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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

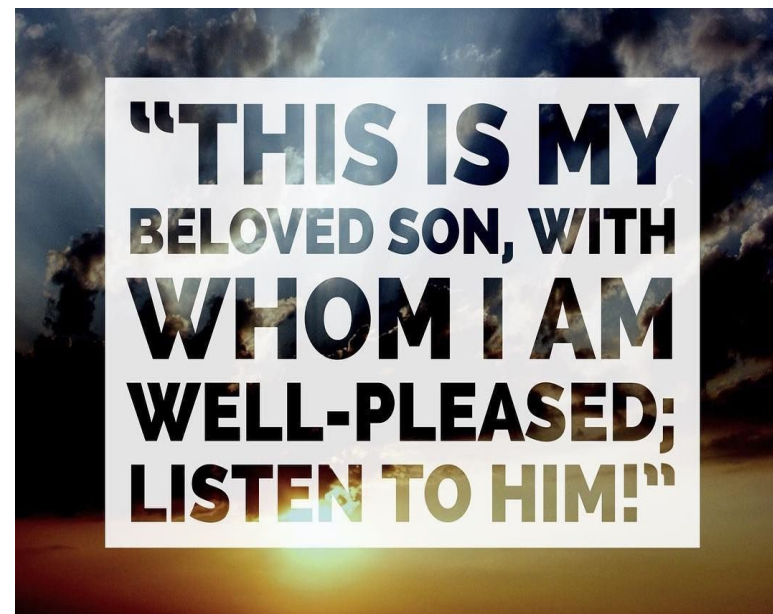
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
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which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)

St Luke's
Mount Schank (Parreen)

25th February 2024 — Lent 2



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.

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, LISTEN TO HIM

The Transfiguration of Jesus, portrayed in today's gospel, has captured the imagination of artists down through the ages. Among the many paintings, icons and mosaics depicting this extraordinary event, the sixth century mosaic in the monastery of St Catherine in Sinai, the world's oldest inhabited Christian monastery, is my favourite. I was blessed to have had the opportunity to see it during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land last year. When I entered the basilica of the monastery, I was immediately struck by the beauty of this awesome mosaic, situated in the apse above the high altar. At its centre is the figure of Jesus transfigured. His right hand is raised in blessing and his eyes directed towards us. His clothes are shining white with gold edging. From his body, rays of light emanate towards each of the five figures present: to his right, the prophet Elijah; to his left, Moses; around his feet, the Apostles John, Peter, and James. This marvellous mosaic captures the drama of this unique event: the three Apostles in a state of shock and bewilderment, while Jesus stands serenely above them, flanked by Moses and Elijah, who appear to be blessing him.

The Transfiguration took place at a critical moment in the life and ministry of Jesus. He had left behind the green valleys and gentle hills of Galilee and taken the road to Jerusalem where violent death awaited him. He realised that, in Jerusalem, he would meet the same fate as the prophets before him. He had already warned his disciples *'that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day'* (Mt 16: 21) (Mt 16:23). Suffering and death were integral to his salvific mission.

The transfiguration experience was important not just for Jesus but also for his beloved disciples. Their eyes were opened to catch a glimpse of Jesus in his glory and their ears were opened to hear the divine confirmation of Jesus' identity as *'beloved Son'*, to whom they were commanded to listen. Captivated by the experience, Peter wishes to remain on the mountain in the exalted company of Elijah, Moses and Jesus. However, this was not to be. This glorious moment passes, and the three disciples find themselves alone with Jesus who warns them not to tell anyone about what they had seen *'until the Son of Man has risen from the dead'* (Mt 17:9). The fact that the story of the transfiguration of Jesus is narrated in all three synoptic gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke – indicates its significance for the early Christian community. In the words of the popular New Testament scholar, NT Wright: *'It demonstrates, for those with eyes to see, and ears to hear, that Jesus is the place where God's world and ours meet.... It forms part of a new set of signposts, Jesus-shaped signposts, indicating what is to come: a whole new creation, starting with Jesus himself as the seed that is sown in the earth and then rises to become the beginning of that new world.'*

