

**dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

**Fr. David's easy quiz**

Jesus was baptised in the river...

- Murray
- Euphrates
- Jordan
- Murrumbidgee

**Fr. David's hard quiz**

The circular piece of metal that the priests host rests on is called

- A paten
- A pall
- A corporal
- A monstrance

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Bishop Garry

Hard Quiz: Elizabeth Smith

**Caffeine and chatter** is back up and running frantically in 2023. It all happens on Thursday at 3:00pm. Ladies to the Lemon Myrtle and gents to the Hamilton Hamper. All are very welcome

**Wool Drive Fundraiser**

Phil Schultz at Endeavour Wools, has generously offered to collect and sell any donations of wool for us, without taking commission. He is in the old Kit Set building on Mt Baimbridge Rd.

If you, or anybody you know, might have any wool that you are prepared to donate, please give Phil a call on 0427 686 674 to arrange a drop-off.

Any half butts, full butts, or even odds and ends would be greatly appreciated.

We don't really want wool with dags as it is impossible to sell. (Hope that isn't offensive!)

I'm sure you all know that I am certainly no expert when it comes to wool so if you have a question, please don't hesitate to call Phil.

For those who have already agreed to donate sheep, please accept my gratitude and appreciation. The PIC numbers, and all the bio-security requirements have made the logistics too much of a headache!

If you would like to make contact, I am Caroline Mills (previously Bullen), On 0427 807 498.

**Anglican Parish of Hamilton****The Baptism Of Our Lord**

8th January 2023

**WELCOME**

Sentence: Matthew 3.17

A voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

*Collect:*

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptised into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**Parish Directory**

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**SERVICES THIS WEEK**

Saturday	14th January	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	15th January	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

15th January. 2023 Colour: Green	Second Sunday After Epiphany	Isaiah 49.1-7 1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Psalm: 40.1-14 John 1.29-42
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Reader 1: Gavin	Reader 2: Betty	Intercessor: Robyn	Sides People: Sandra & Roma
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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**

*1st Reading:* Isaiah 42.1-9

<sup>1</sup> Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm 29*

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.
2. **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

3. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.
4. **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
5. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
6. **He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
7. The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.
8. **The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**
9. The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.
10. **The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

*2nd Reading:* Acts 10.34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Ju-

**January is...**the month to bring back your Palm cross and give them to Fr. David.

### **Of R & R**

Jeanine and Fr. David will be on annual leave from Saturday 28th and return in time for the Saturday Vigil Mass on the 4th of February. In case of crisis please contact the parish of Warrnambool on 5561 1687 or 0418 672 808. Fr. Russell Trickey will be celebrating the weekend masses on the 28th and 29th of January. Please make him welcome.

**One way to make Fr. Russell welcome is to join in the bring and share lunch for our 5th Sunday celebrations. It's a great opportunity to meet and welcome a new face into our midst.**

### **SUFM Kids Program**

See the flyers supplied by Scripture Union Australia

happen. Like the heavens can be opened, the spirit can descend and so that all may hear the voice of the Father.

St. Theresa Avila understood this perplexing but exciting reality. She knew just how important we are to God's mission. She put it beautifully and exquisitely in these words. "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

### **Next week's homily**

Three cheers for **the band U2.**

### **Some dates for your diary**

- \* Fundraising Committee Thursday 19th of January at 11:00am
- \* Jeanine and Fr. David's Annual leave 28th of January to 3rd of February.
- \* January 29th- Sunday after the 10.30am service- Mothers' Union meeting in the Church Hall.
- \* Christ Church Guild Thursday 9th of February
- \* Parish Council meets on Thursday 16th of February.
- \* Ash Wednesday 22nd of February
- \* February 25th- Setting Up of the Annual Book Fair
- \* 12 feet to be washed on 6th of April
- \* Good Friday 7th of April
- \* Charles becomes King Charles on May 6th
- \* Parish AGM Sunday July 30th
- \* Parish Fete 11/11/23

### **Clay pigeon shooting and BBQ**

on Sunday January 15th at Earlene Gellert's place from 2:00pm onwards. Come for just the BBQ for \$10 or come for the lot for \$25. All are welcome:  
Ph. 0448 832 202 for more details.

## Today's Homily

### God needs you

Christmas season where we celebrate God showing himself to us through Jesus, comes to an end today with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

We had God showing forth his son at his birth in a manger. Then he was shown to the world by the visit of the magi and now God shines forth in his baptism.

Notice please the murky places where God shows himself most brilliantly.

In a stinky poo cave at the back of a pub. In the middle of a very dark night with some perfect but exotic strangers. Today, at his baptism in a grubby little river where the water is not exactly pristine and sparkling. That's me dressing it up and trying to be polite.

Isn't it great that we love a God who comes to us not in our shiny, respectable, immaculate manners and spotless places, but rather seeks us out in those places, those lives and those people who are 'less than'. Those people who in that lovely, classic turn of phrase, 'Are no better than they ought to be'.

In our slime and rubbish, God shines forth with his dazzling love. He makes our icky places and dark nights radiant and beautiful

And this in part begins to answer the age old quandary of what Jesus was doing when he was being baptised.

The chestnut goes like this.

If Jesus is God and perfect and sinless, how come he needs to be baptised?

Answer: In the grungy river Jordan the Master is saying very clearly to us.

"I want to identify with you. I want to be one with you. You are important to me. By being baptised I will join myself to you so that there can never be any question of us ever being separated in any way whatsoever."

But there's more.

