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Pew Sheet

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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members

Bishop Keith Dalby; Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)
Please pray for Fr David Price and Lesley as they embark
on the next chapter of their lives.

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)**

**12th February 2023
Epiphany 6**



Reconcile with God and others



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.

RECONCILE WITH GOD AND OTHERS

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus is encouraging his disciples to be virtuous. Jesus taught that fulfilling God's law is not only by obeying the letter of the law, but more importantly, by living the true spirit of the law, which is love. After all, God's commands are given to us, not to burden us, but to help us learn the way of love, and become members of the family of God. Everything boils down to the heart, for God looks into the heart. Love, indeed, should be the sole motivation and driving force in our life.

The Sermon on the Mount of Jesus aims to deepen our faith by purifying the motivations of our hearts. For instance, worshipping God is not only a matter of bringing offerings to the altar. Rather, it is more of being totally pleasing in the eyes of God. So, "if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:23-24). He knows that anger leads to murder, and "whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment" (Mt 5:22). We come to Mass every Sunday, but it could be that some of us still hold grudges and vengeful feelings against somebody. Harboursing ill feelings in our hearts is not only harmful to our spiritual and physical health, but it also renders our prayers and worship ineffective and useless.

My friends, Jesus desires us to go deeper with our faith and in the living out of our lives. He doesn't want us just to avoid major evil, such as killing, theft or adultery, rather God wants us to be virtuous so that we can be the best person we can be. Only then would we be happy and assured of eternal happiness. Have you ever met an angry, bitter or selfish person who was happy? God knows what we need to live the good life, a fulfilled happy wholesome life: a life of virtue. Like anything worthwhile in life, virtue requires commitment and discipline as well as silent prayer seeking God's assistance.

We like vacuum cleaners because they can clean so thoroughly and take all dirt and dust in the house. This is somehow similar to what Jesus came to do – to cleanse us thoroughly inside and out. He has come to take away all kinds of sin – in thought, in word, in deed and in our omissions. He is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

There are many of us who think that following Jesus simply consists in avoiding sin and evil. This is quite easy. It is the way of minimalism. This is expressed in the legalistic mentality. Such a person believes that he can be saved by simply following the letter of the law. But God is not pleased with the minimum and the lukewarm. Furthermore, following Jesus is not just a matter of avoiding sin, but also calls us to do something more radical, by uprooting sin from our hearts. This is the symbolic meaning of his shocking words about cutting one's hand and taking out one's eye.

SUNDAY, 12th February 2023 : Epiphany 6 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Eucharist @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Sirach 15. 15-20	Ps 119. 1-8	1 Cor 3. 1-9	Matthew 5. 21-37
Server	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / O Green		
SUNDAY, 19th February 2023 : Last Sunday after Epiphany 8.00am—Eucharist / 9.30am—Eucharist @ Christ Church, Mt Gambier			
Exodus 24. 12-18	Ps 2	2 Peter 1. 16-21	Matthew 17. 1-9
Server	Darren Schunke		
Readers	Lynn and Rick Fisher		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	Jan Hunt		

ROSTERS FOR	FEBRUARY
GARDENING 	Richard Strickland
 MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
FOOD and FREEZER MINISTRY	With COVID restrictions now lifted, we are able to provide home cooked meals again. If you do prepare meals for the freezer, please remember to list all ingredients in the meal, and the date on which it was prepared. Pre-prepared goods such as frozen packaged foods and meals are still acceptable.

Diary dates for February and March 2023

MONTH	DATE	Activity 2023	Organised by	Comments
FEBRUARY	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
MARCH	3 rd	6.00 pm World Day of Prayer @ Christ Church		
	5 th	9:30am Communion	Choir	LENT 2
	12 th	9:30am Pathways	CMG	LENT 3
	17 th	9.30am-4.00pm Workshop for existing and future leaders of the parishes @ Christ Church		
	18 th	9:30am Retreat for the lay faithful		
	18 th	3.00pm Interfaith prayer for PEACE		
	19 th	9:00am Communion	Choir	LENT 4
	19 th	Vestry Meeting		
	26 th	9:30am Pathways -lamentation	CMG	LENT 5

LADIES COFFEE AFTERNOON

Let's start the new year off with our coffee afternoon at the Limestone Coast Pantry at 2.00pm, Tuesday, 22nd February. All welcome.

Glenyse Nott
0429 087 947

Pray for those people 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 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.

Just as love starts from the heart, so also sin. Jesus said, "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile" (Mk 7:21-23).

Therefore, it is very important that we always purify our hearts and minds, and give no chance for sin to come in and take root in our lives. Truly, we need the help of Jesus. He is our spiritual vacuum cleaner. Jesus has come to take away all sins, and to establish God's kingdom in the hearts of His people who have learned to love as he did.

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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.

Fundraising News!!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The sausage sizzle held at Bunnings last Saturday was a great success with \$1257.25 being raised for ac.care. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the people who helped on the day or with preparations leading up to the day. Over 370 sausages were sold!! Special thanks to Joe Maier who cut up all the onions & Woolworths at the Marketplace who donated \$50 towards the purchase of the sausages & bread.

GARAGE SALE

Our first major Garage Sale for the year will be held on Saturday, 25th February from 8.30am – 12.30pm. Even though the Op Shop has been opening the shed on a Monday morning it is still full to the brim with donations.

MINI MARKETS

We are planning to hold markets during the year on the following Saturdays:
25th March, 27th May, 30th September, 4th November.

These dates may change depending on other events in the parish but we hope to be able to keep to them if at all possible.

PLANT STALL

If anyone has an excess of "princess lilies" in their gardens at any time Andrew H (0428 104 160) or Jeff B (0487 486 260) would be very glad to take them off your hands. They were very much in demand on our plant stall last year!!

Jeff Bowman
For Fundraising Team

The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:



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

***Wearing of face masks is no longer mandatory.
You may—as a matter of personal choice—choose to wear one
when attending any services, the Bell Tower Op Shop
or meetings at the church.
However, hand sanitizing is still strongly recommended.***

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

1st	Heather Allen	9th	Maree McIntyre
4th	Peter Coulson	10th	Fran Laslett
6th	Pam Miller	13th	Lisa Searcy
8th	Sandra Grant	27th	Glenyse Nott



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***

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

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

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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
Mondays and Thursdays	5.15-6.30pm	Meditation Group in Ashworth Room
Tues, 22 Feb	2.00pm	Ladies coffee afternoon @ Limestone Coast Pantry
Sat, 25 Feb	8.30am—12.30pm	Garage Sale
Fri, 3 March	6.00pm	World Day of Prayer @ Christ Church
Fri, 17 March	9.30am— 4.00pm	Workshop for existing and future leaders of the Parish @ Christ Church
Sat, 25 March		Mini Market
5th—15th July 2023		Tour to Sri Lanka
16th—25th July 2023		Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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.