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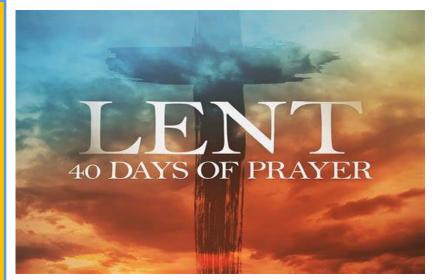
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The Parish Paper of MOE-NEWBOROUGH St Aidan's Newborough St Luke's Moe St James Yallourn North

A Parish Prayer God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may listen to one another, speak the truth in love, and bear much fruit in the service of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MARCH 2025



On keeping Lent

(Rev'd) Professor Canon John Morgan

The Keeping of Lent, or rather its observance has varied over the millennia of Christian history. Initially it seems that in earliest Christianity it was as brief as a few days. The forty-day observance became common only in the Western church from the fourth century when the pre-baptismal period of preparation became allied with it. Sundays were never included in the total because Sundays are never fast days, so the period had to begin in midweek to make forty. The period of forty days took its origin from the days of preparation undertaken by Moses, Elijah and Jesus himself.

The dietary rules for Lent – keeping the consumption of flesh, meat of any kind – was reduced to a minimum – Friday became a a day of abstention from red meat all year and Lent came to be a period of abstention in general. In modern times we have been more relaxed in keeping rules about fasting. We look for a different ways of observing fasts, but all too often perhaps, cease such observances completely and our spiritual lives become flatter.

Do we need different ways of "keeping a good Lent"? In church we still mark Lent by the colour of vestments and the cycle of prayers and readings. These are outward markers. But what of spiritual ones? The instruction to "rend your heart and not your garments "is still relevant . We are called to use our creativity in our spiritual lives .

The imposition of ashes at the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday is a particularly deep symbol of what should be our Lenten approach - here words are used that are reminiscent of those from the funeral liturgy. We need to be reminded of our earthly origins. "Remember, that you are dust and to dust you shall return". Lent reminds us too, in the stories of the growing tension between Jesus and the outwardly righteous, that choices must be made in the daily course of our daily living and which show the direction we are taking.

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The habit of a daily recollection will act as a corrective to excessive self- concern in this Lenten season . TS Eliot's poem **Ash Wednesday** has helped me to remain focussed over the years.

"Blessed sister, holy mother, spirit of the fountain spirit of the

garden,

Suffer us not to mock ourselves with falsehood

Teach us to care and not to care Teach us to sit still Even among these rocks, Our peace in His will And even among these rocks Sister, mother And spirit of the river, spirit of the sea, Suffer me not to be separated And let my cry come unto Thee."

Consecration of the Rt Rev'd Scott Lowrey



Fr Scott was consecrated as a Bishop in the Church of God, on Saturday 8th February in St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Eight deacons were also ordained at this service, which was the last ordination service for Archbishop Philip Freier before laying up his Pastoral Staff the following day at Evensong. Bishop Garry Weatherill, Anglican Bishop of Ballarat, the preacher and now acting Metropolitan, commented that although ordaining deacons and the consecration of a Bishop at the same service was not the usual practice, it was very significant in reminding us that all ministry is based on the Diaconal Ministry of service to the church and community.

Parishioners from the various Parishes in which Scott has served, attended the service, including a number from our Parish.

Unbeknown to many of us, there is a significant symbolic connection between Scott and our Parish, not only in his being a former Rector. The Cope he wore for the consecration, originally belonged to Fr Fred Oakley and then Fr Fred Morrey, both Priests and former Rectors of the Parish and Fr Fred. The handing on of something

that cloaks a person has profound spiritual significance as with Elijah and Elisha.

Fr Scot also had a stole made by the late Anita Johns, wife of Barry Johns, a former rector of Moe; an alb made by his late mother, Joan Lowrey; a mitre that was the late Fr Michaels's, Abbot of the Benedictine Community in the Diocese of Ballarat; his Pastoral Staff was made with wood from Christ Church, Warrnambool, the Parish he has served for some years; his Pectoral Cross is a St John's Cross from Iona and his episcopal ring made by a local jeweller in Warrnambool.

