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Pew Sheet

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

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

and in the Limestone Coast

Archdeacon Neil (Nalini); Fr Alex Bainton (Cheryl); Bp Michael Hough;

Parish Councillors, Christ Church

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

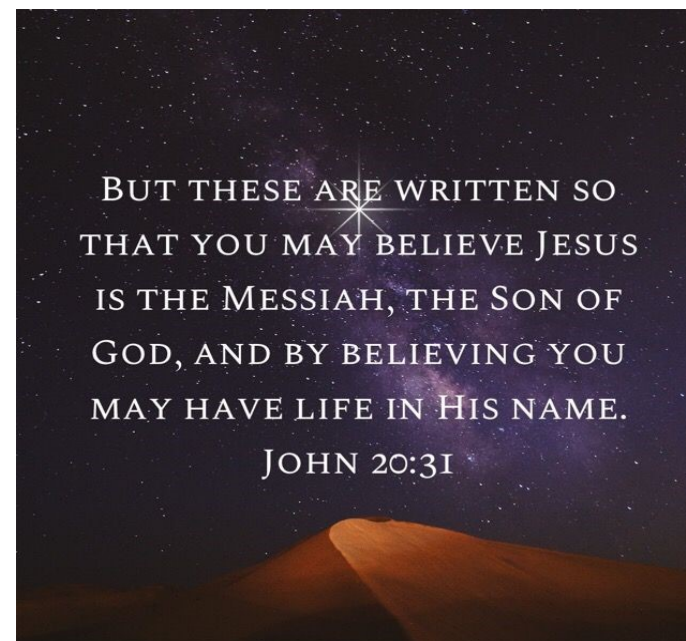
If you wish to make a bequest to the church, please follow the
instructions on the Regulation for Bequests form
which is available from the back of the church.

The Anglican Parish of Mount Gambier (Berrin)

**Christ Church
Mount Gambier (Berrin)**

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

7th April 2024 — Easter 1



By believing you may have life in Jesus



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.

BY BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN JESUS

“My Lord and my God!” The words of the apostle, Thomas, are really a strong witness to the belief of the early Church: Jesus is God and man. Thomas, who is presented to us as a man having great doubts about any faith in Jesus after his crucifixion, now becomes a patron for all of us who would like further proof that Jesus is God.

The Gospel sounds so convincing in its approach to understanding Jesus, yet we can be certain that not all of the followers of Jesus were able to accept his Resurrection! Rather, we need to recognize that this Gospel was written to help those of us who already believe. The Gospels are written within the early Christian community to hand on the beliefs that had become clear to that community.

We need to be clear on how we understand Thomas. The popular interpretation puts him in a bad light, as “doubting Thomas”. This however is not the movement of the text, which culminates in Thomas’ admirable act of faith, the most explicit in the New Testament – “My Lord and my God!”. We are more in accord with the spirit of the text, therefore, when we look at Thomas as a model of faith. He was right to insist that before he could believe in Jesus’ resurrection he must see the holes the nails made in his hands, put his finger into the holes and his hand into the great wound made by the centurion’s lance.

Thomas teaches us the important lesson that we must not separate the resurrection from the cross, since we are called to be followers of Jesus. He also teaches us the truth of the Church and of our individual spiritual growth. We cannot live the life of grace, the “risen life”, authentically unless we bear in our bodies the wounds of the cross. This means being conscious that we develop the capacity to love and to be loved only by dying to ourselves. Our wounds are also a constant reminder of our frailty, and that it is God’s grace that raises us up to new life.

St Paul’s epistles show that the first Christians needed the corrective of Thomas’ faith. They tended to relate with the risen Jesus without reference to his crucifixion. They forgot that they were called to be “followers of Jesus crucified”, choosing to die with him so that they could rise with him (see especially 1 Corinthians 1).

We Christians fall into the same error today when our lives and our teachings proclaim an abstract “disembodied” Jesus, dispenser of graces and teacher of morality – we forget the historical person who was put to death for proclaiming the kingdom of God.

