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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; Fr Des Ackland (Raelene)

and in the Limestone Coast

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

Parish Councillors, 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)**

25th June 2023

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Feast of St John the Baptist



He must increase and I must decrease



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.

From Fr Neil

He must increase and I must decrease

Nativity of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. St John the Baptist is the son of Saints Zachariah and Elizabeth and the last great Old Testament prophet. He is the *harbinger* of Jesus Christ.

We are given the story of the ministry of John the Baptist, called the Precursor or Forerunner of the Lord, with some variation of detail, in the three synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, as well as in the Book of John. Luke tells us of the birth of John the Baptist in a town of Judaea, about six months before the birth of the Saviour.

In our age of the New Evangelization, Saint John the Baptist is an example of one who preached with passion, strength, humility and courage. He was not afraid, even in the face of grave danger, to speak the truth and prepare the way for Jesus Christ. As John the Baptist preached, so must we also speak in the ways associated with our God-given gifts, the same dynamic message in our current culture – a culture that stays anything and everything is okay as long as it makes you feel good, a motto frequently professed by King Herod.

His name is John” (Lk 1:63)...which in Hebrew means “*God is benevolent*”. *God is benevolent to human beings*: he wants them to live; he wants them to be saved. *God is benevolent to his people*: he wants to make of them a blessing for all the nations of the earth. *God is benevolent to humanity*: he guides its pilgrim way towards the land where peace and justice reign. All this is contained in that name: John.

Look today to John the Baptist, an *enduring model of fidelity to God and his Law*. John prepared the way for Christ by the testimony of his word and his life. Imitate him with docile and trusting generosity.

He is a *model of humility*, because to those who saw in him not only a Prophet, but the Messiah himself, he replied: “Who do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie” (Acts 13:25). He points to Christ and says “He must increase and I must decrease”. He is a *model of uprightness and courage* in defending the truth, for which he was prepared to pay in his person, even to the point of imprisonment and death.

Be brave and free! Do not let yourselves be taken in by the deceptive mirages of an easy happiness. Follow the way of Christ: he is demanding, certainly, but he alone can help you to savour the full meaning of life and enjoy peace of heart.

Symbols and Representation: Lamb; lamb on a book of seven seals; locust; camel's hair tunic; girdle; his head on a charger; scroll with words *Ecce Agnus Dei* or with *Vox Clamantis in deserto*; long, slender cross-tipped staff; open Bible; banner of victory.

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SUNDAY, 25th June 2023 : Fourth Sunday after Pentecost **8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Pathways—St John Cadets**

9 Readings for St John the Baptist

Server	Julienne Feast
Welcomer	Jenny Tilby
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher
Intercessions	Julienne Feast
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle
Morning Tea	Kathy MacIntosh / David Glover
Flowers	Roma Driscoll

SUNDAY, 2nd July 2023 : Fifth Sunday after Pentecost **8.00am—Eucharist; 9.30am—Eucharist**

Genesis 22. 1-14 Ps 13 Romans 6. 12-23 Matthew 10. 37-42

Server	Darren Schunke
Welcomer	Faye Hill
Readers	Raylene Milligan / Brian Smith
Intercessions	Sue Christopher
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre
Flowers	Rhonda Strickland

ROSTERS FOR

JUNE

GARDENING



Fran Laslett



MOWING ROSTER

Rick Fisher

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 acceptable.

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other
 Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Joe Maier; Wendy Monger; Shirley Stacpoole;
 Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother); Sandy Coulson; Betty and Max Wright;
 Glenys Smith; Julie Winkel

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.*

**GARAGE SALE and "MINI-MARKET"
 in the Church grounds**

**Saturday, 1st JULY 2023
 8.30am – 12.30pm**

Shed full of hidden treasures!

**Donations for any of the stalls are always
 appreciated:**

**PLANTS : Andrew Hogg, Jeff Bowman
 SOUP : Denise McDonald
 CRAFT : Di Burton
 COFFEE VAN**

**Great winter bargains in the BELL TOWER
 OP SHOP
 inc 50% off all PRINTS & PICTURES
 +++ ALL SHOES \$1.00 +++**

******* Please note: NO EFTPOS available *******

Fr Neil on leave

Fr Neil, Nalini and boys will be away from the Parish on annual leave and
 a pilgrimage to the Holy Land—from Sunday afternoon, 25th June to
 Monday, 7th August 2023 inclusive.

We wish them bon voyage and safe travels—and look forward to
 welcoming them back to the parish family in August.

The Bell Tower Op Shop



Opening hours are:

Monday to Friday
 10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday
 9.30am to 12.30pm

WE CARE

Thank you to all those who
 attended the dinner last Friday.
 A good time was had by all.

We also reached our target
 number of backpacks to take
 to Sri Lanka.

Forthcoming Parish Events					
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JUNE	Sun	25 th	9.30am	Pathways Service—St John Cadets	CMG
June – July		27 th June – 7 th Aug		Tour to Sri Lanka and Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	
JULY	Sat	1 st	8.30am to 12.30pm	Garage Sale and Mini-Market	
	Sun	2 nd	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Communion—Baptism Communion—Mt Schank	Bishop Keith
	Sun	9 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion by extension Pathways Service—ac.care Sunday (bring your donations to ac.care)	Julienne CMG—Robyn
	Sun	16 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Fr Bruce Cliff
	Sun	23 rd	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer Pathways—How does your garden grow	Julienne CMG—Sue
	Sun	30 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion by extension Pathways Healing & Faith Runs Deep (RS)	Julienne CMG—Robyn

Mt Gambier St John Cadets



Code of Chivalry

I promise

To serve my God

To be loyal to the Sovereign, and to my Officers

To observe the mottoes of the Order, which are:

“Pro-Fide” - for the faith’

“Pro-Utilitate Hominum” - for the service of mankind

To be thorough in work and play

To be truthful and just in all things

To be cheerful and prompt in all I do

To help the suffering and the needy, and

To be kind to all animals

Our cardinal virtues”

Prudence, Temperance, Justice and Fortitude

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

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 sanitizing 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 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
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

JUNE

5th Rick Fisher
9th Bev Hamson

6th Val Collins
19th Ryan Searcy



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**

The **Food Ministry cupboard** and **freezer** are very depleted again.

If you could contribute towards helping restock one or both of these, it would be very much appreciated. As the cold, wet weather hits, the demand on our provisions