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Fr. David's easy quiz

Mothering Sunday is the

- 3rd Sunday in Lent
- 4th Sunday in Lent
- The 25th of March (9 months before Christmass)

Fr. David's hard quiz

The new priest at Port Fairy is Fr Thomas Edayal. He is married to

1. Sydra
2. Sindhu
3. Josephine
4. Barry
5. Actually he is single

The answers from last weeks quiz were

- 4
- Work will happen on Christ Church spire

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 23rd February	Eucharist 10.00am
Saturday 26th February	Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 27th February	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm

27th February 2022	Last Sunday After Epiphany	Exodus 34.29-35	Psalm 99
Colour: White	Transfiguration	2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2	Luke 9.28-36

Reader 1: Gladys	Reader 2: Tony	Intercessor: Betty	Sides People: Jenny & Sue
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National Church Life Survey
is coming to a church near you.

Happy Hank hooted with hilarity when he realised that as a chap he could go to the Hamilton Hamper on Thursday at 3pm.

Lovely Lanky Lelia licked her lips for she knew that there was liquid refreshment for the ladies at the Lemon Myrtle on Thursday at 3pm



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

20th February 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: Luke 6.35

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Collect: .

God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

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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: Genesis 45.3-11, 45.15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 37.1-11, 37.40-41

1. Do not vie with the wicked: or envy those that do wrong;
2. **For they will soon wither like the grass: and fade away like the green leaf.**

3. Trust in the Lord and do good: and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.
4. **Let the Lord be your delight: and he will grant you your heart’s desire.**
5. Commit your way to the Lord: trust him, and he will act.
6. **He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light: and your innocence as the noonday.**
7. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: do not be vexed when someone prospers, when they put their evil purposes to work.
8. **Let go of anger and abandon wrath: let not envy move you to do evil.**
9. For the wicked shall be cut down: but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.
10. **In a little while the ungodly shall be no more: you will look for them in their place, but they will not be found.**
11. But the meek shall possess the land: and enjoy the abundance of peace.
40. **Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord: he is their strength in time of trouble.**
41. The Lord will help them and deliver them: he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them, because they come to him for refuge.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.35-50

³⁵ But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’ ³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another

from their long lost brother. The opportunity found them and surprised them. They just fronted up to Pharaohs 2nd in command because the crops back home were failing and they were getting hungry. I suspect that is how God deals with us. That we come and are surprised by God revealing himself in the most unlikely of people and our guilt is dealt with by the Master’s tears as the brother’s guilt was dealt with by Joseph’s tears.

Secondly, sometimes just showing up and coming closer to Him is all that is needed. Sometimes we can’t put into words just how appalled we are at our own behaviour. Just coming closer when we are bidden will speak for itself.

Finally I reckon Joseph and his brothers went and had a couple bottles of red cordial, a fattened lamb, some brandy soaked olives and some broken, shared bread. So we come today to the God who surprises us. Just coming and breaking bread with him will give us the fresh start that we all crave for.

Today he says to you... “Come closer... it is I”

And we know that He has found the words for us, when we could not find the words for Him.

Next week's homily:
"And we have no idea"



EXCITING NEWS Guild Easter Raffle

Tickets available in 1 weeks time.

Drawn Easter Sunday
17th April

Harvest Festival at St. Peters Glenthompson

Sunday February 27th
at 7:00pm.

A marvellous evening to give thanks for all we have and to share our abundance with others. All are welcome



**Look busy ...
Brutus is coming.**

During Lent...

Fr. David will be available for the rite of Reconciliation

Stations of the cross will be celebrated at Christchurch Hamilton at 9:15am on Wednesday morning.

Q. What do Tinned fruit, sugar and rice all have in common?

A. They are all things you can donate to Anglicare

Today's Homily

He finds the words,... when we have none.

In order to understand the significance of today's Old Testament lesson we have to go back a ways. Jacob has 12 sons and Joseph has come much later on in time so he is always the favourite. His brothers have always been resentful and angry. You can imagine their fury when Jacob makes his favourite son a coat of many colours while not even giving the rest of them a voucher for Jeans west. The opportunity for retribution happens one day when the 11 are looking after their fathers sheep well away from the farmhouse right down in the bottom paddock.

Seeing their nemesis coming they plot to kill him.

Fortunately there are some travelling salesmen from Cash convertors passing that way and the 11 sell Joseph into slavery. They tell their Dad that a woolly mammoth killed their brother and Jacob is left distraught. The cash convertors sell Joseph in Egypt.

There Joseph eventually gains the favour of the pharaoh of Egypt and obtains a high place in pharaoh's kingdom. Joseph's adroit acquisition of grain supplies enables Egypt to withstand a famine. Driven by the same famine, his brother's journey from Canaan to Egypt to obtain food. They prostrate themselves before Joseph but do not recognise him. However, Joseph recognises them.

So today's lesson opens with Joseph finally revealing his true identity to his brothers. 'I am Joseph.'

After all they have both been through over many years, Joseph opens a way forward for reconciliation.

Joseph doesn't wait for his brother's response but swiftly asks 'Is my father still alive?'

We are told that "his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence." Now I don't think their silence is because Joseph had grown up muscular, tanned and handsome. I think their inability to speak is because their guilt strikes them dumb. We are left to conclude that their sense of remorse is crushing and debilitating.

They are standing some distance away because Joseph's next words are both practical and symbolic.

'Come closer to me.' So you see how it's not just an invitation in measurable, physical distance but there is another dynamic happening here. 'Come closer to me' in relationship... and the brothers do.

Again Joseph has to reassuringly reveal his identity

'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.' Yes it's really me and sensing their grief and shame ...

