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We pray for the Diocese of The Murray

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

and in the Limestone Coast

Archdeacon Neil (Nalini)

and Parish Council Members, Christ Church

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

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 July 2024 — Trinity 6



God's grace is sufficient for me



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.

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St Paul in the second reading speaks of the thorn in the flesh. God uses thorns in our lives to display his power, to sustain us and to use us. And God is working in all kinds of ways through those thorns, ways that we don’t often see. It is said, “If there’s more than one way for God to use a thorn, then there’s more than one way for you to pray about a thorn.”

And I specifically encourage you to pray three different ways about thorns in our lives or in others’ lives. One, it’s right to pray for God to remove them. That’s what Paul’s doing here. So unless God has made clear, “I’m leaving this thorn in,” ask him to take it out, to remove thorns. Second, it’s good to praise God as long as that thorn remains for what he’s doing with that thorn. I trust God is working through your life when it comes to that thorn and others’ lives in ways you don’t see.

So praise God for the work he’s doing even when you don’t see it. Which leads us thirdly to ask God for the strength to endure thorns. Sometimes we look around and we can’t see any good in a particular thorn. But just because you and I can’t find a good reason for a thorn, doesn’t mean there isn’t one. And so ask God for strength to endure. Trust him to be faithful to do what he said right here to Paul, “My grace will be sufficient for you and my power will be made perfect in your weakness”.

In verse 8 Paul tells us how he prayed over this matter. "Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me". Just like Jesus prayed three times, "Father, if it be possible let this cup pass from me," Paul prays three times. Perhaps he bargained with God a lot like we do: "Lord your ministry could be better served if you heal this. Your name will be glorified . . . I can serve you better if . . .". Do you ever find yourself bargaining with God when you are suffering pain and distress? "Three times" is a figure of speech meaning untiringly, continually, over and over again crying out to God in prayer. It is our privilege and our duty to "call upon God in time of trouble," because troubles are often sent for this very purpose, to bring us nearer to God and conform us to Christ.

Perhaps you are facing intense physical pain. It may be cancer, or a loved one suffering terminal illness. It may be emotional pain that comes from broken relationships, rejection, loneliness, stress, slander, gossip, being misunderstood, or harsh unjust criticism. You may be a hurting parent, or a hurting child going through the divorce of your parents. It may be financial losses or a bankruptcy. Perhaps the most difficult pain is spiritual. Paul says, "there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me . . ."

Grace covers all areas of our lives. We are saved by grace. I can never get enough of God’s marvellous grace. It is the free, divine, unmerited and undeserved favour of God toward sinners. It is free, spontaneous, unmerited love of God to sinful people. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). Salvation is given the believing sinner out of the pure generosity of God’s loving heart. The LORD God is always the fountain from which flows this saving grace. Jesus is the mediator of this saving grace to sinful men. The very moment we believe on Him as our personal Savior He saves us by His grace.

The principle the apostle Paul learned in his pain was to exchange the weakness for God’s strength. It is a principle the Lord is teaching us. "Lord I hand over to You my sin and guilt," and He gives me His forgiveness. "Lord, I hand over to You my weakness," and He gives me His strength. "Lord I hand over to You my failure," and He causes me to grow through this experience. "Lord I hand over to You my helplessness," and He gives me hope. "Lord I hand over to You my stress," and He gives me His power. "Lord I give Him my loneliness," and He gives me His presence. "Lord I hand over to Him my rejection," and He gives His belongingness. When I am the weakest in my own power I am strongest in His presence.

