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Fr. David's easy quiz

On what Sunday does the priest bless the Palms?

- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Passion Sunday
- Easter Day.

Fr. David's hard quiz

On what day does the bishop bless the Holy oils?

- Holy Thursday
- Holy Monday
- Ash Wednesday
- The 4th Sunday of Lent (Refreshment / Mothering Sunday.)

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Purple

Hard Quiz: Unleavened bread

The minutes for the Parish

Council meeting held in November are on the notice boards at the back of Christ Church

Cuppa and Chatter It all happens on Thursday at 3:00pm.

Ladies to the Lemon Myrtle and gents to the Hamilton Hamper. All are very welcome

Our Parish figures and finances for January 2024

Income this month \$8,357

Expenditure 10,201

Our debt to the Diocese \$16,000

Roof Donations and Panels \$2780

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.

"Did you know that so far this effort has raised \$7535 with still more coming in. A Huge Merino sized thank you to all those generous people who have made it happen".

Thank you to all those who helped with

1. The Sausage sizzle yesterday
2. The book Fair this week. (the roster to take a shift is down at the Book Fair in the Hub itself) it's a great way to meet lots of splendid people and help the mission of the Church.



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Third Sunday In Lent

3rd March 2024

WELCOME

A fantastico **Welcome** to Fr. Roger Dyer and his lovely wife June who are celebrating the liturgies for us this weekend and the next. We are thrilled that you are with us!

Sentence: Exodus 20.1

God spoke these words and said, 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.'

Collect:

Lord our God, by your Holy Spirit write your commandments upon our hearts and grant us the wisdom and power of the cross, so that, cleansed from greed and selfishness, we may become a living temple of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday	6th March	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	9th March	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	10th March	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Helen	Reader 2 Sue	Intercessor: Susan	Sides People: Linley & Denise
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Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 19

1. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
2. **One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.**

3. There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;
4. **Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**
5. There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
6. **Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**
7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
8. **The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**
9. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
10. **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.**
11. Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. **Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.**
13. Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
14. **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the

into the court hurriedly gathered up their profits in their arms and stuffed their money into leather purses and ran. Others were ready for a fight. They stared with icy opprobrium at his advance.

And now people were trying to stop him. Hands reached out to detain him, to catch hold of him. People stepped in his way. But it was still happening too quickly. It was too confused.

Jesus was at the centre of a maelstrom. Tables were upended. Fights were breaking out. But most people were more concerned with saving their money or grabbing a piece of the action than actually stopping him. Around him his disciples looked dumbfounded and inept: incapable of joining him, they were equally incapable of stopping him. Those who recognized them as followers of Jesus screamed at them out of their own frustration and displeasure.

Children cried and turned to find their mothers. Mothers cried and turned to find their children. Old men closed their eyes. He swept through the courtyard like a man possessed of God, as if the Temple itself was suddenly being made redundant. And then he stopped.

Next weeks homily

He ate with tax collectors and sinners. Part 1

Calling all Gentlemen.

On Saturday 23rd of March we are having a Men's Breakfast in our parish hall. 8:00am for 8:30am. Cost is \$12. All are welcome. 'Please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the Church for catering purposes'

What, When and Who for 'The wedding'

- Friday 1st of March: Jeanine and Fr. David travelled to Melbourne and started Long Service leave and annual leave. They return home in time for the Vigil Mass on Saturday 16th of March
- Fr. Roger Dyer will celebrate the Masses for the first two weekends of March. Fr. Roger is married to June who is also looking forward to being with you'.

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- **In case of emergency Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the parish of Warrnambool. P. 5561 1687**

Holy Thursday night is March the 28th and our liturgy at Christ Church Hamilton begins at 7;30pm. We need 12 people to have a foot washed. If you would be one of the lucky 12 please sign up on the clipboard at the back of the Church. Vigil will be kept until 10pm. You may wish to sign up for that as well.

Clay pigeon shooting is on again at Earlene and Neil's place on Sunday 17th of March. Please book with Earlene on 0448 832 202

Of Easter flowers

If you have some of these to spare for our Easter celebrations, the Church will be open from 8:00am On Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Our Local Fundraising Committee meets next on Thursday 21st at 1:30pm. All ideas and folk are welcome.

Parish Council gathers together on Thursday 21st of March at 5:30pm.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Thank you everyone for all the assistance in manning the Book Fair
The roster is at the BOOK FAIR- and all are welcome to pop their name on.
We endeavour to have two people on each shift.
Books are flying out the doors- so please encourage friends and family to donate their unwanted SALEABLE books.

