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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray and Parish Council Members

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

and in the Limestone Coast

Archdeacon Neil (Nalini); Fr Lyndon Sulzberger, Bishop Michael Hough,
Fr Alex Bainton (Cheryl)

Parish Councillors, Christ Church

Richard Strickland, Helen Douglass, Brian Smith, Lynn Fisher,

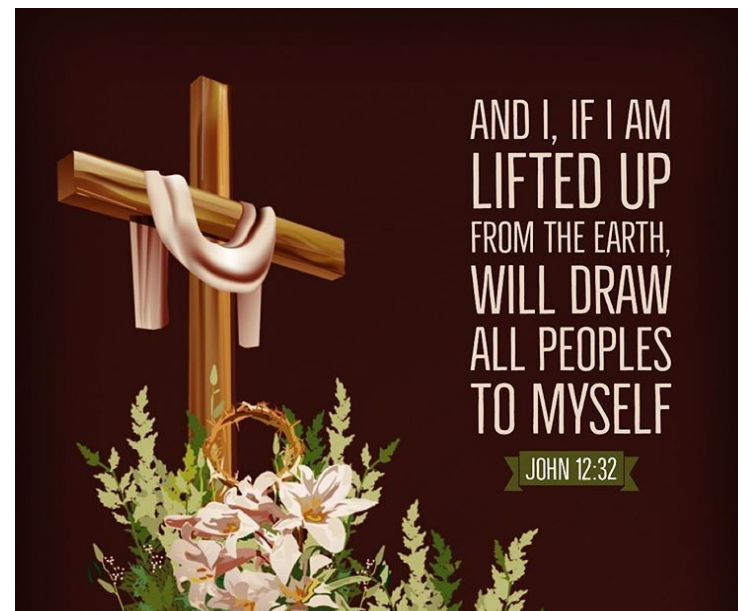
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

17th March 2024 — Lent 5



Jesus will draw all people to himself



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.

JESUS WILL DRAW ALL PEOPLE TO HIMSELF

God promises that he will establish a [new covenant](#) with Israel that has significant continuities with the old [covenant](#), but is genuinely new. This is a classic text. It is the only Old Testament text where “new” modifies “covenant” (though see 32:40; 50:5). It is picked up in several New Testament texts (for example, [Hebrews 8:8-12](#); [10:16-17](#)). The context of the new covenant is earthly, not heavenly; it is historical, not beyond this world. The new covenant is to be accompanied by a repopulation of the land (31:27-28) and a rebuilding of Jerusalem (31:38-40). Moreover, this covenant is given to *Israel*, to *all Israel*, not to some people that God will create in the future (both Northern and Southern kingdoms are specifically included). The people with whom God establishes this covenant are “my people,” recognizing continuity between the old Israel and the new. The old covenant formula of relationship still applies: “I will be their God and they shall be my people” (31:33).

What this new covenant entails has various dimensions. In the words of [Jeremiah 24:6-7](#), God will “give them a heart to know that I am the Lord” (compare with 32:39), from the least to the greatest. This new heart will replace the “evil will/heart” so characteristic of Israel’s life before exile (see 18:12). The law remains a key point of continuity between the old and the new, but the law will no longer be an external code; it will be written upon the heart. This is not a new interiorization of the covenant compared to the old; texts such as [Deuteronomy 30:6](#) and [30:14](#) already speak of an internal reality for the older covenantal understandings. The difference seems only to be that the people will no longer need to be taught via the written [Torah](#), the law.

The metaphor of the grain of wheat, used in the Gospel, illustrates the principle that true life and fruitfulness often require sacrifice. Just as a grain of wheat must die to produce many seeds, so must we let go of our lives in some way to gain eternal life. This metaphor is particularly poignant during Lent as it echoes the sacrifice of Jesus and calls for self-denial and service.

Jesus' statement about drawing all people to Himself refers to the universal scope of His mission. His crucifixion is not just a moment of suffering but a pivotal event that offers salvation to everyone, regardless of their background. It underscores the inclusivity of Jesus' love and the reach of His saving grace.

The themes of this Sunday teach us about the transformative power of an intimate relationship with God, the value of obedience and sacrifice, the importance of self-denial for the sake of others, and the universal call to salvation. These lessons encourage us to open our hearts to God's law, to embrace life's challenges as paths to growth, and to live in service and love for the benefit of all.

