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Pew Sheet

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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
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)

18th February 2024 — Lent 1



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.

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Lent is the season, God invites us through the Holy Mother Church, invites us for a change of heart. We can only respond to this sundry call by hastening and advancing the journey to repentance, entering a covenantal pact with God, reordering our priorities, and then changing their values, ideals, and ambitions through fasting, prayer, almsgiving, and self-control as admonished by the entire readings of today's liturgy.

In the first reading, we see how humanity, irremediably broke the original covenant established between God and our first parents, Adam and Eve, and equally describes God's unfathomable love and mercy which preserved Noah and his family to renew this covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood symbolizes how we are saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ.

St Peter, in the second reading, shows us how Noah's episode prefigured Baptism, thereby, reminding us of the purifying and cleansing capacity of the waters of baptism which signifies a rebirth and establishment of a new covenant. Furthermore, in the Gospel reading, Jesus, having defeated His tempter, started preaching his Messianic mission: "The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel."

The Lenten season is a period of intense spiritual preparations for the passion and resurrection of Christ; when all Christians undertake a 40 day journey of renewal and repentance.

In biblical numerology, 'Forty' is a number often associated with intense spiritual experiences as we see in the following biblical instances:

- (i) God caused it to rain for forty days and forty nights to cleanse the earth (Gen. 7:12).
- (ii) The Israelites were in the wilderness for forty years.
- (iii) Moses spent forty days and forty nights on Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:28).
- (iv) Elijah journeyed forty days and forty nights to Mount Horeb (1Kgs 19:8).
- (v) Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the wilderness (Lk 4:2).

Such spiritual exercises are imbued in the contextual and climatic underpinnings of Lent. Let us conquer our tempter as Jesus did, adopting the methods Jesus implored. Every decision to live for God and reject evil is followed by temptations to stifle and foil the covenantal pact. Through the Lenten discipline let us conquer the tempter, the devil through prayer, penance, and timely use of the word of God.

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		
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		

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Our first **MINI MARKET & GARAGE SALE** will be 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.

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	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.

Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control. Like Noah, let us choose to remain good when others around us have chosen the opposite. You too can become an exception and God will use you to renew our families, homes, communities and nation

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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.

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

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
FEB	Sun	18 th Lent 1	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	Choir
	Tues	20 th	2.00pm	Church Ladies Friendship Cuppa @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Thurs	22 nd	10.00am	Memorial Service for Vera Wolfenden followed by lunch (please place your name on the list at the back of the church)	
	Fri	23 rd	2.00pm	Private Memorial Service for Arthur Ashby	
	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	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	

Church Ladies Friendship Cuppa

Here we are, well into February and it will be our first cuppa afternoon for 2024 at the Limestone Coast Pantry at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 20th February. Would love to see you there.

Glenyse Nott
0429 087 947

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

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



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.

SOLOS & PAIRS

The next lunch will be held at the Park Hotel
on Wednesday, **21st February at 12.00pm.**
Please contact Robyn on 0495 968 394 for
further info.

All welcome.