"And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life." And then Joseph goes on to give them the long range weather forecast, tells them to go and get dear old dad and the other brothers and come on up here to Egypt where not only are they forgiven, but they will be looked after while this interminable drought rages on for another five years.

Now one of the many important things to note in this lesson is that the recalcitrant brothers do not say anything at all. Nothing. Not one little 'I'm sorry' or 'How can you forgive us?' or even "Golly gee, you're looking well on it Joseph"

But then we are not privy to their facial expression or body language. It is Joseph who in this encounter with his siblings is always taking the initiative. It is Joseph who reveals himself, it is Joseph who asks them to come closer. It is Joseph who forgives, reassures and sets out a very comfortable superannuation plan for them, their families and their dad. Then, right at the end of the lesson ..."And Joseph kissed all his brothers and wept upon them;" so now they are so close that he can physically hold them. No COVID and social distancing here.

It's not until the last tear is wiped away that the conversation begins. "and after that his brothers talked with him".

What was said hardly matters. Joseph had already said and done all that needed to be said and done.

A couple of things to draw out of this. First, the brothers did not go to Pharaoh expecting to find forgiveness and acceptance

for birds, and another for fish.⁴⁰ There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another.⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.⁴³ It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.⁴⁵ Thus it is written, 'The first man, Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia Alleluia

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6.27-38

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to St Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,²⁸ bless

those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.³² 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?³³ For even sinners love those who love them.³⁴ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.³⁵ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.³⁶ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.³⁷ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful:³⁸ 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;³⁹ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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



**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday this year is on Wednesday the 2nd of March. There will be two masses celebrated at Christ Church Hamilton. The regular 10am service and one at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

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	Steven Yorston
Dorothy	Evan	
Len Peters	Dash	
Dorothy	Joan Mallinson	

For those who have died

Francis Peterson	Viola Rogers	James Manin
Walter Button	Sean Munro	Michael Osborn
Neville (Bill) Taylor	Joan Lewis	May Pevitt
Charlotte Trotter	Violet Barby	Phyllis Beaton
Hazel Black	Iris Gardiner	Richard Humphries
Pamela Francis	Edward Rowland	Malcolm Bald
Edgar Alstin	Lillian Preston	Eileen Jennings
Peter Clover	Betty Homes	

For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Ballarat: Bishop Paul Bird CSsR
- Markham
- The starving and malnourished.
- Those without medical supplies.

We welcome with great joy Skylar Grace Carter being baptised at the Saturday night Vigil mass. We welcome Peter and Celina, their parents, their family and friends. If you normally receive communion in your own church you are warmly welcomed and encouraged to do so at this public act of worship.

PANCAKE DAY- The Mothers' Union will host a pancake social evening for PARISHIONERS ONLY on Tuesday 1st March at 6pm.

Please come along and join us for a pancake tea and an opportunity to catch up with everyone. A list is at the back of Christ Church for catering purposes. There will be no entry fee- and COVID safety arrangements will be adhered to.

Enquiries- Susan M 0408 528 781.

ANGLICAN BOOK FAIR- Will be running- for our 30th year- in the HUB. Setting up day will be Sunday 27th February commencing at 1pm. Many hands make light work- so please come along if you can help in any way. The Book Fair will be open from Thursday 3rd March until Easter. Please note- NO DONATIONS OF BOOKS are required at the moment.

Susan M 0408 528 781

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The Response to the bidding:

“God of grace and mercy” ... is ...

“Hear our prayer.”

God of grace and mercy .. **Hear our prayer.**

Challenged by Christ to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect, we bring our needs to the Father who is always kind and merciful.

For our church and parish Community, that the Spirit of God may dwell within our common life of prayer. For Garry our bishop and for Fr. Martin preparing to move to the parish of Ararat. For God's people as they prepare to welcome him.

God of grace and mercy .. Hear our prayer.

For those who lead our country at a national, state and local level. That a realisation of the holiness of every human person may guide the decisions they make this week.

God of grace and mercy .. Hear our prayer.

For those who may have wronged us or hurt us deliberately. For all who are alienated by circumstance, distance or disappointing words. That we may all be agents of reconciliation.

God of grace and mercy .. Hear our prayer.

For the work of healing amongst the people affected by COVID. In thanksgiving for those whose ministry we can never see.

God of grace and mercy .. Hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the work of the Op Shops in our community. For those who volunteer their time and energy and all those who will use its services this week.

God of grace and mercy .. Hear our prayer.

For those who have died and passed into the cleansing mercy of our Saviour especially the recently departed

God of grace and mercy .. Hear our prayer.

In a moment of silence we offer to the Father the private intentions upon our own hearts
Pause 1,...2,...3,...)
God of grace and mercy .. Hear our prayer

Lord God, Father of us all, hear the prayers we make. Open our hearts that we may seek an end to bitterness and discord, so that we might become your holy people, a community of light and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

Sunday 20 February 2022

Fair Trade

Shopping can be such a trial. Dashing around the supermarket leaves little chance to consider where the tea comes from, how the workers are paid or what appalling damage coffee growing can cause the natural environment. There are also dilemmas buying clothes such as the exploitation of workers and our predilection for 'fast fashion'. We can help balance the scales by sourcing ethical alternatives.

Honest balances and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work. Proverbs 16:11

We are asked to pray for the church in Mandalay, Myanmar. As the country opens to tourists, the exploitation of women and minors is evident. Women and girls roll cheroots (cigars) under guard and orphans housed and 'employed' to paint figurines. Seven young men wait in the early morning to help with luggage of two hotel clients, hopeful of a tip. Loving God, we travel at the expense of others' lives and buy the goods to ease our conscience. Forgive us although we know they need us.

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