SUNDAY, 7th April 2024 : Easter 1—Frances Cook visiting 8.00am and 9.30am—Morning Prayer with communion by extension			
Acts 4. 32-35	Ps 118. 19-29	1 Jn 5. 1-6	John 20. 19-31
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Readers	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald		
Intercessions	Richard Mills		
Sound desk	Robyn Ashby		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / Ohna Green		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / . Maree McIntyre		
SUNDAY, 14th April 2024 : Easter 2 9.00am—Communion (1 service only in parish) 11.00am onwards—Parish Picnic at Port MacDonnell			
Acts 3. 13-19	Ps 4	1 Jn 2. 1-6	Luke 24. 35-48
Server	Julienne Feast		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Readers	Margaret Boardman / Rita Johnston		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Sound desk	Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Flowers	Elizabeth Hodges / Ohna Green		
Morning Tea	Beryl Heard / Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		

ROSTERS FOR	APRIL
GARDENING 	Helen Douglass
 MOWING ROSTER	Volunteer required

*Sanctify, O Lord, our hearts and minds, and inspire our praise, give us grace to glorify you both in our worship and our work; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.*

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; 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 **Ann Maier and family** as they mourn the death of Joe earlier this week. Joe's memorial service will be held on Tuesday, 9th April @ 11.00am.

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

APRIL

8th	Joan Tremelling	16th	Glen Solomons
10th	Darryll Grant	24th	Jane Reichelt
10th	Roger Jones	27th	Llewellyn Jones
11th	Sandy Coulson	30th	Sue Ongley

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*



Thank you

Please check the notice board in the Vestry for the Thank You card from the Castlemaine Steiner School and Kindergarten, Class 8 Glenelg Camp. This is from the group that we accommodated in our hall when they were evacuated from the Glenelg National Park due to the threat of fire in early March.

The children also knitted some bunnies and made pompoms for the Craft Group to distribute.

Thomas professes the true faith of the Church. We too must insist that the Jesus we follow is the true Jesus, the one whose risen body bears the wounds of Calvary.

Jesus is the model leader and spiritual guide. He is pleased to give Thomas the assurance he is looking for, and then challenges him to look forward to the day when he will believe without seeing – always in the Jesus who passes through death to resurrection.

The blessedness of believing without seeing came from the experience of the early Church. Jesus is not moralizing, but inviting Thomas – and us – to celebrate great people of faith, in our local communities and world-wide, who take up their cross with confidence in the resurrection.

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Some Good Friday images



A hearty thank you and school holiday arrangements

... on behalf of the Children's Ministry and the Liturgy Committee to all participants in the Easter celebrations.

Please note that organised children's activities will be in recess for the autumn break from this weekend—7th April until Sunday, 5th May. Please feel free to access toys and colouring materials in the centre cupboard on the western wall in the Vestry.

Children playing there will need adult supervision. Please return anything used to the cupboard afterwards.

Kaylene Barreira

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGAN- ISED BY
APRIL	Sun	7 th	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Prayer with Frances Cook Communion by extension	CMG
	Tues	9 th	3.15pm	Fundraising Team mtg in Ashworth Rm	
	Thurs	11 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	14 th	9.00am From 11.00am	Eucharist (1 service in parish today) Parish Picnic at Port MacDonnell	Choir
	Tues	16 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	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



From Frances Cook

After nearly 36 years working with the Anglican Church of Chile, I'm now to retire. So, today:

I gladly give thanks to God for his faithfulness and goodness and also to this church which sent me off in 1988 and has participated one way or another with me in that ministry all this time.

The instrument for God's mission in and to the world is the church. The church loves all the church and loves to see it flourish as the Gospel is proclaimed all over the place.

I will share a couple of stories of people trained in the CEP; Chile's Anglican seminary and follow up on the church in Punta Arenas, my first church in Chile. These are stories of Christians making Jesus known where they are as that is the task of the church wherever we are.

I ask you to consider what will be this church's ongoing commitment to the mission of proclaiming Christ everywhere? We gather weekly to worship God. Praise is declaring the great works of our God. So is evangelism. We ought not to separate the two. Our worship bursts out into evangelism, proclaiming salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus everywhere.

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

Op Shop Seasonal Change-over

The Bell Tower Op Shop will be holding its seasonal change-over in the hall on **FRIDAY, 26th APRIL** and **SATURDAY, 27th APRIL** commencing at 9.00am.

This requires considerable physical work such as lifting tubs of clothing off shelving as well as lots of sorting, removing summer stock & displaying new winter stock. Anyone, **particularly men** in the parish who may be able to help for an hour or two, are encouraged to come along.

Enquiries please contact Gill Doyle 0438 867 146 or Jeff Bowman 0487 486 260.