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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)

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)**

**5th November 2023
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints**

We are called to be holy



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.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE HOLY

Today the Church celebrates her dignity as "mother of the saints, image of the eternal city", and manifests her beauty as immaculate bride of Christ, the source and exemplar of all holiness. She does not lack for riotous and indeed rebellious children, but it is in the saints that she recognizes her characteristic traits and precisely in them she Savors her deepest joy. In the first reading the author of the Apocalypse describes "a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue" (Revelation 7:9). Among this multitude are not only the officially recognized saints but the baptized of every age and nation who have sought to accomplish the divine will with love and fidelity. Many there are whose faces and names we do not know but with the eyes of faith we see them shine like stars full of glory in the divine firmament. What was common to them was the will to incarnate the Gospel in their existence through the impulse of the Holy Spirit, who is the eternal giver of life of the people of God.

A veil of mystery hides what lies in store for human beings beyond this mortal life here and now. St Paul recognises this fact when he says that "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has it entered the human heart to imagine what God has prepared for those who love him." [1 Cor 2:9]. Still, the holy Scriptures provide a wealth of hopeful images to give a foretaste of what lies in store beyond this world, for those who love God. Those in heaven are no plaster saints but a glorious band of decent people who lived with such love, they went straight back to the God they loved so well. Some who have inspired the church for centuries, and other unsung heroes, living a quiet life of kindness and duty, pure of heart and gentle of spirit.

Who are we? St John answers that beautifully in our second reading: we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2). If we know who we are, we will know how to act. All Saints today reminds us of who we are and what a bright future can be ours. We are joyful that they have reached the goal of life: heaven. They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious possibility that God offers us.

The saints encourage us in our own struggles because like us they also endured struggles, they grew from strength to strength, and they matured in the Lord as they grew in years. We also see this journey of growth in the great people of the Bible. Moses had a speech impediment, had murdered and protested against being called by God, but he led his people to the Promised Land. In the Gospels, Peter is impulsive and doesn't want the Lord to suffer, but in Acts he is totally transformed and considers it an honour to suffer for the Lord.

Not only the saints' lives but also their writings are precious gifts of grace to us to remind us of who we are and the glory that God is offering to us. We treasure the *Confessions* of St Augustine with its words: "You have made us for yourself O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee".

SUNDAY, 5th November 2023 : Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—All Souls Memorial Garden Service				
Revelation 7. 9-17		Ps 34. 1-10, 22	1 John 3. 1-3	Matthew 5: 1-12
Server		Julienne Feast		
Welcomer		Faye Hill		
Readers		Lynn and Rick Fisher		
Intercessions		Sue Christopher		
Sound desk		Robyn Ashby		
Morning Tea		Denise McDonald / Helen Douglass / Maree McIntyre		
Flowers		Roma Driscoll		
SUNDAY, 12th November2023 : Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Remembrance Day Service				
Joshua 24. 1-3a, 14-25		Ps 78. 1-7	1 Thess 4. 9-18	Matthew 25. 1-13
Server		Julienne Feast		
Welcomer		Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Readers		Julienne Feast / David Glover		
Intercessions		Julienne Feast		
Sound		Richard Mills		
Morning Tea		Raylene Milligan / Beryl Heard / Jenny Tilby		
Flowers		Roma Driscoll		

ROSTERS FOR	NOVEMBER
GARDENING 	Richard Strickland
 MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant
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; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson; Anne Barry (Glen Solomons' godmother); Betty and Max Wright; Vera Wolfenden

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.

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

10th	Brian Collins	17th	Maree Lyndh
16th	Fr Neil	21st	Nalini



We wish all of them 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



LATE NIGHT OP SHOPPING IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

**Tuesday, 14th November 2023
4.00—7.00pm**

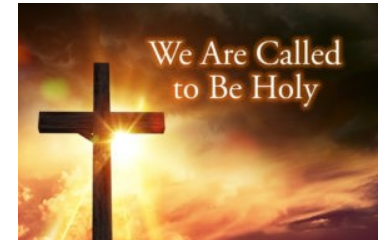
Participating Op Shops : ADRA, 71 Suttontown Road
The Salvation Army, 60 Gray Street and
Salvos Stores, 9 Caldwell St
Vinnies, 2 Crouch Street South
Lifeline, 42 Commercial St West
Bell Tower Op Shop, 26 Bay Road

A great chance to purchase your Kris Kringle gifts, Christmas presents, Decorations, table napery and summer clothes.

Although the saints had much room for growth early in their lives, by the end of their lives we see that they were living the beatitudes of our Gospel today (Matt 5:1-12). Therefore, they give encouragement to us as we are aware of our need for further growth. The saints were happy because they were poor in spirit, meek, hungry and thirsting for righteousness, merciful and clean of heart. They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious possibility that God offers us.

But how can we become saints, friends of God? An initial response to this question is this: To be saints it is not necessary to perform extraordinary deeds and works, nor is it necessary to possess exceptional charisms. But this only tells us what sainthood is not. The positive answer is that to become a saint it is above all necessary to listen to Jesus and then to follow him and not lose heart in the face of difficulties.

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URGENT ; YOUR HELP IS NEEDED !!!!!!!

There are 2 tasks/issues that still currently need your help.

1st WHS Committee.

To be compliant with State Legislation, the church **has** to adhere to WHS guidelines.

Currently, Kathy MacIntosh has put up her hand, but she needs help. It would be ideal to have a committee of 3-4 people to help share the load.

Please speak to Kathy as soon as possible if you can help her with this vital aspect of our church life.

2nd Mowing Roster

There is a vacancy on the mowing roster. It entails using the ride-on mower and push mower. The frequency amounts to approx. 3 times a year that you would be required to mow the lawns for a particular month. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible if you can help with this task.

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
NOV	Sun	5 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion All Souls Memorial Garden Service	CMG
	Thurs	9 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sat	11 th	8.30am	Mini Market and Shed Clearance	
	Sun	12 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Remembrance Day Service St Luke's, Mt Schank	Choir
	Sun	19 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service	CMG
	Tues	21 st	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	26 th	9.00am	Christ Church Patronal Festival Bishop Keith presiding followed by a parish luncheon (1 service only today)	Choir

For the All Souls Memorial Garden service this coming Sunday, please bring along any memorabilia you have as we celebrate the lives of those who are dear to us



The Bell Tower Op Shop

Opening hours are:

Monday to Friday
10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday
9.30am to 12.30pm

There are plans to hold a shared luncheon following the Patronal Festival on Sunday, 26th November 2023.

Please see Fr Neil **ASAP** if you can help with the organizing of the luncheon.

Bishop Keith will be presiding at the 9.00am service

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 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

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our final **MINI MARKET & SHED CLEARANCE** for this year will be held next Saturday, 11th November. (Please refer to flyer for details.). We need a couple of people to sell tickets for our **MOSAICS RAFFLE** at the market from 8.30 – 10.30 & 10.30 - 12.30. Please contact Jeff B on 0487 486 260 if you are able to help.

Thank you to those people who have taken booklets of tickets for our **raffle**. We would appreciate all booklets being **returned** to the Church Office by **Saturday, 11th November** as we will be drawing the raffle on Sunday, 12th November.

Most stallholders will be setting up from 3pm on Friday. However, help will be needed on Saturday morning particularly with the shed items & plants from 7.00am. Any help would be much appreciated.

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Fundraising Team