

A little something for you to find

There are 23 letters to find three words. Last weeks words were: God is your Advocate. Not your Accuser!

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Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

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Todays quiz

How long was Lazarus in the tomb before Jesus raised him?

- (a) 5 hours
- (b) 3 days
- (c) 4 days
- (d) A week
- (e) Jesus was actually forbidden to raise Lazarus for OH&S reasons.

The answer from last weeks question was 2. Locusts and honey

Where to get more copies of the pew sheet

1. From the plastic tub outside the main door of Christ Church Hamilton.
2. From Beatties Newsagency. Please ask at the counter.
3. At Dunkeld, Glenthompson and Penshurst... where you buy the Hamilton Spectator.
4. On our parish web site. www.hamiltonanglican.org.au

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Guild Members and ABMH Members of Christ Church Hamilton

Dear all, Thank you for your kind words and expressions of sympathy for my sister Dawn. It was pleasing that so many friends and acquaintances attended the funeral service. It was a fitting service for a person who was involved with the Church and Ballarat Diocese. She valued all the friendships that were made and many no doubt who helped with the reception after the service. Thank you all. Colin Shoebridge and Family”

Annual Reports

As you will be aware, our Annual General Meeting is planned for Sunday 26 July. In anticipation that the meeting may go ahead, request that those responsible begin formulating their annual reports for presentation to the meeting. If the meeting does not eventuate the annual reports will still be collated and distributed among parishioners. Please forward reports to the Secretary as a Word document attached to an email (**Please!! No PDF documents**) to make collating and printing easier. If you are unable to provide an electronic report, please send it by post to the address below or call by and drop it in my home letterbox. Please forward reports to reach me by 5pm Monday 13 July 2020. Graeme Mustow Parish Secretary T: 5572 5068 M: 0439 951296 E: loftyandsue@bigpond.com A: 65 Milton Street, Hamilton, Vic, 3300

From Bishop Garry ...re June bible reading challenge

I am delighted to let you know that the booklet for this year's challenge is almost complete and should be available from the Registry (hard and electronic copy) this week. Contributors are Fr Mathew Crane, Fr Graham Snell, Dr Kay Jobs from St Peter's Ballarat and Ms Vicki Goyen from Portland. The quality is excellent. I hope to host a Thursday evening ZOOM study group for the month of June. There will be a limit of 12 people, so if you're interested, please let me know bishop@ballaratanglican.org.au

With all good wishes and blessings,
+Garry

Fr. David has ordered some copies of the June bible reading challenge. Watch out for more news.

COVID WARDEN

The exciting new position of *COVID Warden* has arisen. If you are interested, please see Fr David by June 7th.

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Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Seventh Sunday Of Easter

24th May 2020

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Sentence: Matthew 28.19-20

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

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Collect:

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life, and took him up into the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power promised from on high, and send us forth to the ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

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Even if you miss coming you are still giving.
This also helps with budgeting for our future.

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

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1st Reading: Acts 1.6-14

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’ ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 68.1-10, 68.32-35

1. God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered: those that hate him shall flee before his face.
2. **As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed: as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
3. But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God: they shall rejoice with gladness.
4. **O sing to God, sing praises to his name: glorify him that rode through**

5. **the deserts, him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**
6. He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow: God in his holy dwelling place.
6. **He gives the desolate a home to dwell in, and brings the prisoners out into prosperity: but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**
7. O God, when you went out before your people: when you marched through the wilderness,
8. **The earth shook, the heavens poured down water: before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**
9. You showered down a generous rain, O God: you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.
10. **And there your people settled: in the place that your goodness, O God, had made ready for the poor.**
32. Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises to the Lord,
33. **To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning: who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**
34. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel: and his might is in the clouds.
35. **Terrible is God who comes from his holy place: the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God.**

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 5

¹ Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you ² to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. ³ Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must

be about them. It was always going to be about their son Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ, the son of God.

So too, Jesus knows that He is sent to do his Fathers will and this wrestle is made very clear in the Garden of gethsemane and on the cross.