Bishop Gary concluded his sermon that reflected on how the day was both extraordinary and ordinary by saying to Scott and the deacons:

May God who has called you to his service make you worthy.

We are all of us unworthy. But through Christ, God sees us as the beautiful immortal diamonds he's made us to be. May God who has called you to his service make you worthy of his calling.

He then went on to address the whole congregation saying:

True for dentists and lawyers, for truck drivers, for drovers, even for opal miners. All of us who are called by God depend on his grace that we might be worthy to respond to that call. May God who has created us, loves us and forgiven us make us all worthy of his calling. A recording of the service can be seen on uTube: https://www.youtube.com/live/FsUJUocyC8U?si=oslvlflKaH1mD4S8

COST OF LIVING RELEIF:

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 off goods at the Op Shop,
- place them in the box provided at the Church
- ask someone to collect them
- make a donation in the collection plate on Sunday in an Envelope marked Food Relief
- Make a Donation by Direct Debit (See Parish Banking details on the back page





Parish Website

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 Prayers and Readings we have had on the Sunday

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.

For those who have access to the internet, the general information on the site is far more comprehensive than that which we can provide in our Pew Sheet or this Newsletter except for feature articles.

If you have any thoughts about other things you would like included please contact the Reverend Bruce Charles, "the Web master".

www.moenewboroughanglican.org.au



Parish Roll

Have your details changed?

If you believe that information we may have concerning you is out of date please contact the Parish Secretary.

Our Worship

SUNDAY'S

WEDNESDAY'S

HOLY COMMUNION 10am AT SAINT AIDAN'S NEWBOROUGH HOLY COMMUMNION 10am AT SAINT LUKE'S MOE

Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Day

Tuesday 4th March, 12pm at Marion Noppert's, 49 Scorpio Drive, Moe.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5th March

10am Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at St Luke's Moe

7pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at St Aidan's Newborough

Lenten Study and Possible Group Meeting

'Going Deeper with Jesus' (Based on Year C Readings for Lent)

Bishop Keith Dalby, Bishop of the Murray, has written the 2025 studies and his previous occupation as a submariner helps to make the content a very challenging and down to earth experience.

The production team felt the books title "Going Deeper With Jesus" was appropriate considering Bishop Keiths previous occupation and the need for all of us to consider going deeper in our life's journey of faith.

Copies Available for \$11 each for group or personal Reflection.

If you are interested in being part of a Lenten Study Group, please contact (Rev'd) Bruce 0429 045 132 A suggestion for the moment is the same time as last year, Fridays at 1.30pm at St Aidan's but other preferences might prevail. Hopefully begins this Friday.



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Parish Council Report February 2025

The Parish Council met on 19th February with an opening prayer by Robyn Ray from Mothers' Union.

The Rev'd Sue Jacka was formally thanked in correspondence for her role as Archdeacon, especially for her chairing of Parish meetings including the Moe- Newborough AGM last November and her rostering of locums during this time of inter-regnum.

Jan Misiurka was formally and heartily thanked for her time of service as treasurer. We are grateful to Rev'd Bruce Charles for being willing to act as treasurer in 2025.

Parish partnership grants are available, so if you have an idea which would promote community connection, please ask the secretary, Julie to forward the guidelines and application forms to you.

Bruce is currently conducting an IT review and decisions are being made about the viability of options specific for purpose and the availability of the internet in certain locations. Thank you Bruce for attending to these important issues. The purchase of a new Laptop was discussed and later executively approved. This will be installed when the IT network is fully set up.

We have received several responses to our request for comment on the Mission/Vision Statements. Thank you to those who responded. The replies are being collated and there will be an opportunity for further review at some parish meetings in the near future.

The Prayer and Meditation Group continues to meet in the Madge Vinnell Centre on Wednesday at 7pm and Men's Breakfast occurs on the first Saturday of the month.

Mothers'Union has had their first meeting of the year with a service of Holy Communion with the ReVd Judith Lake officiating. The theme this year is Join In, Join Us.

The wardens are continuing, with the support of others, to oversee the furnishing of the Rectory at 49 South St and to attend to maintenance issues ready for the Motisi family's arrival.

