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Fr. David's easy quiz

The theme for 2022 is...

- Death and new life
- A virtual world
- Stewards of Creation
- Nourishing and Flourishing

Fr. David's hard quiz

The Convenor of the Ministry Development committee is...

- The Venerable Michael O'Brien
- Fr. James Wood (Rector of Warracknabeal)
- The Rev'd Robyn Shackell

The answers to the quizzes can be found in the "The Chronicle" that was born on the 30th of December

The answers from last weeks quiz were

- Fr. Peter Treloar
- Christ Church Warrnambool

Good times at Glenthompson

- ♦ 1st Sunday of the month. Matins at 10:00am
- ♦ 2nd Sunday of the month Eucharist at 9:00am
- ♦ 4th Sunday of the month. Eucharist at 9:00am

SERVICES THIS WEEK		
Morning and Evening Prayer daily		Christ Church Hamilton
Wednesday 19th January	Eucharist 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 22nd January	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 23rd January	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton All Saints' Penshurst
23rd January 2022 Colour: Green	Third Sunday After Epiphany	Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 11.2.12-31 Psalm 19 Luke 4.14-21
Reader 1: Stewart	Reader 2: Tony	Intercessor: Meredith Sides People: Jenny & Sue

PUTTING CHRIST BACK INTO CHRISTMAS.

Free to a loving home T Shirts in various colours and sizes. Available at the back of Christ Church Hamilton.

January is the time to return your Palm Crosses

Can you find them?

Coffee for the chaps happens at the Hamilton Hamper on Thursdays at 3pm.

Due to the increase in the COVID numbers live streaming of the Christchurch Hamilton 10:30am service will resume. If you have any privacy concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with Fr. David <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton>

National Church Life Survey

During February you will be given an opportunity to fill out the National Church Life Survey. Stay tuned for more details.



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Second Sunday After Epiphany

16th January 2022

Catch all the action live online at
<https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton>

Sunday 10.30am Eucharist.

Wednesday: 10.00am Eucharist

The 10:30am Eucharist is live streamed to a waiting world.
If you have privacy concerns please speak to Fr. David.

Sentence: John 2.11

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Collect:

Bountiful God, whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee: help us to believe and obey, so that, as our Saviour promised, we may be filled with the wine of new life and show forth his joy and love; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Parish Directory		
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If you would like to give to the parish by the direct debit option, the parish bank details are as follows:- NAB. BSB:083-663 the account No.: 51580-7866.
Even if you miss coming you are still giving. This also helps with budgeting for our future.

Christ Church Hamilton			
St Mary's Dunkeld	St Peter's Glenthompson	St Mark's Cavendish	All Saints' Penshurst

If you are sidesmen could you please make sure that folk check in by filling in the book or using the QR Code.

1st Reading: Isaiah 62.1-5

1. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.
2. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.
3. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
4. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.
5. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 36.5-10

5. Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens: and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
6. **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains: and your justice as the great deep; you, O Lord, save both man and beast.**
7. How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness: the children of Adam shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8. **They shall be satisfied with the good things of your house: and you will give them drink from the river of your delights.**
9. For with you is the well of life: and in your light shall we see light.
10. **O continue your merciful kindness toward these who know you: and your righteous dealing to those that are true of heart.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹¹ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹² All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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tacular in their endurance, their patience, their contrition, their honesty and their grit in simply holding on together when everything else was unravelling around them. Even when they didn't like each very much, they still loved each other and that my friends is an exquisite and precious commodity. It is extra ordinary.

Today is the last Sunday of The christmass season. The manifestation season or showing forth would be better words. God comes to and loves us in our ordinary and mundane, in a mucky stable, in tears and laughter, in feasting, in morning sickness, in walks in the cool of the evening and the lingering looks over a candle lit table.

And if you want to see something remarkable and extraordinary then all you have to do is look at an ordinary wedding photo. The water of our ordinary life which we think is pale, insipid and colourless, is in fact color full, potent and makes our heart glad and it God's heart very glad indeed.

Next week's homily "A holiday read"

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND DIARIES

Help families in Australia and worldwide by buying your cards and diaries from the Mothers' Union.

Packet of 10 cards \$8; large diaries \$8; small diaries \$6.

There is a folder showing card designs at the back of Christ Church.

Cards are selling quickly and Design 1 has already sold out. It is possible for us to order a few more packets. If you would like some, contact Linley without delay.

Inquiries and orders to Linley Bramall: 55721957, 0428582152

Did you know that you can donate to Anglicare at any time? A list of the desired goodies is attached to the container which is in the church porch at Christ Church Hamilton.