Matthew, Mark and Luke all have accounts of Jesus' baptism and this year we are reading through Matthew's gospel.

What sets Matthew apart from his colleagues is this curious exchange.

Jesus came to John at the Jordan, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do

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you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.'

When John consents, the baptism happens and three Big ticket events occur.

1. "...the heavens were opened..."

2. The Spirit of God descended "like a dove..."

3. The Voice of the Father spoke: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

And I wonder what the folk on the shore of the river must have thought of it all. Certainly it would have been quite a different day for them. A day they could never forget. A life changer for everyone. For Jesus, for John and the motley crew on the river bank.

A few things to draw out of all this.

Playing the 'I'm not worthy card' with God doesn't work. God seeks us out and chooses us. You're exactly the person he has in mind. You are unique and he has equipped you with everything you need to do his will, even when and especially when it doesn't feel like it. It makes you realise who it is really all about. Scratch around a little deeper.

If I read it right, these amazing cataclysmic events, the heaven opening, the spirit descending and the voice of the Father, would not have happened unless John had been obedient to the Master. There is a sense in which John enabled these things to happen and I can't help but wonder what might have happened if John had not demurred. What if he said "Nope... sorry, I don't know who you think you are, but the deals off" and shut up the baptism shop for the rest of the day.

Now usually we think of God pulling the levers, us doing his bidding and we are just the obedient puppets. But what if God actually needs us to carry his master plan just as he needed John to do the baptism.

It all must have seemed strange, wrong and upside down to John, but what if, on that day, in that place, at that time, John is the key to inaugurating the kingdom.

And it certainly seems strange, wrong and upside down to us, but what if you and I are pivotal and essential to bringing about God's Kingdom in 2023 here in Western Victoria. What if Our Lord needs us and calls us to do simple things so that outrageous things can

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deed and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

**Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3.13-17

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
According to St Matthew

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?'<sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented.<sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## For your Prayers this week

### For the sick and in need

Dash Joan Mallinson Barbara Oliver Gwen Kenny	Steven Yorston Ethel Murray Phil Reid Bruce Cuming	Fr David Lord Ian Hartley
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### For those who have died

Dom Placid Lawson OSB

### For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Shirley Simpson John Rowen Elinor Stanley Wayne Banfield	Margaret Noske Lorna Pearse Patricia Kennett Barry Harding	Reginald Murray Frederick Ryan
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### For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- St Peter's Ballarat: Michael O'Brien, Barry Wells (Assisting) and Bill Peacock (assisting).
- All those who minister to the sick throughout the Diocese.
- Goroka
- Peace between nations

### Christ Church Key Register

The Key Register for Christ Church requires updating. To facilitate this, the lock on the Parish Office door will be changed on Monday 30 January. From that date current keys will no longer allow access to that room.

The following people will be issued keys to the new lock:

Rector, Office Staff, Treasurer and Parish Secretary

Any other person who feels that they also require a key to the Parish Office should contact the Parish Secretary.

All new office keys will be numbered and are to be signed for in the Parish Key Register.

All members holding a key to the Sacristy are to contact the Secretary to arrange for the key to be sighted and signed for again.

Graeme Mustow

Parish Secretary

**TODAY'S HYMNS**  
**144 167 723 722**

## Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:

“By the waters of our Baptism” ... is  
...”**Renew and cleanse us O Lord**”

By the waters of our Baptism...

**Renew and cleanse us O Lord.**

To God, the giver of life and the Author of all holiness, let us offer our prayers:

That our church may bring sight to those who are blind to the life of God and liberation to those imprisoned by darkness. For Garry our Bishop and for the parish of the Otway's. For Reverend Jenny and those whom she serves.

*By the waters of our Baptism...*

**Renew and cleanse us O Lord.**

For the nations and peoples of the world, that we may all work together for the victory of justice. For those lands where there is tyranny and prejudice

*By the waters of our Baptism...*

**Renew and cleanse us O Lord.**

That we may be always faithful to our covenant with God, sealed in the waters of our Baptism. For those who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Christian initiation at this time

*By the waters of our Baptism...*

**Renew and cleanse us O Lord.**

That the sick and the suffering, the poor and forgotten, may find hope in the good news of peace. For those who spend this day in our hospitals and institutions.

*By the waters of our Baptism...*

**Renew and cleanse us O Lord.**

For the gift of safe travel on our roads at this time and those who are called out to serve others in this holiday season. For those who have suffered bereavement or tragedy and for all who are affected by fire

*By the waters of our Baptism...*

**Renew and cleanse us O Lord.**

That those who have died may rise to the new life of the Risen Christ especially the souls of

the recently departed;  
Dom Placid Lawson OSB

*By the waters of our Baptism...*

**Renew and cleanse us O Lord.**

In a moment of silence let us offer our petitions for this new year (pause 1,...2,...3,...)

*By the waters of our Baptism...*

**Renew and cleanse us O Lord.**

Lord of all creation you have raised us to new life through water and the spirit. May your Spirit of justice and peace always rest upon us so that we may dedicate ourselves to the work of the prayers we have offered. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## So.. what does \$8 buy you?

A beautifully hand stitched, home made wine bag or glasses case or mobile phone rest.

Available from Christ Church Hall.

With covid restrictions easing and Anglicans who have been hospitalised, I would appreciate to know about those who would like to be visited.

Please could parishioners communicate to me with the persons permission if they would like a visit, either in hospital or at home when they are discharged.

Phone me or leave a text message  
0420283809

Yours in Christ. Jannie Ryan