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*The Parish Paper of
MOE-NEWBOROUGH
St Aidan's Newborough
St Luke's Moe
St James Yallourn North*

Parish Prayer Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pas-
tor who will faithfully speak your
word and minister your sacra-
ments; an encourager who will
equip your people for ministry
and enable us to fulfill our call-
ing. Give to those who will
choose, wisdom, discernment,
and patience, and to us give
warm and generous hearts, for
Jesus Christ's sake Amen

NOVEMBER 2024

The Rev'd Giles Motisi nominated as Priest-in-Charge of Moe - Newborough



The invitation to Rev'd Giles Motisi as Priest-in-Charge of our Parish on the unanimous recommendation of the Clergy Appointments Advisory Board was announced at the All Saints and All Souls Day service on Sunday 3rd November by the Parish Representatives of the Board.

Bishop Richard in announcing the decision wrote

"I am delighted that Fr Giles has accepted this invitation, and that – subject to immigration approvals and clearance requirements – he will be formally appointed to that position in the new year.

Fr Giles is the Deputy Principal of what has long been known to us as Newton Theological College in Popondetta, Papua New Guinea, and which has recently become the Modawa Institute, where our diocesan missionary, +Jeffrey Driver, is the Acting Principal.

When Fr Giles visited the Diocese in September it was a joy for him to meet a number of Gippsland Anglicans who have supported Modawa and who knew some of his students by name.

During that visit Giles attended a fund-raising event for the Institute at Bishops Court in Melbourne, and also met with the Dean of Theology at Trinity College Theological School, through which he will undertake postgraduate studies at the University of Divinity. Fr Giles introduces himself a little further as follows:

I am from Dogura Diocese, Milne Bay Province. I am 55 years old and have worked for seven years at what is now the Modawa Institute. I came to the Institute around the same time as Bishop Jeffrey Driver whom you all know. When the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea appointed him as the Principal of (then) Newton College he asked me to be his Deputy Principal.

I hold a degree in Theology and another degree in Agricultural Science, and worked as a Plantation Manager before studying for ministry at the Catholic Theological Institute and being ordained. Most of my ministry has been in Theological Education and I also enjoyed serving briefly as a Parish Priest, which is something I am looking forward to experiencing again.

I am married to Julia and have four children. The two older boys are adults and are working while the third boy and a girl are at School.

We look forward to welcoming Fr Giles and members of his family to Gippsland just as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made. We anticipate him starting as Priest-in-Charge at 0.7 to enable him to devote time to his studies. As well as being a dedicated pastor, Giles' ministry with us will further strengthen the bonds between Gippsland and the Modawa Institute.

Please pray for him and his family, for their community at Popondetta, and for the clergy and people of Moe / Newborough at a time of significant change and exciting new directions.

Grace and peace, + Richard"



The new year is not far away— Preparing for a New Beginning

Most people on hearing someone say that 'the new year is not far away', will probably say 'Oh yeh! It is getting closer. It is now just under two months until New Year's Day'.



But for us as Christians, far more important than the secular new year, is the churches new year, which includes the secular new year.

Our celebration of the major events of Christ's life and the foundations of the Christian revelation is only a month away. It begins this year on the 1st of December, the first Sunday of Advent. (see page 4)

As Anglicans, together with the Roman Catholic the Eastern Orthodox Church and often to a lesser extent, a number of other Christian faith traditions, the church year is the heart of our faith journey and our communal and private worship which our service to God flows out of. It is also and has been formative of our society and culture and many others throughout the world with the two most important events, Christmas and Easter being the most significant. Even when the celebration of these two major feast days is secularised in some countries, like Australia, which once could be described as Christian countries, and recognised in non-Christian countries, these two major events are still important and have an impact on human life. No matter how secular, there is still a whisper of Christ as illustrated in the development in the last century of the celebration of 'Christmas in July'.

Although the church year is interwoven with cycle of the seasons in the northern hemisphere, living in the southern hemisphere gives a different perspective. More of that another day. Christmas in July touches into that.

Living the church year can be described as a process based on telling and hearing the story of salvation and its role in human history. Sharing our own story and

learning to see God's hand in our own story, in human life, and in all creation and how it intersects with the story of salvation.