“Not my will but your will”. “Into your hands I commend my spirit.”

So what might we learn?

That our vocation is to simply to be faithful. To rock up as often as we can and connect in whatever way we can, and love him as passionately as we can.

We learn that we worship a God of surprise

and that we ought not to be surprised, if we are surprised.

Finally its always been about Him and clergy in particular need to be reminded that it’s always about the one true high priest.

So by reflecting on Mary and Joseph, we get a more comprehensive understanding of who Jesus is and nudge each other just a little closer to eternal life.

Remember where we began?

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

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From Tuesday 26th of May there will be weekday services for up to 10 people at Christchurch Hamilton.

That’s great!!... what else do I need to know??

In order to ‘book’ one of these highly desirable places, please contact Fr. David no later than the day before you wish to attend.

Ph. (03) 5571 1317

M / Text 0423 671 692

Email droulton72@gmail.com

We need to keep your details in order to comply with government regulations.

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If you aren’t feeling well, it is best that you wait a while before attending.

O.K... So when are these services being held?

Morning Prayer 7:15am Tuesday - Saturday

Evening Prayer 5:00pm Tuesday - Saturday

Eucharist 10:00am Wednesday

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In order to maximise social distancing all 4 church doors will be open and these services will be held in the main body of the Church.

Whacko! its the homily a

A school teacher once gave me some very wise advice. They said that in order to know the student, it was helpful to meet the parents. Meeting Mum and Dad often helped to explain all sorts of things about the student and gave you a bit of background.

I thought about this as I read John 17:3
“And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent”.

So in order to know Jesus, it might be helpful to reflect on Mary and Joseph. They are the bits of the jigsaw puzzle that surround the central figure of Jesus.

Mark and John start their gospel with an adult Jesus. It is left to Luke and Matthew to give us the scanty bits of infant narratives and reveal something of the people who had most the intimate connection with Jesus.

So what do we learn?

From Luke’s gospel we learn that Mary and Joseph set out when Jesus was old enough to go to Jerusalem for the rite of purification. And...

Each year they used to go up to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover.

Joseph and Mary were good practising Jews. They would have gone to the synagogue on a regular basis and this in part explains why we read in Jesus adult life.

“When Jesus came to Nazareth, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as... was... his... custom”.

And I reckon there must have been times when the homily at the synagogue was tedious, or their local rabbi made a mistake, or the parishioners, like us, struggled with their faith. But Mary and Joseph would have persisted and got themselves to synagogue on the Sabbath.

So that’s one thing we learn about Joseph and Mary - faithfulness. What else do we learn?

Mary and Joseph were open to Gods surprises for them. The Archangel Gabrielle was a surprise for Mary. Joseph is a man tormented by dreams where he is encouraged to take his fiancée as his wife when he has privately made up his mind to do other wise. Their travel plans back home to Galilee were messed about first by Herod and then by Herod’s son Archelaus.

When they lose their son in Jerusalem they are surprised at Jesus’s response when they vent their understandable angst and relief. “Did you not know I must be about my Fathers business?”

I wonder if Mary and Joseph told child Jesus about the interruptions to their humdrum life. Certainly if Mary was anything like my Mum, she would be frequently recounting his mysterious, yet joyful birth and the time he wandered off all by himself. Perhaps Mary told Jesus about or fleeing from Herod.

My guess is that Jesus knew he also worshipped the God of surprise and mystery. Always just getting a small part of the picture which tantalised and drew you into wanting to know more and understand more deeply.

Jesus grew up knowing that God interrupts with surprises and plans of his own and sometimes they are not altogether to our liking and certainly they are frequently beyond our understanding.

One final thing about Mary and Joseph. They knew that it wasn’t about them. Yes they were important and without Mary saying Yes and Joseph’s protection there may not have been the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus.