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SUNDAY, 7th July 2024 : Trinity 6 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Communion			
Ezek 2. 2-5	Ps 123	2 Cor 12. 2-10	Mark 6. 1-6
Bell Ringer	Trevor Christopher		
Servers	Julienne Feast / Jane Reichelt		
Welcomer	Faye Hill		
Offering : 8.00am 9.30am	Llew Jones Jenny Tilby / Raylene Milligan		
Sound desk : 8.00am 9.30am	Richard Mills Robyn Ashby		
Live streaming	David Hill		
Music	Choir		
Intercessions	Rick Fisher		
Readers	Rick and Lynn Fisher		
Morning Tea	Helen Douglass / Denise McDonald / Maree McIntyre		
Flowers	E Hodges / O Green		
PowerPoint preparation	Sujitha Arone		
SUNDAY, 14th July 2024 : Trinity 7 8.00am—Communion : 9.30am—Pathways			
Amos 7. 12-15	Ps 85. 8-13	Eph 1. 3-14	Mark 6. 7-13
Bell Ringer	Karthick Arone		
Servers	Julienne Feast / Jane Reichelt		
Welcomer	Raylene Milligan		
Offering : 8.00am 9.30am	Llew Jones Jenny Tilby / Raylene Milligan		
Sound desk : 8.00am 9.30am	Richard Mills Trudy-Anne Doyle		
Live streaming	David Hill		
Music	CMG		
Intercessions	Julienne Feast		
Readers	Julienne Feast / Sandy Coulson		
Morning Tea	Beryl Heard / Raylene Milligan / Jenny Tilby		
Flowers	Roma Driscoll		
PowerPoint preparation	Sue Christopher		

Pray for those people who are unwell and for each other

Sue Ongley; Maree Lynch; Shirley Stacpoole; Sandy Coulson; Anne England; Rita Reichelt, Ruth Clarkson

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.

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.

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



Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

Solos & Pairs will be held on the
second Friday of each month at the
Park Hotel @ 12.00pm.
All welcome.

Church Ladies Friendship Cuppa
Would love to see you all the The
Limestone Coast Pantry for our
cuppa at 2.00pm on the **third**
Tuesday of each month.
Glenyse Nott : 0429 087 947

PARISH BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

JULY

2nd Lynn Fisher
3rd Donna Winckel
5th Judy Geddes

7th John Allen
16th Robert Sims



We wish 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**

DID YOU KNOW ???

- ◆ Every person has a unique tongue print.,
- ◆ Cats average 12 to 16 hours of sleep a day, more than any other mammal.
- ◆ The loop on a belt that holds the loose end is called a 'keeper'.
- ◆ A camel can shut its nostrils during a desert sandstorm.
- ◆ 'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in 'mt'.

QUILTS GALORE !!!

Come and see a magnificent
display of hand crafted quilts
made by the Pine Tree
Quilters Guild of Mount
Gambier

@ the Anglican Church, Bay
Road.

Thursday, 4th / Friday, 5th / Saturday, 6th July 2024
10.00am to 3.00pm
\$5.00 entry

Proceeds to Riding for the Disabled and Restoration of the heritage
listed 1930 Lych Gate

Tea and coffee available

Flowers provided by the Floral Art
Club, Mount Gambier



Elizabeth Hodges
0419 595 653

New small group Bible Study commencing now - and open for new members at any time

Following on from Fr Neil's regular encouragement for us to open our Bibles, and re-iterated by Fr Bruce Cliff recently, a new initiative is underway to help us achieve this. Richard Mills is very excited about a well proven avenue available on the internet which uses the Alpha founder Nicky Gumbel and his wife Pippa to lead a daily Bible reading segment which takes up 25 minutes per day. To get involved with this does not necessarily mean you have to have the internet as there are ways around this - involving printed notes and/or a CD player. Please consider if you would like to join in - the necessary help to get started will be provided - and then this can all happen in the comfort of your own home and at your own time. It is hoped that a weekly zoom meeting will be set-up whereby members of the group can share experiences of the previous weeks involvement - discussing any difficult passages and passing these on to Fr Neil for further guidance. The zoom sessions will be automatically documented and a print-out from these will be forwarded to all members. If you cannot engage in the zoom session, any questions you have will be collected and passed on to a subsequent meeting. All this in the comfort of your own home ... without having to go out into the cold this winter !