Central to our Christian journey is our responsibility to nurture those whom we share life with in the Christian faith. To help people who do not know Christ, come to know him and support each other in coming to maturity of faith, to grow in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1: 10)

if someone were to ask you 'how can I know Christ'? How would you answer? One response, and an important one, could be to share how you know Christ. But this is really only a first step. Our series on people's faith Journeys is important in helping us equip ourselves to do this. A second and in many ways a far more important response is to invite them to come to church, particularly for the first six months of the church year from Advent to Trinity Sunday. Although the rest of the year that focuses on the life, ministry and teaching of Jesus, is also important. You could also ask them if you could share this journey with them and involve others in their journey as well.

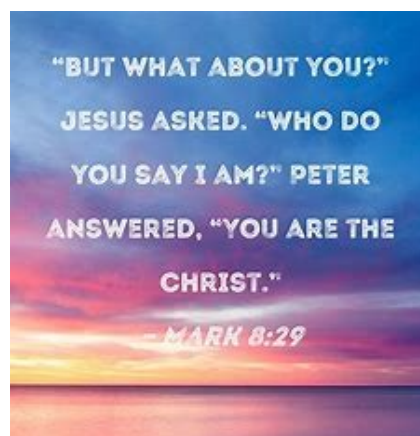
There are other ways. You can suggest that they join our parish meditation group instead of or as well. If there is no reflection or Bible study group, you could ask Fr Giles or until he is inducted, a priest in the parish or a parish councillor, that such a group be formed to help them in this journey.

It is possible that you might have more than one person that is taking this step or that others in the parish have invited someone or someone's to take the same step.

Even though we now have a nomination of a Priest-in-Charge, we need to keep walking the journey until he joins us and shares with us the discernment of the next stage of ministry.

Our calling is to keep building up the body of Christ in whatever way we can and in so doing preparing the way for his new ministry. The stronger the foundations, the better it will be for the new stage of ministry within this parish.

(Rev'd) Bruce Charles—Editor





[Our parish website can be found at](http://www.moenewboroughanglican.org.au)

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The website provides up to date news on the parish as well as information about parish organisations, partnerships and programs. There is a page about the history of our parish and our Vision for the future.

Each week our Sunday Pew Sheet is uploaded so you can see what's on during the week as well as the Prayers and Readings we have had on the Sunday. The Sermon each week is also videoed and posted on the webpage for those who weren't able to get to Church or for those who would like to listen again. If you have any thoughts about other things you would like included please contact the Reverend Bruce Charles, "the Web master".



The Parish Council is currently updating the Parish Roll to ensure that we are not missing people who wish to be considered as part of our parish. Part of this process also includes updating our data such as address, mobile phone numbers and email addresses. We also need to check as to

whether you recoded home phone number is still active. If you believe that information we may have concerning you is out of date please contact the Parish Secretary.



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those on our Sunday Parish Prayer List (see weekly pew sheet) and others who would seek our prayers for them at this time.

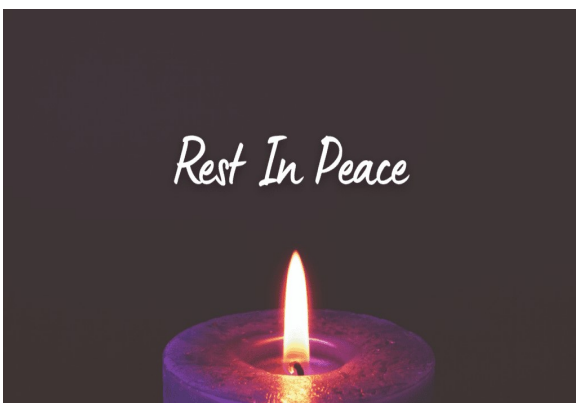
If you wish to ask for prayers to be acknowledged on a Sunday please contact the parish.



Birthday Greetings for NOVEMBER to

19TH Beryl Brien

And others within our Parish Family who celebrate birthdays this month.



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

Sunday November 3rd is the day we celebrated ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY when we remembered at the Sunday Eucharist, all the Saints of God, known and not known to us and love ones who have died and gone before us.

We also can remember family and friends who have died on the anniversary of their death throughout the year.