ANY ENQUIRIES SUSAN M 0408528781

This year the proceeds will be allocated to :

- ♦ A Water project in Myanmar (an ABM project)
- ♦ Anglicare Australia (Disaster relief)
- ♦ The Christ Church ceiling project.

Today's Homily

This Lent we share Bishop Stephen Cotterell's series "the things he did"

Jesus overturns the money changers tables

They followed him. With all sorts of motives and for all sorts of reasons. Some were anxious or battling pent-up anger. Others were excited, bewildered or bewitched. The kettle was boiling. Hissing insistently. But no one could lift it from the heat. There was an incessant whistling in the air people simply couldn't ignore.

His tears had passed. His vision was clear. Through the winding streets of Jerusalem he went, striding out, purposeful, determined. Nobody spoke to him. The joy of his entrance had been overtaken by the foreboding over what he was going to do next. Everybody sensed where he was going. But nobody said anything or knew why. They followed in the slipstream of his resolve.

When the outer walls of the Temple came into view, he stopped. And abruptly. It was as though an invisible wall had halted his progress and held him in check.

Why did he stop? Was it the enormity of it all, or his own doubts, fixing him to the spot? Or was it God's much trumpeted but rarely seen compassion presenting him with a choice? The crowd behind him muttered under their breath. Everyone had their own theory. Nobody was very sure. Conjecture and assumption filled the air. What was going to happen now? What was he going to do?

He took a deep breath, holding the air in his lungs as if it were a last breath. He looked around him, his eyes beckoning his followers to come close. None of these so-called chosen twelve disciples looked very courageous then. They shuffled forward. He wanted them with him, but he offered no instructions.

Then he moved. Striding forward towards the Temple. Through the gates and into the outer court of the Gentiles, the place where money is changed and animals for sacrifice are bought and sold. It was its usual hot bustle of people and noise. What had once been a quiet place where all the peoples of the world could

6 come and pray (the inner court was, of course, reserved for the Jews) had now become a market place for the necessary business of getting the right money for the right animal for the right sacrifice that would make peace with God. Beyond it, invading the nostrils and cancelling out the perfume of the spring flowers, was the stench of death. Behind the walls and in the Temple itself, pigeons and goats were being killed. This is what sacrifice entails. Throats being cut. Blood being spilled. Entrails dropping. Flesh burning. The whole macabre round of covering your sin and making your peace, day after day, year after year, death after death after death.

Suddenly there was violence and foreboding in the air, and it emanated from him. He was a tornado, a whipping frenzy of righteous rage in the midst of all this commerce and clamour. He was turning over the tables of the money changers, lifting them with both hands, and sending them crashing to the ground, pushing them this way and that. He was upending the benches where those who sold doves were going about their lawful business. His stamping feet were beating out a rhythm of change and putting his mark upon the place.

Gold and silver coins tumbled to the floor and sparkled in the dust. Greedy hands stretched out to grasp them. Doves and pigeons shackled on death row received a last-minute amnesty as their cages crashed to the ground. A few stretched their wings and soared into the sky. Surprised by liberation, and ill equipped for freedom, their wings diminished and forlorn, others pecked among the dust. Wasn't it ever thus? Why is darkness so attractive? Why are prison walls so safe?

It happened so quickly that half a dozen tables were thrown over before anyone even tried to stop him. It just happened. Everyone was too surprised and too bewildered even to move, let alone prevent him. He passed through them like the angel of death itself, deftly extinguishing light after light, and for a moment no one could lay a hand on him.

But now people saw him. It was Jesus. The Nazarene. Mad after all. People screamed and laughed. Some ran for cover. One vomited in fear.

Others had him in their sights. Some of the money changers whose tables were further

7 wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

The Holy Gospel: John 2.13-22

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

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this

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temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

This year **Mothering Sunday** is on the 10th of March. This noble custom dates back to the 16th century in England. On the fourth Sunday of Lent during that time, people went back to their "mother" church — this being the church where they were baptised or where they were raised. Mothering Sunday evolved into a day to celebrate the Virgin Mary, Jesus' mother, in the Middle Ages. To demonstrate their devotion, people would bring flowers and other offerings to the church. Later, it evolved into a celebration of our own personal mothers and mother Church. In some churches flowers and simnel cake are blessed and distributed to mothers.

On a yellow slip of paper, ideal for placing on your fridge, is the **Holy week and Easter service times**.

Books Books Books

at our Book Fair...only until Wednesday 27th of March.

Fashion Parade

- ◆ Thursday 4th April, 2024
- ◆ Clothes from Inspire
- ◆ Beginning at noon with lunch, prepared by the Guild and friends.
- ◆ The cost is \$25.00

Palm Sunday is on March 24th and Mass begins in the Hall at Christ Church Hamilton. Looking forward to seeing you there.