The hall at St Luke's requires a final clean out before the official sale is finalised in March. The wardens have been vigilant in keeping up the monitoring of the hall awaiting the finalisation of the sale.

Three month's notice has been given for the reluctant closure of the Newborough Op Shop. We are very grateful for the dedicated service and community support which has been given over the years by many. The Op Shops in Moe and Yallourn North will continue with longer hours depending on the availability of volunteers.

The Community Garden continues to develop and there has been a harvest which has been much appreciated. Our particular thanks go to Ken and Marie Mehaffey, Marion Noppert and the Nicholl's family. Those involved are working towards setting up seating, the creation of an area for reflection and an area of safe, imaginative play for children during working bees.

We are all looking forward to the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day Lunch at the home of Marion Noppert, 49 Scorpio Drive Moe at 12pm on Tuesday March 4th. Thank you to all those volunteering to assist and of course, particular thanks to Marion for opening up her lovely outdoor space for this occasion.

We are hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday, 7th March at 10am at St Aidan's Church in Newborough. Our focus this year is the Cook Islands with our guest speaker Vi Sear. It should be a wonderful time to learn more about our Pacific Island neighbours, the challenges they face and how they can be best supported by the church community. Parish Secretary—Julie Bruce

Alive and Linked

Editor (Rev'd) Bruce Charles with a team of support Mob 0429 045 132 Email: bcharles@aquest-for-truth.net Articles reports etc by 23rd of Month or by arrangement Please. Let us know what you think or feel!!!



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

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

<u>Check out our Facebook Page</u> 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. The 50-cent clothing Sale continues.

Support of our Food relief program is much appreciated.



Get out for Good—using restorative justice for the Kingdom of God.

Every Tuesday in the Madge Vinnell Centre, 10am-2pm.

A program in partnership with the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry established by Anglicare Victoria. An Anglican Church Welfare Agency.

The "Get out for Good" program, provides social and emotianl support for people who have been released from prison to find social and emotional support. It provides a safe space to talk about what they are going through and encouragement to reconnect with family, friends and community. The program acts to strengthen people's ability to identify and develop their own resources and build capacity while making the adjustment from prison to the "outside".



Prayer and Meditation Group.

The group meets every Wednesday, 7.30pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre. (Note change of time for this week. 8pm at St Aidan's The Group is starting to grow and now has ten members. Our current focus is `Reflecting on how we experience God in our time together', particularly in a time of Silence.



The Listening Post

Every Friday from 10am to 12 pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre, at the back of 7 Anzac St, Moe.

(If it is closed for any reason, it will be advertised on this site)

The Listening Post provides an opportunity for anyone in the community who would like to come and share in an enjoyable social morning and chat about their lives, if they feel the need.

It also provides an opportunity to discuss a variety of social and life issues including dis-

cussing matters of faith.

Tea, Coffee and a scrumptious morning tea are provided.

The Listening Post also has a food bank that provides some essential food items for anyone in need. The food is free as is attendance.

Newborough Op Shop Closing

At the Parish Council meeting in February, it was decided that the Newborough Op Shop would be closed. The main factors being an increase of the rental of \$200 per week and the poor ratio between Income and volunteer hours raising it.

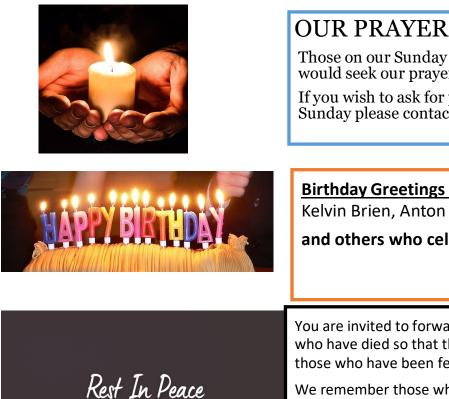
The Op Shop was opened around 2000 during the ministry of Stephen Morrisey. For many years, a percentage of the profits were distributed to various community organisations as well as to the church. During the ministry of Sathi Anthony, the state of Parish Finances necessitated, the profits of all the Op Shops being donated to the church whilst still continuing to give assistance to people in need who come into the shop.