SUNDAY,25th February 2024—Lent 2 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways Service			
Gen. 22. 1-18	Ps. 116.11-18	Romans 8. 8.31b-34	Mark 9. 2-10
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Helen Douglass		
Readers	Jeff Bowman & Fran Laslett		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Rick Fisher		
Flowers	No flowers during Lent		
Morning Tea	Genevieve & Michael Jamieson		
SUNDAY, 3rd March 2024—Lent 3 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways Service			
Exod 20. 1-17	Ps 19. 7-14	1 Cor 1. 22-25	John 2. 13-25
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	No flowers during Lent		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our first **MINI MARKET & GARAGE SALE** will be held on **SATURDAY, 2ND MARCH** from 8.30am – 12.30pm.

At this stage we will be having the plant and 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 0487 486 260. We would appreciate donations of **good quality items for the shed**, excluding large furniture or electrical items.

Please contact Trevor Christopher 0400 745 056 if you can help in this way. Any help with setting up from 7.00am would be appreciated.

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

Please pray for the continuing recovery of Dot Saffin and Lynn Fisher after recent surgery.



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

1st	Heather Allen	9th	Maree McIntyre
4th	Peter Coulson	10th	Fran Laslett
6th	Pam Miller	13th	Lisa Searcy
8th	Sandra Grant	15th	Lillian & Israel
		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

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.

Today's gospel may prompt us to recall transfiguration moments in our own lives – moments of light, joy and peace; moments when we caught a glimpse of a transcendent beauty beyond our understanding. As Jesus reminded Peter, we cannot remain on the mountain and bask in warmth of such consoling experiences. We must return to the humdrum of daily living among our brothers and sisters. *Our Christian faith is not meant just to give us beautiful spiritual feelings. That is not the message of Jesus. We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere.*

TAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO HIM

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LENTEN STUDIES



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

The film 'The Chosen' will be shown in the church at 10.00am each Wednesday, and led by Lois from the Millicent Lutheran Church.

All welcome

Welcome back, children and our best wishes to you and your families for the new school year!

Families visiting or regularly attending are most welcome to make use of the play space and toys in the Vestry at 9.30 worship. Organised activities focus on a story from the day's scripture readings and are available for early learners and school age children. Creative drawing, reading and listening to stories, and some elementary craft activities are on offer. Parents are most welcome to join us for all or part of the service, which is livestreamed to the Vestry.

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of Children's Ministry.

RETREAT

Fr Alex Bainton will be conducting a retreat at Christ Church on Saturday, 16th March 2024 from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

The cost to cover catering will be \$20 per head.

Please place your name on the list at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
	Sun	25 th Lent 2	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service	CMG
MAR	Fri	1 st	6.00pm	World Day of Prayer	
	Sun	3 rd Lent 3	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Sun	10 th Lent 4 Mother- ing Sunday	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways Service—Lamentations Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Sat	16 th	10.00am to 3.00pm	Retreat at Christ Church conducted by Fr Alex Bainton (please see separate notice)	
	Sun	17 th Lent 5	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion Annual Meeting	Choir
	Tues	19 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee 2 Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	24 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service—Palm Sunday	CMG
	Mon	25 th		Chrism Mass	
	Thurs	28 th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday service	
	Fri	29 th	10.00am	Good Friday Service	
	Sat	30 th		Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	
	Sun	31 st		Easter Day	

SOLOS & PAIRS

A picture of the happy group
from last week.



This Sunday marks the 18th anniversary of
Fr Neil's ordination as a priest.



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 has resumed their
weekly Wednesday meetings
in the Ashworth Room

A Call for Palms – or other foliage—that can
be used to spread the way of welcome into
Jerusalem on **Palm Sunday, 24 March.**

Gardeners, please have a think. In the
gardens of a friend, neighbour or one of the
family, is there any suitable fronded or softly,
branching foliage to announce with a warm
welcome the coming of Jesus to Jerusalem
for the Passover Festival?

Please speak soon with Fr. Neil or Kaylene if
you can help or have a suggestion.

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