For your Prayers this week

For the sick and in need and those who are preparing for surgery

Dash Joan Mallinson Gwen Kenny Steven Yorston	Ethel Murray Dorothy Mervyn	Eden Morgan Deacon Kaye Hanks King Charles
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For those who have died

Lorna Weatherill, Phil Reid and Geoff Griffiths

For those whose Year's Mind we remember

Caroline Sherlock Jean Whiting Emily Rowe Margaret Claridge Harold Fox Winifred Kavanagh James Malseed	John Salter Ruth Killen Molly Wilson Roselind Gaussen Norma Bett Henry Young Dennis Holmes	Samuel Young Robert Reid Clive Adamson Leslie Wolf Celia McGregor Lucy Goodridge Mary Mallinson
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Armidale: Rod Chiswell
Bathurst: Mark Calder
- St Paul's Ballarat: Sr Elisa Helen CSC
Diocesan Missionary Council - Alice Knight
- Aiome & Ainong
- Perpetrators and victims of violence in the home.

TODAY'S HYMNS
517 665 269 168

Mothers' Union meeting,

Sunday 3rd March after the 10.30am church service. Jannie will present a Lenten Study.

A thrilling update on the 'Ceiling Project at Christ Church Hamilton'

- The quote we have is for \$70,000
- We had 59,000 in the restoration account.
- The donations that we are aware of, at last count, add up to \$5,500.
- The Vera Morre Trust has allocated \$5000
- We have applied to the Shire for a Heritage Funding Grant.'
(We expect to hear if we have been successful on Friday 12th of April.)
- We are not sure what the builders will discover when they start work and the cost could easily inflate due to unseen trickiness / creatures in the ceiling.
- There will be other projects like the steeple and the slate on the west side of the Church roof
- Most important THANKYOU to all those who have generously donated to this project.
- **Work began in earnest on Tuesday 27th of February.**
Can you spot 3 differences in the chancel

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The Response to the Bidding :

'By the power of your forgiveness'... is ...
'Overturn our sin'.

By the power of your forgiveness.....

Overturn our sin.

Our Lord's body was punctured out of love for us. Let us bring our wounds and petitions before God, so that His will may be done. For the Church, the injured Body of Christ. For Garry our Bishop leading our diocese. We pray for the parish of St. Matthew's Wendouree. For Fr. Dennis serving God's people there

By the power of your forgiveness.....

Overturn our sin.

For those who have suffered laceration at the hands of others. For those who are distressed because of indifference, neglect and prejudice. We pray that the media who reports the news, may do so responsibly in a way that will bind up the troubles of our human family

By the power of your forgiveness.....

Overturn our sin.

We offer those suffering through political unrest and oppression. For our Australian brothers and sisters who are serving us on foreign soil. For those who make decisions which affect their lives.

By the power of your forgiveness.....

Overturn our sin.

In a moment of silence let us offer up our shortcomings and acknowledge our need of healing. (Pause 1...2...3...)

By the power of your forgiveness.....

Overturn our sin.

For those who have asked for our prayers and those who have no-one to pray for them. For those on death row awaiting capital punishment.

By the power of your forgiveness.....

Overturn our sin.

For those who have been diagnosed with terminal illness and for their families and friends.

For those who have imparted this news.

By the power of your forgiveness....

Overturn our sin.

That our departed loved ones may enjoy the company of Our Lady and all the saints where all suffering is healed, where every tear is wiped away and there is only peace and joy, especially the recently departed... Lorna Weatherill, Phil Reid and Geoff Griffiths

By the power of your forgiveness.....

Overturn our sin.

Holy and loving Father, you come especially close to us when we are bruised and in anguish. Sanctify our prayers and wounds, that they may become tokens of love and resilience. We ask this in the name of the One who was pierced for us. Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Things for Lent

- * Stations of the cross will be celebrated at 9:15am on Wednesday mornings at Christ Church
- * The Sacraments of reconciliation and or anointing are available by contacting Fr. David.
- * The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell will be reflecting on 'The things he did'.

And then there was this thing called Daylight Saving which begins in the wee small hours of April 7th. This means that:

- Our First Saturday night Vigil at **5:00pm** will be on **Saturday 13th of April**
- The Penshurst mass time for **Sunday April 28th** is at **4:00pm**

Come Saturday 30th of March

(Holy Saturday) if you have some time to help to clean brass and present Christ Church at its shiny best for Easter, please gather from 9:00am onwards.