My sacrificial Lord, I say “Yes” to the perfect plan you have for my life. Whatever it may be I accept without hesitation, dear Lord. I know that You are always with me and that I am never alone. Jesus, I trust in You.

cf. Internet

SUNDAY, 17th March 2024—Lent 5			
8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion : followed by Annual Meeting			
Jer 31. 31-34	Ps 51. 1-10	Heb 5. 7-9	John 12. 20-33
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Jeff Bowman		
Readers	Anne Ashworth / David Clarkson		
Intercessions	Sue Christopher		
Sound desk	Trevor Christopher		
Flowers	No flowers during Lent		
Morning Tea	Dianne Burton / Virginia Kuhl		
SUNDAY, 24th March 2024—PALM SUNDAY			
8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways			
Isa 50. 4-9a	Ps 22. 6-22	Phil 2. 5-11	Mark 14. 1—15. 47
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Helen Douglass		
Readers	Robyn Ashby / Bill Hudd		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Rick Fisher		
Flowers	No flowers during Lent		
Morning Tea	Genevieve and Michael Jamieson		

ROSTERS FOR	MARCH
GARDENING 	Fran Laslett
 MOWING ROSTER	Darryll Grant

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.

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Joe Maier; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson; Betty Wright

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.

Please remember in your prayers **Betty Wright and family** as they mourn the death of Max earlier 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

MARCH

2nd	Coral Chaffey	8th	Amanda McKinnon
2nd	Sadewu	10th	Matthew Allen
6th	Ruth Clarkson	19th	Dot Saffin
7th	Tara McCracken	24th	Denise McDonald
		28th	Helen Douglass

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

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*



Many thanks to those who brightened our celebration of Mothering Sunday with freshly picked flowers on a very warm morning, and to Julianne for providing the Simnel cake.

We express gratitude to the family who has kindly offered palms for the Palm Sunday procession next week.

Please feel most welcome to bring olive branches, reeds or other palm branches, if you would like.

Kaylene Barreira, on behalf of
Children's Ministry



Parish Picnic 2024

Current status of 2 man committee ideas is as follows—(not too late for other suggestions to be considered if our thoughts are not in tune with reality !)

The family fun day event is to be held at Lions Park, Port MacDonnell on Sunday, 14th April. **There will be only 1 service at Christ Church on this day** - 9.00am—and also the St Lukes service will not be held this Sunday.

After morning tea the day gets underway from 11.00am ... please drive directly to Lions Park reserve (20 mins / 28 kms) or more preferably take the mystery car quiz route to the same location. Cars booked out from Christ Church car park from 11.00am - and get to Lions Park after a 30-40 minute alternative route, requiring crew to spot answers to some questions along the way.

Picnic Lunch: 12.00 - 1.00

Mini Olympics (warm up for Paris) - all ages: 1.00—2.00pm

Mystery Clues Hunt for kids: 2 groups 7 and under / 8 and over: 2.00—2.15pm

Optional walks through Germein Reserve—all ages:- 2.15pm onwards

Head for home when you like .. expected finish up about 3.00pm.

Lions Park has 1 toilet - disabled capable, fresh drinking water, 2 BBQ's, some shelter, some tables - all with bench seating. Our catering extends to just the ability to man a BBQ - being a picnic outing the idea is that you bring your own food and drinks plus seating arrangements. The area is nicely grassed too so picnic rug might work also - for those still able to get down (and then up again !)

The Mini Olympics is over a 30-40 metre course so own seating would be good for watching these events.

We are hopeful of inviting many to the day - past and present parishioners, as well as our Op Shop volunteers. Let's make it a great day having some fun together and getting to know each other more. Inclusive for people also without transport - please call Graham (0417 800 175) or Richard (0409 722 030) and we will try and arrange a lift for you.

More details to follow as the date draws nearer hope you will add to our numbers and fun on the day.

Graham Savage / Richard Mills

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
MAR	Sun	17 th Lent 5	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion Annual Meeting	Choir
	Tues	19 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	24 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service— Palm Sunday	CMG
	Mon	25 th		Chrism Mass @ Mt Barker	
	Thurs	28 th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday service	
	Fri	29 th	10.00am	Good Friday Service	
	Sat	30 th	6.00pm	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil @ Mt Schank	
	Sun	31 st	9.00am	Easter Day (1 service in parish today)	
APRIL	Sun	7 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion	
	Tues	9 th	3.15pm	Fundraising team mtg in Ashworth Rm	
	Sun	14 th	9.00am From 11.00am	Pathways Service with Reserved Sacrament (1 service in parish today) Parish Picnic at Port MacDonnell	CMG
	Sun	21 st	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Communion—celebrate ANZAC Day	Choir
	Wed	24 th	10.00am	"The Chosen" study @ Christ Church	
	Sun	28 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways Service	CMG

Annual Meeting and Parish Council nominations

Today (17th March) is the day of the Annual Meeting for our parish after the 9.30am service.

All positions on PC (including Synod reps) are currently vacant as this year marks the start of a new triennium, and the positions are for 3 years.

The response for nominations to Parish Council has been nothing short of abysmal !!

Please consider how you can help support our parish and Fr Neil over the next 12-36 months.

It will be a very sad state of affairs indeed if we can't get enough people to take up this important role!!

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

RETREAT

Fr Alex Bainton will be conducting a retreat at Christ Church this **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.

LENTEN STUDIES

Fr Neil is 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, commencing again after Easter, and led by Lois from the Millicent Lutheran Church.

All welcome