Names and dates can be given to Jan Misiurka



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT OCTOBER 24

Coming events are noted elsewhere in this newsletter

Matters considered were:

- further planning for Hope 25, a national Anglican outreach program which is from Easter to Pentecost next year.
- the use of the existing olive tree at St Aidan's as part of the diocesan prayer tree community.
- School chaplaincy. The decision to decide which school schools to support to be considered next year.
- Inviting younger members to end of year functions and discussion with them about future activities.
- A Community Garden Committee established with Julie Bruce, Stephen Heath and Susan Lendon. Safe Ministry details need to be finalised before there can be a parish working bee. Meanwhile work can continue as it has been.
- Formalising the men's breakfast as part of the parish program.

Report from the Op shop

- New phone for Internet and Volunteer Safety if needed.
- no Halloween windows because not in line with our values
- Op shop volunteers break up as an expression of our appreciation of the volunteers

A number of maintenance matters including:

- cleaning and stretching of the carpet and the checking of the roof which was leaking at St Aidan's, cleaning up at St Luke's, fixing the rectory TV antenna and the rectory lease month by month.
- number of buildings that need painting to be dealt with by the new parish council.



WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DIARY DATES WE THINK ABOUT CALENDARS

There are all sorts of Calendars and Diaries around which help plan out our year. The Church has its own Calendar year to guide our thoughts and understandings. The Church Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent (in 2024 this will be Sunday December 1st.) .

The Season of Advent focuses on four weeks of preparation. Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation, providing Christians with a time to direct hearts and minds "to Jesus' 'first coming', as the child of Bethlehem, His 'second coming' at the end of the age, and His many comings in the events of everyday life. As we journey to the Feast and Celebration of Christmas the four weeks of Advent focus on four themes of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE



COST OF LIVING RELIEF:

Our Op shop staff report that the need for food and other basic commodities continues to be a major priority. If you are able to assist you can drop of goods at the Op Shop, or place them in the box provided at Church or ask someone to collect them..

THIS MONTH IN THE PARISH

WORSHIP

SUNDAY

-HOLY COMMUNION 10am
AT SAINT AIDAN'S NEWBOROUGH

WEDNESDAY

-HOLY COMMUNION 10am
AT SAINT LUKE'S MOE

Meditation, Prayer, Reflection Group

Every Wednesday 7.30pm at the Madge Vinnell Centre
Begins with catching up on our journey in the past week
Reflects up teachings related to Faith, Prayer and Meditation
Shares a period of Silence
Listening to and being in the Presence of God
Concludes with discussion on anything that a member of the group
wants to share from the time of Silence

OUR MINISTRY TO THE AGED



Communion by extension from our Sunday Eucharist

Latrobe Valley Village Hostel 11.00 am First & Third Tuesday

Narracan Gardens Hostel 10.30 am Second & Fourth Monday

Narracan Gardens Nursing Home 11,00am Second & Fourth Wednesday



OUR OPPORTUNITY SHOP MINISTRY continues within our Parish with our three shops. The Donation Bin is located behind St Aidan's Church

The Newborough Shop is in Rutherglen Road and is open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm & Saturday 10 to 12 noon

The Moe Shop is in Anzac Street Monday to Friday 10 am to 2pm

The Yallourn North Shop in Reserve Street Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm

Check out our Facebook Page *Moe & Newborough Anglican Op Shops.*

Our thanks to our wonderful volunteers and there is always room for more if you would like to join us.



A monthly MENS BREAKFAST is held at Gippsland Heritage Park Tea Rooms on the first Saturday of each month at 8.30am. All are welcome for this time of fellowship. If you are a new person interested in attending please contact Stephen Heath 0438 913 572 to help with booking arrangements

Table Talk for Kids

Our Church will have its annual meeting this month. A Chance to communicate and learn more about the Parish Family we belong to. We will look at our goals, achievements and shared hopes for the future. Collectively we have many gifts and talents, but we are not always good at identifying them or thinking to offer them for others, perhaps we are TOO shy, TOO humble, or even decide ourselves that others will not be interested. Your interests may well be shared by people in our own congregation, if only we knew.

TRY this for starters during Table Chat with the family or group. . Using a body outline e.g. below Write in it , firstly, any hobbies or interests each individual in your group has, then list the jobs the members might have (full or part time). Help each other to identify particular skills, abilities you each have (sport, reading, music, gardening etc.)



