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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); Bishop Michael Hough; Fr Alex Bainton (Cheryl)

**Parish Councillors, Christ Church**

Sandy Coulson, Helen Douglass, Brian Smith, Lynn Fisher, Dick Hamson;  
Rick Fisher; Robyn Ashby; Sujitha Rajan

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)**

**24th March 2024 — Palm Sunday**



*Hosanna to the king of the most High*



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.

Hosanna to the king of the most High

Each year on the Sunday before Easter, Christians around the world celebrate and commemorate what is traditionally called Palm or Passion Sunday, when we recount the events leading up to the betrayal, crucifixion, and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Holy Week is the high point of the Liturgical Year, culminating in the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection next Sunday. This is thought of as the busiest but also the richest week in the Christian calendar.

The joy and triumph will change to another focus as we move into the church and begin to hear the readings about the Suffering Servant of God from the book of the Prophet Isaiah, then the great passage from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Philippians about Christ and finally the recounting of the betrayal, passion, and death of the Lord according to the Gospel writer, this year Saint Mark.

Jesus is to enter Jerusalem as its ‘Lord’, that is, as the Messiah, Son of David, whose ‘kingdom’ or rule is about to come, as the crowd acclaims. The mode of his entry, however – on a donkey rather than in a chariot or on a horse – indicates the kind of Messiah he is going to be: one who has come ‘not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many’ (Mark 10:45), as the events of the week to follow, will all too clearly show. We know why this is being allowed to happen: because this is the kind of ‘service’ that God willed the Messiah to perform: to enter into the sinfulness, pain, and suffering of the world, to overcome those things from within, to give his life that the ‘many’ might have life (cf. 10:45; 14:24).

The first reading set down for today, Isaiah 50:4-7, is the third of Isaiah’s ‘Servant Songs’, all four of which will be read during Holy Week, culminating in the reading of the fourth and last (Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12) on Good Friday. These four texts, in which reflections upon the personal suffering of the prophet and that of Israel during her Exile are mysteriously intertwined, have from the beginning been central to the Christian understanding of Jesus’ passion and death.

Our procession with palm or olive branches and hearing the words of Scripture regarding the life, death, and ultimately the resurrection of Christ, is not something from the remote past meant to remind us of what occurred long ago, with little relevance for the present. Rather, all that we celebrate throughout Holy Week is a clear reminder that God is with us now, working on our behalf and that the power of the resurrection of Christ has a daily and real effect on our lives. We are to be convinced that the working of the Holy Spirit in us and with us is an undying source of grace now and always.

Our belonging to Christ is to be a matter of the heart that encompasses our entire being and time. That does not mean we neglect the “mundane” aspects of our life. We all have obligations to family, work and community, and we need time for exercise and relaxation, but all of it is to be consecrated to God and entrusted to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we may be people on fire for God and for the Kingdom of God present and yet to come. This implies we know our God, that we spend time in prayer each day and joyfully participate in the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist.

| SUNDAY, 24th March 2024—PALM SUNDAY<br>8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways Service                                |                                    |                      |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Isa 50. 4-7                                                                                                      | Ps 22. 6-22                        | Phil 2. 5-11         | Mark 11. 1–10    |
| 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     |                      |                  |
| THURSDAY, 28th March 2024 : MAUNDY THURSDAY—7.00pm                                                               |                                    |                      |                  |
| Exod 12. 1-14                                                                                                    | Ps 116. 11-16                      | 1 Cor 11. 23-26      | John 13. 1-15    |
| FRIDAY, 29th March 2024 : GOOD FRIDAY—10.00am                                                                    |                                    |                      |                  |
| Isa 52. 13-53.12                                                                                                 | Ps 31. 11-18                       | Heb 4. 14-16;15. 7-9 | John 18. 1-19.42 |
| SATURDAY, 30th March 2024<br>Holy Eucharist—6.00pm @ St Luke’s, Mt Schank<br>EASTER VIGIL—7.30pm @ Christ Church |                                    |                      |                  |
| Exod 14. 15-15.1a                                                                                                | Ps 18. 27-31                       | Rom 6. 3-11          | Mark 16. 1-8     |
| SUNDAY, 31st MARCH 2024 : EASTER DAY                                                                             |                                    |                      |                  |
| Acts 10. 34-43                                                                                                   | Ps 118. 19-29                      | Col 3. 1-4           | John 20. 1-9     |
| Server                                                                                                           | Julienne Feast                     |                      |                  |
| Welcomer                                                                                                         | Helen Douglass                     |                      |                  |
| Readers                                                                                                          | Richard Mills / Trevor Christopher |                      |                  |
| Intercessions                                                                                                    | Julienne Feast                     |                      |                  |
| Sound desk                                                                                                       | Richard Mills                      |                      |                  |
| Flowers                                                                                                          | Robyn Sweetnam                     |                      |                  |
| Morning Tea                                                                                                      | The Men                            |                      |                  |