The closure of the Newborough Op Shop causes us to pause and reflect upon the central role that the Op Shops have in our Parish Ministry. This financial year we budgeted an income of \$111,000 from the Shops. This together with the support, as already mentioned, given to people in need who come into the shops, both in terms of material assistance, particularly in terms of cheap goods but also personal and emotional support, is very significant.

The Op Shops are also critical in our response to the challenges of Climate Change as they recycle so many goods that might just end up as landfill, whilst making cheap goods available, particularly for people on lower incomes as already mentioned but not exclusively to them as many people, whatever their income enjoy buying goods from Op Shops.

All this only happens because our volunteers are so willing to give freely of their time for this work. The dedication of all our Op Shop Workers is amazing and something we should be continually grateful for.



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those on our Sunday Parish Prayer List 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 March Gwen Robertson, Kelvin Brien, Anton Misiurka

and others who celebrate at this time.

You are invited to forward the names (&dates) of loved ones who have died so that they may be remembered, especially those who have been fellow worshippers.

We remember those who have died in the past month:

No Date yet for the arrival of Fr Giles and Family

Fr Giles, our nominated Priest in Charge, and his family are still going through the Visa application process. There is no date yet, but we hope it will be soon. Every effort is being made by the Diocese to hasten the process.

Preparations for Fr Giles and Family arrival

The Rectory makes a fine, spacious home as a place of ministry and a family home. It has a Lounge and Dining Room area—sometimes used for various times of ministry such as meetings, interviews etc., Kitchen and Family Room, a master bedroom with on suite, three Bedrooms with a second bathroom and toilet, Laundry and a Study. It also has a two car, car port and garage.

Clergy normally bring their own furniture etc, but this has not been feasible for Fr Giles coming from New Guinea. Consequently the Parish has had to outfit the rectory with essential items.

The Parish has purchased: Fridge, Washing Machine, Dryer, Dining Room Table, Lounge Suite, Queen Size Double Bed, and a King Size Single Bed. A Sofa and two Bean Bags have been donated for the Family Room. A bed for Joanna (daughter) is being organized at the moment.

Parishioners have generously donated some \$3800 to prepare the Rectory for the arrival of the Giles Family.

So far we have spent about \$5892 for the Rectory with great work being done sourcing bargains. We have also bought a Parish Laptop for Fr Giles use.





Dining Table

The Rectory, 49 South St, Moe



Lounge Suite



Queen Bed, Main Bed Room



Dressing Table, Main Bed Room



Single King Size Bed, Darol's Room

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Look Back Move Forward



At this time of the year ,particularly in Church, our attention is drawn to events or



is drawn to events o experiences of the people of God through the history of God's Plan for mankind. We celebrate, observe, remember, reflect upon incidents of the past. NOT to

recreate them, (that's not humanly possible or necessary). Those events,/ experiences have happened. We may ask "why?"We need to consider what we might learn from these and all the new, unique, experiences we individuals may have.

By yourselves or with others if you think you coud help each other ASK:

- Are there positive examples for us to follow?
- Are there mistakes we should try to avoid?
- Are there examples of God's love and hopes for us to encourage us or others?

Fortunately for us the Bible has recorded so many of these God experiences and also relates the responses of many human beings to those experiences. They are all there for us to "reflect on" hopefully "learn from" all helping us as we experience whatever our future brings. Reading the Bible and reflecting and applying it's truths can equip us for the future. God the "omnipresent" was there then , is now and will be in the future.

SHROVE TUESDAY

The last day of feasting before the season of "LENT". This tradition "Pancake Tuesday