FEELING ENERGETIC? Try getting one family member to lie down. Trace around their body on a large sheet of paper or use pavement chalk outside.

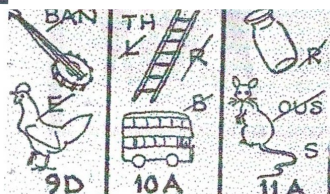
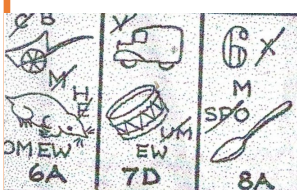
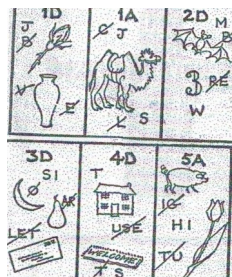
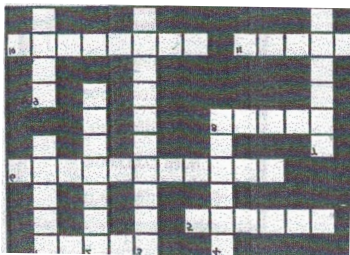
FINISHED? If you take this task seriously, WOW! You should marvel and rejoice, thankfully for the gifts you can share with each other as a group or family. We hope you are doing so already of course. You may discover that others have seen talents in you that you haven't even recognised to develop.

A CHALLENGE OR REQUEST! Think about ways such talents/interests could be explored and offered for our church to enjoy, or use, as together, we serve God and our community.

OTHER DISCUSSION STARTERS FOR ALL AGES:

- * We are the "Body OF Christ" What does that mean and therefore require of us in our daily lives?
- * On earth, one of our church songs says, " God has no other hands, than my hands" . What does that mean as we try to help our church and community?
- * Perhaps ask others in the congregation what their hobbies are!

Name 12 apostles puzzle



WHOSE BODY?

Meet five characters in this playreading: Number 1 (Cold and sensible) 2 (very superior), 3, (indignant), 4, (angry and nasty), 5, Meek and Mild)

Voice 1: I am an Eye



Voice 2: I am an ear



Voice 3: I am a leg



Voice 4: I am an



arm.

Voice 5: I am a tummy.



I am more important than rest

I am more important than the rest

I am more important than the rest.

I am more important than the rest.

Sorry You are all wrong.

You're a useless part of our body, I am always looking for food for you.

Yes, you are useless. I am always listening about food for you; all those TV advertisements!

I walk miles along roads and in supermarkets for you.

I carry all those groceries for you.

But you do need me.

Oh no, we don't. I don't need any of you. I am closing down (covers eyes)

I'll show you, I'm better than you. I'm shutting off. (covers ears)

I'm not working for you any more. I'm turning back. (stamps feet)

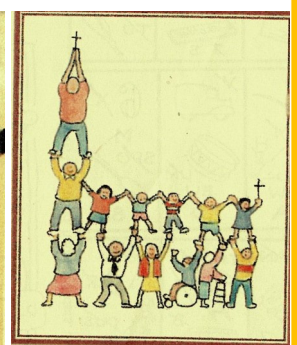
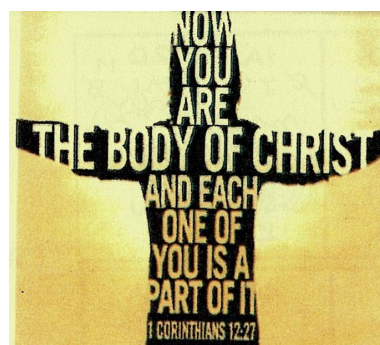
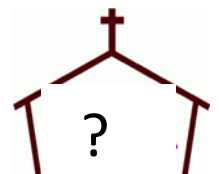
Who do they think they are? I shall wave you all good-bye.(waves)

But, I'm hungry. (long pause) I've missed 8 breakfasts, eight dinners and eight teas. Oh dear I don't feel well. I'm dying. Help!

(All turn to Tummy)

We are all too weak to help !

BUT I NEED YOU. Oh Look, I can't There's no hope. There's nothing. I'm dead.



16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence : Global



Between 24 November and 10 December, Mothers Union members will be joining in a global campaign to raise awareness and challenge unhealthy attitudes that relate to gender-based violence, and hope that you will also join in this campaign.

