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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**  
Fr Des Ackland (Raelene); Br Simon Waters (Administrator the The Murray)

**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)**

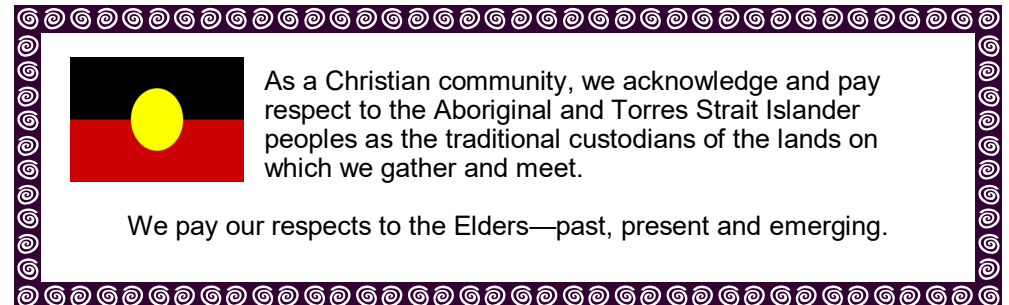
**St Luke's  
Mount Schank (Parreen)**

**11th February 2024 — Quinquagesima/  
Ordinary Sunday 6**

*Whatever you do, do it all for the*

*Glory of God*

*1 Corinthians 10:31*



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*

**Do it all for the glory of God.**

It is good to recall that in Jesus’ time sickness was considered the result of sin, either of the sick person or of one’s ancestors. This was a long-standing thinking in the ancient world, right up to the time of Christ. The miracles of Jesus are understood by the Gospel writers as signs of victory over the power of evil and the fulfillment of ancient prophecies about the coming Messiah who would loosen the bonds of slavery to sin. The people would especially see this manifested in cures of physical illness.

Jesus, though indeed the Messiah, did not want to be seen as a magician or simply a wonder-worker. Something much more profound is to be found in Jesus’ activities. The point of his miracles is pastoral and messianic: that is, that salvation has come to all in the person of Jesus Christ, extending far beyond physical cure, encompassing rather the entire person, body, soul and spirit.

Today no less than at the time of Jesus, the world needs the powerful cure which only Christ can give, that freedom from what is not of God, to belong completely to God’s kingdom and share in the eternal life being offered to all people, rich and poor, young and old alike.

The Lord is always seeking collaborators in his work, and not about to simply wave and magic wand and make all things well. How much easier that would be, but it is not the way of God. God respects the free will of humans, offers grace, but does not force cooperation with divine intervention in human lives.

We might ask ourselves: what is my understanding of the person of Jesus Christ? Is it more along the lines of a magician that might help me out when things go bad? That seems to be how so many people in his own time perceived Jesus to be. Or do I recognize in Christ the Savior unto life eternal for the human race? What am I doing for the growth of the Kingdom of God? Is my relationship to God merely on the pragmatic level, in terms of what can I get from God? Do I only call on the Lord when I am in distress? Do I place my trust in God when things go well and tend to fall away when things go bad?

SUNDAY, 11th February 2024 : Quinquagesima Ordinary Sunday 6 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways Service			
Lev 13.1-2, 45-46	Ps 32.1-8	1 Cor.10. 31-11.1	Mark 1.40-45
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Robyn Sweetnam		
Morning Tea	Beryl Heard / Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		
SUNDAY, 18th February 2024 Lent 1 8.00am Communion.....9.30am Holy Communion			
Gen.9.8-17	Ps.25.1-8	1 Peter 3.18-22	Mark 1. 9-15
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Jeff Bowman		
Readers	Raylene Milligan & Brian Smith		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	No flowers during Lent		
Morning Tea	Dianne Burton & Virginia Kuhl		

**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

Our first **MINI MARKET & GARAGE SALE** will be on **SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH** from 8.30am – 12.30pm.

At this stage we will be having the plant & craft stalls as well as a coffee van.

If anyone else would like to convene or help on a stall such as a sausage sizzle, please contact Jeff B on 0487486260.

We would appreciate donations of **good quality items for the shed**, excluding large furniture or electrical items.

Please contact Trevor Christopher 0400745056 if you can help in this way.

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

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Joe Maier; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson; Betty and Max Wright; Lynn Fisher

**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.



Remembering especially Arthur Ashby and Kelvin Smibert who were called to rest with the Lord recently.  
Please pray for their families at this time.

**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**



**FEBRUARY**



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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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 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**

ROSTERS FOR	FEBRUARY
GARDENING 	Richard Strickland
 MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher

Our Christian faith is about belonging to Christ at all times, until the end, when we hope to share in a life that is changed, not ended, beyond the grave. Now is the time to be ready for the future, by living in the present, without fear, even in our trials and setbacks.

St Paul reminds us that we have to do everything for the glory of God.

1. We are to seek the glory of God
2. We are to seek the good of our neighbour

When we talk about doing something to the glory of God, we are asking whether what we are doing will bring honour, praise and worship to him. Whether we are doing this thing in a spirit of love and admiration to him and whether the action that we were doing will bring about in others, trust and worship and obedience to God. If that's happening, that's what it means to live our lives to the glory of God.

Cf. Internet

**Palm crosses**



If you have any old palm crosses at home, could you please get them to Fr Neil as soon as possible so they can be burnt in readiness for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you

**MOWING ROSTER**

There is a vacancy on the mowing roster for this year for the months of April, October and December. If you can help with this task, please speak to Rick Fisher as soon as possible.

## Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
FEB	Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Tues	6 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm	Fundraising Team meeting in Ashworth Room	
	Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	11 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Wed	14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY service	
	Sat	17 <sup>th</sup>		Lenten Studies begin	
	Sun	18 <sup>th</sup> Lent 1	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service	CMG
MAR	Fri	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.00pm	World Day of Prayer	
	Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lent 3	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Lent 4	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service—Lamentations Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Lent 5	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion <b>Annual Meeting</b>	Choir
	Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service—Palm Sunday	CMG
	Mon	25 <sup>th</sup>		Chrism Mass	
	Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday service	
	Fri	29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Good Friday Service	
	Sat	30 <sup>th</sup>		Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	
	Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>		Easter Day	

## *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
2nd Tuesday of month		Resthaven

The Craft Group is in recess until the New Year.

The resume date to be advised.

### The Bell Tower Op Shop

#### Trading hours are:

Monday to Friday  
10.00am to 3.00pm

Saturday  
9.30am to 12.30pm

*Closed on Public Holidays*



### LENTEN STUDIES

The Lenten Study books are now available from the Parish Office at a cost of \$12.00 each.

Fr Neil will be conducting a study group at the church each Saturday morning at 10.00am.