ack to the Future

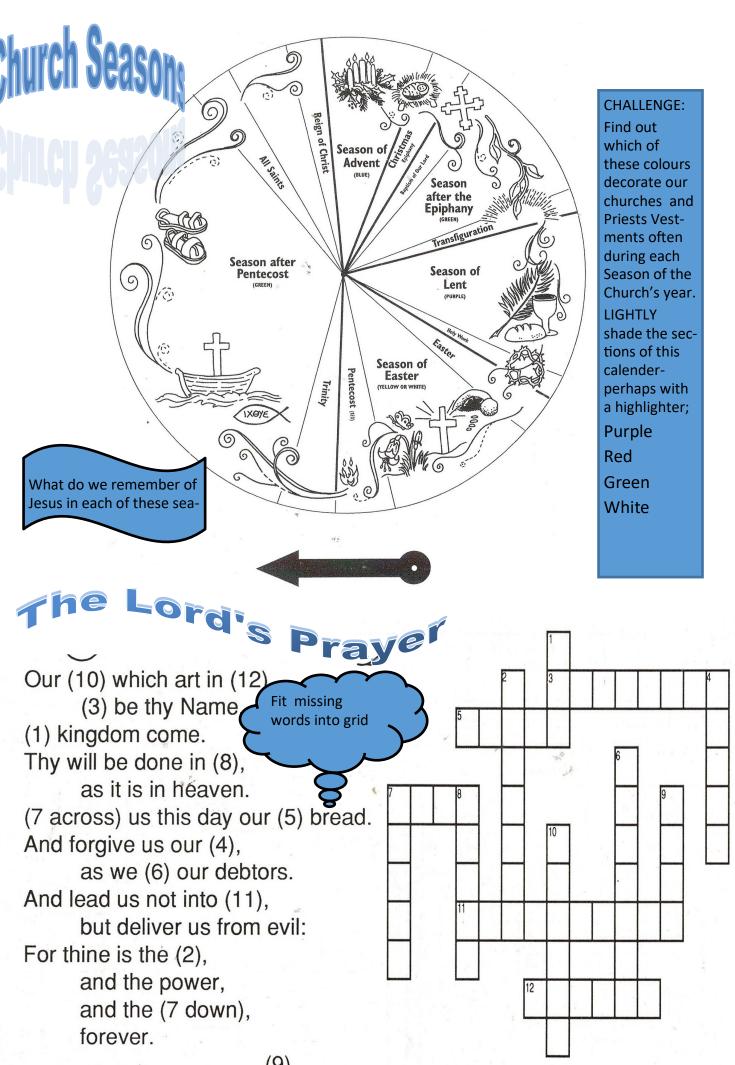
reminds us of the evening meal prior to God rescuing the Israelites out of slavery and sending them on an unknown journey to God's Promised Land". This meal using up the remaining staple foods in their homes, prior to the planned escape. Today we have somewhat of a party, often enjoying elaborate pancakes......however STOP, REFLECT! How might those Israelites have been feeling as they ate their remnants? Scared, not knowing what was ahead, Were they in danger? YES! However what can they teach us today? They followed God's instructions given through Moses. They were obedient, did what was asked and FOLLOWED obediently even if some were reluctant and scared...those who remained faithful and their descendants were "blessed" or "Happy" (one lesson for us)

The 40 days (excluding leading up

and nights Sundays) toEaster

We look back to the experience Jesus Himself had over a similar length of time in the wilderness, where He reflected and was challenged in His relationship and obedience to God, His own Father!. The purpose of this Lenten Season for us now is to challenge ourselves to set aside time for reflection on the life, suffering and Sacrifice, life, death, resurrection as recorded in the Bible. This makes it possible for us to learn and determine God's purpose and Hopes for us today and into the future.

READ Matthew 4:1-11 What does Jesus's example teach us?



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Visiting Aged Care Facilities

Through all the changing seasons of life our Parish Family are often separated from one another for respite or full-time care but are certainly not forgotten. Recent years and indeed currently, some of our faithful parishioners now reside in our hostels and Nursing homes where visiting restrictions are in place but changeable. Those who can visit and therefore are able to bring us news from the residents, including our Lay Pastoral team, clergy and individual parishioners like to encourage others not to feel restricted from visiting due to unknown procedures (often confusing if you have not been for a while. We respect that such procedures are for everyone's wellbeing.



Currently at Latrobe Valley Hostel, Ollerton Avenue visitors are asked to.

1. Ring Bell at Entrance

2. Be prepared to take a covid test kit provided and wait outside 15minutes for result. **OR PREFERABLY COMPLETE TEST AT HOME** and present negative result tablet on arrival.

3. If test is completed RING BELL at Entrance again

4. You will be met by most helpful staff who are adept at leading you through the computer sign in process, e.g. You will be asked name, phone number, who you wish to visit and choice of estimated visiting time (15min, 30min or longer as appropriate.)