But after all the dreams, surprises, tricks and giggles, Mary and Joseph understood that it must always be about what God wants. They lived that out in all its ache and sparkle and wonder as they watched Jesus grow and mature. As Luke so beautifully puts it. “Mary pondered all these things in her heart” and ... “the child grew and became strong in Spirit”. It was never just going to

clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore,¹¹ support, strengthen, and establish you.¹² To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.¹³ Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

¹⁴ Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark.¹⁵ Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! **alleluia.**

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.’

R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: John 17.1-11

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St John

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,² since you have given him authority over all people, to give

eternal life to all whom you have given him.³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.⁶ I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need

Phil Reid	Virginia	Katie Kuiper
Nola	Dorothy	Stella Downs
Fr Peter Treloar	Patrick and family	
Brian Lacy	(Irene Edwards son)	e

For those who have died

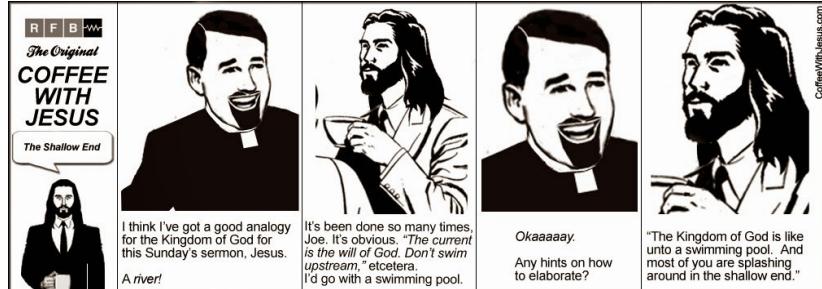
For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Christopher Millard	Reginald Bree	Julie Young
Marion Thomas	Robert Waters	Velma Brown
Shirley Smith	James Gooch	Johanson girls:
Lucy Carty	Gregory Lowe	Doreen, Dorris (twins)
Susan Sloan	John Wilmett	Valerie, Bettina (sisters to
Constance Wilson	Decima Mason	June Cashman)

For the wider Church and its ministry

- Morobo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd James Kenyi Elia
- Worcester (England) The Rt Revd John Inge
- Mission to Seafarers: John Stead.
- Mission District of Lower Glenelg: Nominators searching for a new priest, Alan Ford (deacon), Brian Lineker (deacon), Judy Macpherson (deacon) and Fr Hayden McKellar, assisting
- Simbai
- Those responsible for national economic & social policy.

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Readings next Sunday
31st May 2020

Day of
Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21
1 Corinthians 12.1-13

Psalm 104.26-36
John 20.19-23

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Some prayers to say at home

The response to the bidding:

"Lord that we may know you" ... is ...

Hear our prayer.

Let us now join our prayers with Jesus's eternal prayer, to the Father for all of the human family. For Garry our Bishop and the parish of Warrnambool. For Fr. Scott, Reverend Robyn and for all God's people there. Lord that we may know you For those who must make difficult decisions, that your gifts of peace and wisdom may prevail in all nations. For a greater understanding with each other. *Lord that we may know you*
Hear our prayer.

For those who are seeking to discern a particular vocation in their lives. That they may be consecrated in the Spirit of truth and offer themselves willingly for your service of others.

Lord that we may know you

Hear our prayer.

For students who are preparing to finish studies this semester. That you will lead them to the wisdom and love of God. For those who studies have been disrupted and especially those doing VCE at this time.

Lord that we may know you

Hear our prayer.

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For all that is upon our hearts today. That you may grant to us what we truly need. We offer to you all those who are in Intensive care because of the COVID virus. (Pause 1,...2,...3,...)

Lord that we may know you

Hear our prayer.

For those who have asked our prayers. For those who are recovering from surgery, for the anointed and those who tend them.

Lord that we may know you

Hear our prayer.

That our departed loved ones may find in the presence of Christ, light, happiness and peace especially the recently departed.

Lord that we may know you

Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, hear the prayers of the people you Son has gathered before you. May every prayer we utter and every work we undertake, be to your glory as we await the fulfilment of your promise of eternal life. We offer these petitions in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays this week-
Happy Birthday to
Michaela Tonissen (26th May)
From all the Parish Family