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BSB: 105-002

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

Bishop Keith Dalby; Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)

### and in the Limestone Coast

Archdeacon Neil (Nalini); Fr Wayne Corker; Fr Lyndon Sulzberger, Bishop Michael Hough

### Parish Counsellors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Brian Smith, Lynn Fisher, Dick Hamson, Graham Savage; David Glover; Rick Fisher

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)

23rd April 2023
Third Sunday of Easter celebrating ANZAC DAY



# All gave some—some gave all



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.

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We pay our respects to the Elders—past, present and emerging.

### From Fr Neil

### ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

"Church bells pealed, long separated family members and friends fell into each other's arms and complete strangers embraced": so wrote the New York Times in November 1989 when the Berlin Wall came down, bringing the Cold War to an end. From Berlin to Australia we celebrated, thinking that the spectre of the twin apocalypse of World War I and World War II had finally been laid to rest.

But the recent horrors in Ukraine have shown dramatically that the spectre is still on the loose. The virus is still upon us; it never dies. Late in his novel The Plague, when the crowd is celebrating the plague's end, Albert Camus writes that, in their rejoicing, they did not know "that the plague bacillus never dies or vanishes entirely, that it remains dormant for dozens of years, that it waits patiently in bedrooms, cellars, trunks, handkerchiefs and old papers, and that the day will come when ... the plague will once again rouse its rats and send them to die in some well-contented city".

It is significant that this ANZAC Day falls within days after our Easter event — the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Today we use ritual, symbols and sacrament here at this Eucharist in making present Christ's sacrifice and his rising to life — *Do this in memory of me*. Perhaps in the depth of their being, many Australians already understand something of the Gospel; in relation to self-sacrifice as the reality of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is the ultimate self-sacrifice.

The example of the wheat grain falling to the ground and dying, in order to yield a rich harvest—NEW LIFE—is a beautiful analogy of the human's journey from selfishness to selflessness, from death to life; the growth in human stature, growth in love.

The Anzac story aptly fleshes our analogy of the wheat grain in the Gospel reading. In this day of commemoration, we see a very poignant example of self-sacrifice in the ANZACS even to the point of death. Today's ritual and symbol challenge us to emulate the spirit of Anzac in our daily living; living one's present life with an attitude that goes beyond mere self-preservation at all costs. It points to an attitude of being ready to embrace a self-sacrificing spirit—putting others first—in whatever we do; for in giving, and not counting the cost; we yield a rich harvest.

### SUNDAY, 23rd April 2023: Third Sunday of Easter 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—ANZAC DAY Service Acts 2. 14a, 36-31 Ps 116 1-4, 11-18 1 Peter 1, 13-25 Luke 24, 13-35 Julienne Feast Server Welcomer Fave Hill David Clarkson / Anne Ashworth Readers Intercessions Sue Christopher Sound desk Robyn Ashby Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree Morning Tea McIntyre **Flowers** Roma Driscoll SUNDAY, 30th April 2023: Fourth Sunday of Easter 8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Pathways: Healing Service 1 Peter 2. 1-10 Acts 2, 42-47 Ps 23 John 10, 1-10 Darren Schunke Server Welcomer Raylene Milligan Readers Rick and Lynn Fisher Intercessions Rick Fisher Trevor Christopher Sound desk The Men Morning Tea Roma Driscoll Flowers

ROSTERS FOR	APRIL		
GARDENING 🕌	Helen Douglass		
MOWING ROSTER	Richard Strickland		
FOOD and FREEZER MINISTRY	When preparing 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.		

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With the arrival of school holidays, children's activities will take a break, before resuming on Sunday, 7 May, in time for preparations for the Mother's Day Service the following week.

We thank all families for their enthusiastic participation, support and encouragement. We have amazing talent within these ranks, and sincerely appreciate each contributor. The congregation is richly blessed by the joy of their active participation in worship.

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of Children's Ministry.

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### Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Joe Maier; Wendy Monger; 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.

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

There are a few tasks in the Church Office that need a person—or persons—to undertake.

One of them is the Archive cupboard which needs to be reviewed and additional documents/files etc. need to be sorted and filed.

These documents form an important part of the history of Christ Church, and it would be good to bring things up to date.

If you would like to take on this task, please speak to Fr Neil or Lynn as soon as possible.

Thank you

#### **ANZAC DAY**

ANZAC Day is being celebrated this Sunday, 23rd April at both the 8.00am and 9.30am services.

Please bring any photos, memorabilia etc. that you might like displayed during the service.



Our new parishioners, Tony and Lilian, are looking for a rental property in Mt Gambier. If you know of anyone who has a house to rent, please let them know as soon as you can.

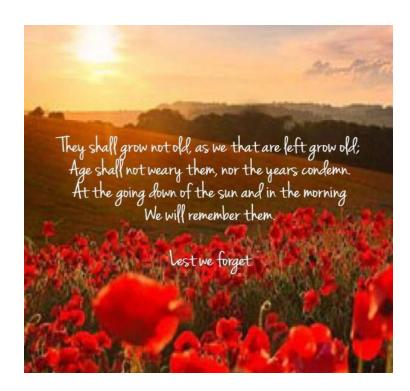
We remember with gratitude today those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in war. May their deaths not be in vain. May their lasting legacy become our legacy as we enjoy the fruits of their sacrifice. May we commit ourselves as citizens to doing our bit in further building our nations as just, harmonious and compassionate societies.

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#### **WE CARE**

The WE CARE group are planning on taking backpacks to Sri Lanka in June/July. If you would like to donate a backpack (or two) towards this, please either leave your contribution at the Op Shop or Church Office as soon as practicable.

Thank you



### **Forthcoming Parish Events**

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY		
APRIL	Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>		ANZAC DAY Service	CMG		
	Sat	29 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Memorial Service—Randy Booth			
		29 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Memorial Service—Lyn Killey			
	Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pathways- Healing service	CMG		
	Sun	30 <sup>th</sup>		City wide – Church together	Ministers' Assoc		
MAY	Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Memorial Service – Darren Ongley			
	Thurs	4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Memorial Service—Bob Lynch			
	Sun	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Communion	Choir		
	Tues	9 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting— Ashworth Room			
	Thurs	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry			
	Sun	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pathways – Mother's Day	CMG		
	Fri	19 <sup>th</sup>		WE CARE dinner in hall			
	Sun	21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Communion	Choir		
	Sun	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pathways - Pentecost	CMG		
		28 <sup>th</sup>		Parish Picnic or get together			
June – July		26 <sup>th</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> July		Tour to Sri Lanka and Pilgrimage to the Holy Land			

# The Bell Tower Op Shop opening hours are:



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

The Op Shop will be closed on Anzac Day, Tuesday, 25th April

### Services in the Mt Gambier 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

Wearing of face masks is no longer mandatory.

However, 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. Hand santizing is still strongly recommended.

2nd & 4th Thurs 4.00-5.00pm Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison

3rd Thurs 7.00pm Pro Life meetings

Wednesdays 8.00am Ministers' prayer and Association meeting

1.00-3.00pm Craft Group meets in Ashworth Room

Mondays and 5.15-6.30pm Meditation Group in Ashworth Room

Thursdays

1st & 3rd Fridays Boandik Service

1st Tuesday of month St Mary's

1st Friday of month Healing service

2nd Thursday of month The Oaks

2nd Tuesday of month Resthaven

### PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR



8th Joan Tremelling 10th Darryll Grant 11th Sandy Coulson 16th Glen Solomons 24th Jane Reichelt 27th Llewellyn Jones

30th Sue Ongley

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