- 5. The machine will issue you with a sticker name tape.
- 6. Staff will assist with directions to resident.
- 7. ON exiting return to sign in computer. Click yourself out. (AGAIN, STAFF will help) IT IS NOT AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLY APPEARS and *REMEMBER WE ALL WANT TO STAY IN TOUCH*.

8. NOTE: Residents now are restricted to 2 visitors at a time, and visitors are asked not to visit extra residents during the trip. (all preventing cross infections if they are around).

9. IT is possible to obtain extra covid test kits for future visits if you enquire at desk, or check at Parish narthex, kits may be available.

We will try to research if procedures are much different at other residences.

Thankyou Helen, Jan and Barb who continue to provide Lay services with Reserve Sacrament, from our main services on a regular basis and bring us news from participating residents, representing our parish in these outcentres in which they preside.

"Remain patient and give all your respect to our beloved seniors; they have earned their dignity through their lifetimes."



It was a pleasure to start our year with a communion service with Rev Judith Lake as our celebrant.

We look forward to a full program reflecting Mothers Union aims and objectives and you would be most welcome to attend.

MOTHERS UNION We meet at 12.30 on the 3rd Mondays at St Aidans. - Gwyneth Jones (President)



GROW IN PEACE

In need of a time of quiet and peacefulness. What better place to find it and spend in the Parish Community Garden on the Saint Luke's Grounds behind the church.

As this garden grows and develops we hope that it will become a place where you will feel free just to go and spend some time.

You don't need to be invited and you don't necessarily have to do anything but enjoy the quiet and the space.

Of course if you would like to pull out some weeds, or you have something you would like to plant, you or would like to harvest some of the produce– feel

free to do so. Any suggestions as to how we could improve the space or utilise it feel free to offer. There is a communications book in the box at the entrance.

Parishes Finances

As we prepare for Fr Giles and family to join us and for Giles to take on the role of Priest in Charge of our Parish, it is important that we reflect upon how we can ensure that we will continue to have the financial capacity to support his ministry.

At our last Annual Meeting, our previous Treasurer, Jan Misiurka presented a well prepared budget that included some nine months of providing for the costs of this ministry. At best it seems it will be six months in this financial year.

We need to look ahead to our next budget for the financial year October 25 to September 26 where the Ministry Costs will be for 12 months.

As these are early days in this process, we need to pray for guidance as to how to increase our income.

Currently, our Income is primarily made up of the Offertory (Both Sunday Services Collections and Direct Debit into our Bank Account), one off donations, the Op Shops, which make up the largest share of our income and Fund raisers. This wil be less with the closure of the Newborough Op Shop. Whether we use interest from Trust Accounts needs to be clarified.

We invite people to consider whether they can increase their giving, even by a small amount by giving weekly with the envelopes, if not already doing so or by Direct Debit. (Details on back page) Now is the time for us to plan for the time to come. Acting Treasurer—(Rev'd) Bruce Charles



A monthly MENS BREAKFAST is held the first Saturday of each month at 8.30am. WE CURRENTLY MEETING AT THE MADGE VINNELL CENTRE behind the Op Shop at 7 Anzac Street Moe. Parking at the rear of the site accessed by Trinity Lane. Cost \$15.00

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

Priest in Charge (Nominated):

Fr. Giles Motisi (Arrival Date to be announced soon)

For Pastoral Care

- Rev'd Canon John Morgan 51273091
- Rev'd Bruce Charles 0429 073 148

If undeliverable return to:

P O Box 224 MOE VIC 3825 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 .

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ORGANISATIONS AND CONTACTS

<u>MU</u> 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

Get Out for Good, Tuesdays 10am to 2pm. Madge Vinnell Centre

Social and emotional support for those who are newly released or struggling to find a place in their community.

Listening Post Fridays, 10am to 12pm . Madge Vinnell Centre

A Drop in Centre. A place to drop in for a chat over Morning Tea. Op Shops:

<u>Op Shops</u>: 7 Anzac St, Moe, Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm, 46 Rutherglen Rd, Newborough Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm Saturday 10am to 12pm, Reserve St, Yallourn North Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm Gwyneth Jones 0421501024

Please Contribute

Articles, Letters to the Editor, Parish News, Stories of the Journey

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.