In Australia a woman is killed in a domestic violence related murder every few days. Around the world, the United Nations reports that more than five women or girls are killed every hour by someone in their own family.

This is a problem on such a scale that it will take all of us working together to bring about change. And its not just a problem for someone else, somewhere else.

Domestic and family violence is a problem hidden in plain sight in all our communities. It has everything to do with us as Christians. Throughout scripture, we are reminded and commanded to love our neighbour as we love ourselves, to treat others as we'd like to be treated, and to go out of our way to meet the needs of others. Jesus is our model in all of this.

What can we do:

- We can pray
- We can draw attention to unhelpful cultural norms.
- We can promote right and equal relationships
- We can highlight domestic abuse in our communities.
- We can join and support other community group activities
- We can raise awareness amongst our friends and family

The Anglican Church of Australia's Families & Culture Commission have created social media posts which raise awareness of the issues and also address violence supportive attitudes. This is part our Church's Ten Commitments to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence. Our Lord and King, Jesus, stood against injustice and calls us to follow him in creating a future which is free from violence. You can find more information about the campaign at www.tencommitments.org.au

MU St Barnabas Family Holiday at The Abbey

For many years Mothers Union and St Barnabas have partnered in providing Gippsland families in need of a short break an opportunity to relax and unwind on beautiful Raymond Island, accommodated at The

Abbey. There are no strings attached and no hoops to jump through – just a recommendation from a parish, or friend is all it takes, and up to three families are accepted each year, depending on donations, funds raised and family size.

beautiful place, that we, as a diocese are so lucky to have access to – what more could a family want! (This year all the rooms have TV access, so cross that off the list!) Transport costa and arrangements can be subsidized by their parish.

Each year is different, depending on the families attending and their own personal needs and desires. Some stay on site, admiring the wildlife (kangaroo and koala visits

guaranteed), walking along the edge of Lake Wellington, just chilling out. Some travel around the area. The choice is theirs. Take away lunches provided as required, meals catered for, and families share

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MU members are extremely grateful for the support our parish family extends to this great cause and the following illustrates the way your donations help!

Three nights in a safe environment with the support of caring people – Host family to help and support as required, cooks, Abbey family and the prayerful support from MU members and others, all costs covered, and the peace and serenity that is part of this

Coming Events

25th Sunday after Pentecost. Baptism of Elisa Jade Heriban. Parents: Jade and Jake

Sunday, 10th November. 10am St Aidan's Newborough

The Parish Annual General Meeting

after our service on Sunday 17th November.

As next year is the beginning of a new Synod Cycle all positions will be open for election – Parish Councillors, Wardens, Synod, etc. Nominations forms are now available and to be submitted to Parish Secretary, Julie Bruce by Saturday 9th November. All nominees need to have Diocesan Safe Ministry compliancy.

Safe Church Awareness & Refresher Workshop (Drouin) November 15th.

Location: Christ Church Anglican Church 128-132 Princes Way Drouin.

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Online registration <https://www.trybooking.com/CPHBD>

Registrations close Wednesday 13th November at 5.00pm unless booked out prior.



Enquiries only: 0351442044

Our commitment to a safe church

The Anglican Diocese of Gippsland is committed to ensuring our centres of worship and outreach are safe places for all, and it does not tolerate abuse or misconduct by church workers.

If you have any concerns, for yourself or someone you know, please contact our Professional Standards Office for a confidential discussion.

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Installation of New Canons

The Rev'd Canon Daniel Lowe and Diocesan Lay Canon Jan Misiurka were appointed in May at the Third Session of the Fortieth Synod. The formal installation will be at Evensong (5pm) on 24 November at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale. Rev'd Canon Prof John Morgan will be the preacher. He is the longest serving Canon in the Diocese.

List for transport in Narthex for those who need a lift and those who can give someone a lift.

Ecumenical Advent Conversation

A seasonal study of Old and New Testament passages drawn from our common lectionary alongside some of the great Advent themes.