| ROSTERS FOR                                                                                         |                                                                                       | MARCH         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| GARDENING                                                                                           |  | Fran Laslett  |
|  MOWING ROSTER |                                                                                       | Darryll Grant |

### 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*



To be spiritually enriched in this Great and Holy Week this year, we pray for the grace of God to live our daily lives in the light of faith, hope, and love, the theological virtues, seeing in Christ the Just One who was condemned, yet at the same time the origin of our strength and all life. May this Holy Week 2024 find us renewed in zeal for the things of God, for the love of God and neighbor, eager to celebrate next Sunday the Passover of our Lord, the central mystery of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of Christ. May God illumine and guide our steps today and throughout our lives.

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### 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 Luke's 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.

## Forthcoming Parish Events

| MONTH | DAY   | DATE             | TIME                   | ACTIVITY                                                                                                                  | ORGAN-ISED BY |
|-------|-------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| MAR   | Sun   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am<br>9.30am       | Communion<br>Pathways Service— <b>Palm Sunday</b>                                                                         | CMG           |
|       | Mon   | 25 <sup>th</sup> |                        | Chrism Mass @ Mt Barker                                                                                                   |               |
|       | 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> | 6.00pm<br>7.30pm       | Holy Eucharist @ Mt Schank<br>Easter Vigil @ Christ Church<br>(N.B. There will be no Easter Vigil @ Mt Schank this year)  |               |
|       | Sun   | 31 <sup>st</sup> | 9.00am                 | Easter Day ( <b>1 service in parish to-day</b> )                                                                          |               |
| APRIL | Sun   | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 8.00am<br>9.30am       | Communion<br>Communion                                                                                                    |               |
|       | Tues  | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 3.15pm                 | Fundraising team mtg in Ashworth Rm                                                                                       |               |
|       | Sun   | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 9.00am<br>From 11.00am | Pathways Service with Reserved Sacrament ( <b>1 service in parish to-day</b> )<br><b>Parish Picnic</b> at Port MacDonnell | CMG           |
|       | Sun   | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 8.00am<br>9.30am       | Communion<br>Communion—celebrate ANZAC Day                                                                                | Choir         |
|       | Wed   | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00am                | "The Chosen" study @ Christ Church                                                                                        |               |
|       | Sun   | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8.00am<br>9.30am       | Communion<br>Pathways Service                                                                                             | CMG           |

## 2024 ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

Congratulations to the following people:

**Parish Council members:** Dick Hamson, Rick Fisher, Helen Douglass, Sandy Coulson (Priest's Warden), Brian Smith, Sujitha Rajan, Lynn Fisher, Robyn Ashby.

*The commissioning of the Parish Council members will take place during the 9.30am service this Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.*

**Patronage Committee members:** Bill Hudd, Sandy Coulson, Rick Fisher, Sue Christopher.

**Synod Representatives:** Sandy Coulson, Trevor Christopher, Rick Fisher, Richard Mills.

## 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.***

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| 2nd & 4th Thurs       | 4.00-5.00pm           | Fr Neil visits Mt Gambier Prison                                                |
| 3rd Thurs             | 7.00pm                | Pro Life meetings                                                               |
| Wednesdays            | 8.00am<br>1.00-3.00pm | Ministers' prayer and Association meeting<br>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                                                                       |

## LENTEN STUDIES

Fr Neil is conducting the last Lenten study group at the church this coming 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