Hope you might consider this favourably - the group would love to have you on board to either re-read the Bible - or perhaps to work through it for the first time. Our lives are much enriched when we allow God's word to enter in ... and we can invite others we know who may be interested too !

Forthcoming Parish Events

MONTH	DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	ORGANISED BY
JULY	Sun	7 th	8.00am 9.30am 3.00pm	Communion Communion A Winter Concert to warm the Heart	Choir
	Thurs	11 th	9.30am	Men Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Fri— Sat	12 th - 13 th		Diocesan Council in Murray Bridge	
	Sun	14 th	8.00am 9.30am 11.30am	Communion Pathways—ac.care Sunday Communion—St Luke's, Mt Schank	CMG
	Tues	16 th	2.00pm	Ladies Do Coffee @ Limestone Coast Pantry	
	Sun	21 st	8.00am 9.30am	Communion—Bush Church Aid Communion—Bush Church Aid	Choir
	Tues	23 rd	3.15pm	Fundraising meeting in Ashworth Room	
	Sun	28 th	8.00am 9.30am	Communion Pathways	CMG

ac.care Sunday, 14th July – Parishioners are invited to support ac.care with any winter goods (coats, hats, gloves, blankets), cleaning goods and vouchers. Bring them to the service on Sunday, 14th for ac.care.

Harmony Service : 25th August – a service celebrating and supporting refugees and migrants. **Put it in your diary now.** We will be having a luncheon in the Hall after the 9:30am service (12n start). Please bring an international plate of food to share that represents or reflects your heritage.

A Holiday Note to Families

With the arrival of the end of term, we send our best wishes to all families, praying they stay warm this winter break, travel safely, rest well and remain free of illness. We pray for more rain, too, for our land, and time and opportunities for young and old to enjoy each other's company. We give thanks for the families of our Parish, the generations they cross, and the ways they strive to keep in touch, whether in person or thanks to technology.

This week, we say a special **thank you** to the Fernando and Arone families, Sujitha Sunder Rajan, Sunil Fernando and Tony Tsephe for bringing to life on Synod Sunday, Mark's gospel [4: 35-41] telling the story of Jesus calming the storm – a reminder to us all that our faith and hope can bring comfort and peace of mind, even in the midst of despair.

It was a joy to be able to present the re-enactment with young Ethan, his mother, Sujitha, Sath-yanga, Sadewu and their grandfather, Sunil playing the roles of the disciples, and Tony cast as Jesus. We thank them very much for their willing participation, preparation, courage and strong voices. Thank you, too, to Nalini for her assistance, as always, with costumes and sets, Virginia Kuhl for the provision of a boat, Fr Neil for the inspiration, and his mother, Kalyani, for the gentle, prayerful and loving support she provided for us all.

Organised activities for the children resume at the end of Week 1 of Term 3, July 28. 'Til then, take care!!

A reminder that toys, books and colouring materials will still be available in the vestry cupboards for use, however, children will need to be supervised by a parent or carer. The service is livestreamed to the Vestry. Please pack away all toys and materials after use so the area remains a safe space for all. Thank you.

Kaylene Barreira, for Children's Ministry.

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

WOOD RAFFLE UPDATE

Thank you to those people who have been able to support the wood raffle so far. Tickets are selling extremely well. Booklets of tickets can still be collected or returned to the Church Office on **Sundays, Tuesdays (10am – 11.30am) or Thursdays (10am – 12 noon).**

We will be selling raffle tickets at COLES on Thursday, 25th July. Please contact Jeff B if you are able to help with sales at one of the following times: 9.30am-11.30am; 11.30am-2.00pm; 2.00pm-4.00pm.

We would appreciate all tickets being **returned by Sunday 21st July**. Winners will be drawn on **Sunday, 28th July**.

**Jeff Bowman
for Fundraising Team**

ROSTERS FOR	JULY
GARDENING	Helen Douglass
MOWING ROSTER	Rick Fisher
MONEY COUNTERS	Julienne Feast / Robyn Sweetnam