The Conversation will be led by biblical scholars from the University of Divinity, Melbourne:

Rev Dr Merryl Blair OAM, Stirling Theological College and **Rev Dr Chris Monaghan**, Yarra Theological Union. Co-Chaired by Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale,

Friday 29 November 2024,

10am – 3.30pm. Morning tea and a light lunch will be served. \$25 per person. RSVP 22 November 2024

Booking essential: info@theabbey.org.au

Advent The first Sunday of Advent, 1st December

Christmas

Services Christmas Eve and Christmas Day times to be announced

Induction of Fr Giles

Sometime after 20th January 2025 subject to Visas requirements

Parish Community Garden

Like a perennial plant our project of garden restoration is well rooted. Efforts of a small restorative team in the area behind St Luke's Rectory is seeing transformation. 75 percent of our garden plots are ready for final dig over and planting. Offers of help to continue maintain this work or to contribute in other ways are welcomed e.g.

- Donations of vegetable seedlings or companion plants, or manure, preparation soils. Small plantings of Silver beet, strawberries, marigolds and herbs are underway .
- Replacement bench style garden seat (one or two for proposed reflection , or rest area.
- Ideas and visions for the areas use (a Parish Council approved group are working on the formal safety protocol issues) In the interim , workers are asked to be accompanied by another adult (or group) and children also must be accompanied by parent or approved carer.
- It would be helpful if volunteers signed the Communication book at entrance to garden... jot down your ideas!



Reflecting on What our Parish Vision might be

The following is from the Vision Statement of St George's Battery Point, Tasmania. It might help to get us thinking about what our Vision is whilst acknowledging that this is just a fragment.

"I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness."

John 12:46

*To see people **Drawn** to the Light of Christ
Transformed by the Light of Christ
and **Sent** out to Shine the Light of Christ*

"We want our church family to be known for our

generous welcome and deep love for others, just like God loves and welcomes us in Christ. We long to be a place where people find life and hope and peace as they encounter Christ, and where lives are transformed by the light of his truth, through the power of the Holy Spirit. As God does this, he sends us out to shine the light of Christ. We want to bless our neighbours and our city through our generous service and our gracious witness as public disciples of Christ to the glory of God."

This vision is beyond what we can do. But God can do more than we ask or imagine which means we will be people of prayer.

The Vision also includes looking at major events that will nurture the Vision, Particularly Christmas and Easter.

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time in the old A-frame, which is also a games room and has a quiet room with books, toys etc.

The companionship with the other families has seen some very strong bonds forming over the years, and the reports back have always been very positive and affirming.

The chapter from 2024 was a different story again!

On the day of arrival, a large yacht managed to somehow cut the power to the whole of Raymond Island, so The Abbey site was powerless. The experienced camp cooks Deb and David, immediately organised a BBQ tea to welcome everybody and people rugged up and got to know each other around an open fire. Power was off for most of the time away, but the families attending had a most wonderful time,

and all stayed an extra night, showing the bonds formed, when the power returned!

Last year for various reasons, Gwyneth and I were part of the Host Team, and were privileged to experience firsthand the positive changes in those attending. May many more families be able to benefit in this peaceful and loving environment and return to the real world strengthened and relaxed. Jan Misiurka. Oct 2024



Pictures: A Frame at Night, the Abbey Chapel

The Rector: (The parish is currently vacant)

For Pastoral Care

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- Rev'd Bruce Charles 0429 073 148

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For information about sacraments of the church: baptism, reconciliation, first communion, marriage or to speak to someone concerning your faith or life, please contact the Parish .

Secretary: Julie Bruce 0407 073 148 **Treasurer:** Jan Misiurka 0475 067 145

Wardens Susan Lendon, Marizel Gatica-Charles, Helen Davis

Churches

St Luke's Moe 49 South Street Moe: Eucharist 10am Wednesday

St Aidan's Newborough : Crn Torres & Williams Streets Newborough:

Eucharist 10am Sunday

St. James Yallourn North: Reserve Road Yallourn North: As Advertised

ORGANISATIONS AND CONTACTS

MU _President: Gwyneth Jones 0421501024

Meets 3rd Monday at St Aidan's 12.30 pm.

MENS BREAKFAST 8.30 am Gippsland Heritage Park Tea Rooms 1st Saturday of the month.

Contact: Stephen Heath 0438 913 572

Aged Care Services at Narracan Gardens and Latrobe Village

THE PARISH OF MOE-NEWBOROUGH BANK ACCOUNT

The Parish Account is titled "MOE-NEWBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL" . The account is held with the National Australia Bank BSB 083 773 Account Number 915154737.