6. 1-8	Ps 15	1 Cor 1. 18-31	Matthew 5. 1-12
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Bill Hudd / Robyn Ashby		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
SUNDAY, 5th February 2023 : Epiphany 5 8.00am—Morning Prayer / 9.30am—Pathways Service @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Isaiah 58. 1-9a	Ps 112	1 Cor 2. 1-13	Matthew 5. 13-20
Server	Not required		
Readers	Denise McDonald / Helen Douglass		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Richard Mills		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		

ROSTERS FOR	JANUARY
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.

Diary dates for January and February 2023

MONTH	DATE	Activity 2023	Organised by	Comments
JANUARY	1 ST	New Year Eucharist		
	8 th	Feast of Epiphany	Choir	
	15 th	9:30am Communion	Choir	
	22 nd	9:30am Communion	Choir	
	29 th	AUSTRALIA Day Service	CMG	
		City Wide – Church together	Ministers'	Association
FEBRUARY	2-5 th	Future vision workshop - Clare	Diocese	
	5 th	9:30am Pathways	CMG	
	12 th	9:30am Communion	Choir	
	19 th	9.30 am Communion	Choir	
	22 nd	ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30pm Service		
	25 th	9:30 am LENTEN STUDIES BEGIN		
	26 th	9:30am Pathways	CMG	LENT 1



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle SATURDAY, 4th FEBRUARY

Your help is needed !!

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

Please write your name on the form at the back of the church if you can help. All volunteers are required to wear enclosed shoes.
Thank you for volunteering.

Enquiries to Jeff Bowman 0487 486 260

RECYCLED RUNWAY

This year organisers plan to include a sleeping mask as a quirky item in each bag of garments sold for upcycling. If you have any to donate (or know any frequent flyers you can canvas or bully!) these would be appreciated. Clean used condition is great, or new unused, but gel filled masks are not suitable. Contact Trudy-Anne 0466 788 262 or hand in to the Op Shop marked Recycled Runway. Many thanks.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

cf. internet

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.

Sundays for Children – 2023

Activities, currently in recess after a busy Advent and celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany, resume Sunday 19 February to prepare for Ash Wednesday and Lent. The following Sunday, 26 February, I attend an annual summer weekend retreat. During the January break, cupboards have been cleaned, worn materials discarded, resources sorted, and new stationery items purchased where necessary. Nativity costumes and props have been washed and packed away. Thank you to all who helped in any way in the supply of these.

Still to happen are training courses, a part of teacher registration and Safe Ministry requirements, and planning for the year ahead.

Please remember that help is always needed and much appreciated, as the age of children supervised presently ranges from 2 to 12: years and more hands make light work!! If you are interested, please speak with Fr Neil or me. A special thank you to parents and grandparents who accompany children during Sunday activities, and to Nalini. Her gentle, encouraging presence, creativity and skillful assistance and insights are deeply appreciated.

Kaylene Barreira, for Children's Ministry

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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PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

JANUARY

3rd	Wendy Monger	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

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 Otfried and his family as they mourn the death of Val—who died on 29th December 2022.

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.

FOUND—a pair of glasses in the 3rd or 4th pew from the front on the pulpit side of the church. Please check the lost property box in the Vestry if you have lost these glasses. Thank you.

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 and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Thurs 2nd Feb to Sun 5th Feb	2.00pm Thurs— to 12.00pm Sun	Future Vision Workshop @ Seven Hills, Clare (see letter from the Bishop)
Sat, 4 Feb	8.45am—4.00pm	Bunnings Sausage sizzle
Tues, 7 Feb	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting in Ashworth Room
Thurs, 9 Feb	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry
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.