Here are exciting things to write into that shiny new 2022 diary of yours.

- ◆ Ash Wednesday March 2nd. Masses at 10am and 7:00pm
- ◆ Easter day 17th of April
- ◆ Rev. Judy pops into the Saturday night Vigil on January 29th at 6:00pm

New Roster

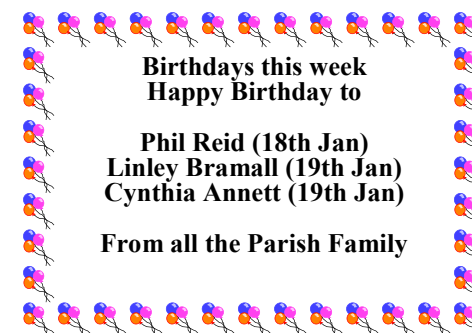
Copies of the new roster beginning 2/1/22 are at the back of the Christ Church. If there is anyone who would like to help in any way please talk to Jenny. Helpers particularly for cleaning are very low. Thank you.

The blessing and dedication of the Good Shepherd window

in memory of Ann Sandison on Sunday January 30th at the 10:30am mass. Luncheon Details to be advised.

Of funeral forms.

At the back of Christ Church Hamilton and available from Fr. David is a form for Funeral instructions. Some of you will find this confronting and some will want to be proactive and take one. It includes all the government questions that are needed to register a death together with Church related requests. You *may* wish to take one and ask to have it kept in the Parish Office and / or with your family / and or with your local friendly undertaker.



Today's Homily

An ordinary loving. A reflection on the wedding at Cana

Have you ever wondered about the happy couple in today's gospel reading? Here is one very doggy, totally unsupported, unsubstantiated, apocryphal but charming story about them.

They first met at Passover. He was shy and awkward and so was all the more attractive for his lack of pretension. She had a winning smile and big dark eyes. At some point while the prayers and readings droned on, their eyes flitted across the room to each other and in that age old magic that has been around for centuries and yet is always fresh and exciting, a new chemistry began and lives were changed forever. Ruben and Milka courted furtively, secretly and passionately until they were the appropriate age. They inevitably became engaged with much dancing, wine, laughter and at last in public.

The whole extended family would be invited to the wedding which would last for several days and there would be much rejoicing and dancing and wine.

Milka was a distant cousin to Elizabeth, who was a cousin to Mary and so Mary, Jesus and his friends were invited. Our gospel tells the story of Jesus beginning his ministry at Cana at the insistence of his Mum. Everyone is pretty much oblivious to the shortage of good grog. Certainly Reuben and Milka had other things on their mind, as well they should at their wedding reception.

But what happened to Reuben and Milka afterwards when all the guests had finally dispersed back to their homes?

Theirs was an ordinary loving, an ordinary life. There was pleasure and delight and most of the time not much seemed to happen. There was the daily routine of eat, sleep, work. Reuben would help with his dad's olive grove and tend the motley herd of sheep. Milka would weave and bake and one day seemed pretty much like another. But always there was a daily walk along the olive trees in the cool of the evening. Not much was said in these strolls; the time together spoke for itself and all that needed to be said was said by Milka and Reuben just being together. There

were happy days and some less so, but always this walk to seal the day with a kiss of silence.

That was until Milka began to suffer with morning sickness. Reuben was ecstatic of course. A proud father to be. An heir to carry on the family name, inherit the olive plantation and build up the herd.

Milka in her unrelenting vomiting and nausea was not as cheerful.

"But darling, it will pass" cooed Reuben as Milka ran from their tiny home for the third time in the hour. And when Reuben tried again to tell his beloved how wonderful it was all going to be when their son arrived (of course Reuben knew it was going to be a son) Milka let her angst be known. In harsh, understandable words that could not be retrieved, she rattled off a long litany of angst that bewildered, frightened and pierced Reuben. "I hate you sometimes" were some of her words. There was no walk down to the olive grove that night, nor the following night. Silence wrapped herself tightly around the couple and stifled any prospect of conversation.

Two days later when Milka was again expelling her hard won breakfast, there was a gentle caressing hand on her shoulder and a whispered 'I'm sorry'.

It was an ordinary loving.

The walks down to olive grove continued although a little slower as the Milkah burgeoned with new life. Oopsee arrived 7 months later. The labour was fraught but fruitful. This time Reuben knew to just let his hand be clasped and simply be there. They enjoyed their daughter Oopsee as Oopsee enjoyed them. There were the ordinary sleepless nights, the worries when Oopsee got sick and when she nearly fell into the well.

It was an ordinary loving and an ordinary life. And always the walk around the olive grove in the cool of the evening. All three of them now at different gaits and with different conversations.

At one level Reuben, Milkah and Oopsee's life was unremarkable. Their loving was ordinary, their life was humdrum. I tell you this fictitious story to make the point that in their ordinariness Milkah, Reuben and Oopsee were anything but ordinary. They were spec-

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Alleluia

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory,
Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: John 2.1-11

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 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴ And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

Sunday 16 January 2022

Transforming the church

When you think, 'they should/shouldn't, the church ought to, if only there were....', The incredibly painful answer is that 'I should, I ought to, if only I were'. The miracle of that turnaround IS the transformation Jesus called his disciples to and it's no different today. Every time we hold back on condemning another, every time WE personally make a move towards one who others hold in contempt, then every time the Church is transformed. No business plan can evaluate love. I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John: 13: 34-35
We thank God for the ministry of Mothers' Union in South Sudan where safe spaces for survivors of gender-based violence are created and participants are transformed by love and become a pool of educated and sensitised people able to give to their communities.

Something Fr. David did not write

Through the year people will thank God for you. And let the reason for their thankfulness be not just that you were a person whom they liked or loved but because you made God real to them.

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For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need

Phil Reid	Katie Kuiper	Nalani
Fr Peter Treloar	Fr Paddy	Gwen Kenny
Virginia	John O'Donnell	
Dorothy	Evan	
Len Peters	Dash	
Dorothy	Joan Mallinson	

For those who have died

Gweneth Fraser	James Day	William Frichot
Frances Annett	Rosemary Mann	Emma Bellman
Thomas Moore	Rite Waters	Ella Eales

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of England
- Rockhampton: Bishop Peter Grice
- Mission District of Woody Yallock -Rob Ferguson
- The Chronicle: Fr Peter Treloar (Editor) & The Bishop (Publisher)
- Kumbruf
- Teachers and students

From our parish family at Cavendish



Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding...
"God of joy and gladness"... is ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

God of joy and gladness ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

We believe in a God who sees our every need and comes to our aid with compassion and nurture. Confident in Our Lords love for us, let us offer our petitions. That the Church may always be an agent of joy and celebration for the world. For Garry our bishop and the parish of Colac. For a faithful priest to be found for God's people there
God of joy and gladness ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

For those who work in the hospitality industry serving others needs. That they may model their work on Jesus the servant and the provider of wine
God of joy and gladness ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

For all who are called to the vocation of married life and especially those who celebrate wedding anniversaries around this time. For their families and friends in joyous celebration.
God of joy and gladness ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

For God's blessing on all whose married life is difficult and unrewarding. For the widowed, the separated and the divorced; that Christ may comfort them in their distress and that they may be given courage knowing that they are always welcome at the table of Our Lord.
God of joy and gladness ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

For all who have asked for the gift of healing in their lives. For those whose spend this day in our hospitals and institutions and all who are affected by COVID
God of joy and gladness ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

That we may embrace the discipline of obedience to God in our own lives. That like Our Lady, we may listen afresh to His will for us and do all that He has commanded.
God of joy and gladness ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

That the departed may come to that banquet that knows no end, but only joy and peace. For the recently departedand those who have died in natural disasters
God of joy and gladness ...
'Reveal yourself today.'

Gracious God, open our hearts and minds to your Spirit, the Spirit of holiness and graciousness. May our hospitality and interaction with others bring an abundance of love and joy to an impoverished world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Something you should know about #2

- ◆ 24/12 late pm person A and person B met briefly
- ◆ 25/12 am Person A tests positive to COVID Person B worshipped at Christchurch Hamilton.
- ◆ 25/12 After church person B notifies Fr. David that person A has tasted positive to COVID.
- ◆ 25/12 Fr. David notifies the wardens and the Diocesan safe Church Officer. Also cancels the Sunday morning Services for the 26th of December at Glenthompson and Christchurch Hamilton.
- ◆ 26/12 Fr. David has a PCR test at the Hamilton Showgrounds and tests NEGATIVE to Rapid antigen tests in the afternoon.
- ◆ 27/12 The CPR test from the 26th returns a NEGATIVE result. Person B has a CPR test.
- ◆ 31/12 The result of Person B's test was NEGATIVE

Things discovered

We are the 4th parish in the Ballarat Diocese to have an 'Encounter' with COVID. The local response is left to the parish where the local knowledge of contacts and interaction is best known.

Things relearned

The importance of signing in and wearing masks. If you have any symptoms at any time do get tested and isolate until you have a negative result. Some of you may be disconcerted by this event. If you would like to have communion at your home with Fr. David or you need to have a chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With my prayers and support

Fr. David