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Fr. David's easy quiz

This year is the liturgical year ...

- Where we read Matthew's gospel
- Where we Mark's gospel
- Where we read Luke's gospel
- Where we read John's gospel

Fr. David's hard quiz

Which of the following is the first beatitude to appear in Matthew's Gospel

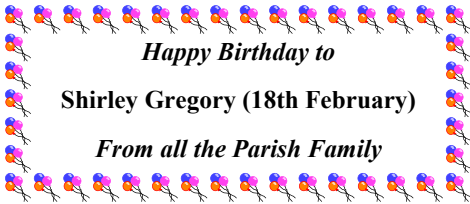
- Blessed are those who mourn
- Blessed are those who the meek
- Blessed are the poor in spirit
- Actually Matthew does not have the beatitudes only Luke does.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Fr. David being spoilt

Hard Quiz: Chocolate

New Rosters are available at the back of Christ Church Hamilton



St Mary's Dunkeld.

Just an update as to what has been happening at St Mary's Dunkeld. There has been well over 30 enquiries and 15 or so inspections.

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia
Sunday 16th February 2025

Sharing

'For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes' (1 Corinthians 11:26)

Eating on your own is a lonely business. We rejoice to eat together, especially with people we love. It is no accident that the Lord has given us a special meal. When we eat and drink at his command, we proclaim his death, and so we are reminded of the forgiveness which he gives us through the cross. But forgiveness is something we give as well as receive. The Apostle Paul wrote these words to a church filled with selfishness and division. He pointed out how wrong it was for them to eat the Supper in those circumstances. One of our duties as Christians is to repent of wrong and to love each other. Sharing the Holy Communion is a constant reminder to attend to our relationships.

Question for thought: Am I holding grudges against my fellow believers? Should I repent?

Almighty God, we bring the nation of South Sudan before you as it still struggles with conflict and the growing influence of Islam. We pray for the diocese of Bentiu and for MU members as they support and encourage each other in these difficult times. May they remain steadfast in their faith in you as they care for those in need. **Amen**



Anglican Parish of Hamilton
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
16th February 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Luke 6.23

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of man. Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Collect

Righteous God, you challenge the powers that rule this world and you show favour to the oppressed: instil in us a true sense of justice, that we may discern the signs of your kingdom and strive for right to prevail; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK			
Wednesday 19th February	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton	
Saturday 22nd February	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton	
Sunday 23rd February	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton All Saints' Penshurst	
Reader 1: Lofty	Reader 2: Betty	Intercessor: Sue	Sidesmen : Sandra & John
Eucharist Assistant: John			

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

We welcome with great glee Fr. Thomas.
It is a joy to have you with us.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17.5-10

⁵ Thus says the Lord : Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord .⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord , whose trust is the Lord . ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalms 1

1. Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.
2. **But their delight is in the law of the Lord: and on that law**

will they ponder day and night.

3. They are like trees planted beside streams of water: that yield their fruit in due season.
4. **Their leaves also shall not wither: and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**
5. As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.
6. **Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**
7. For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

Cave's religious doubts were once a source of discomfort to him, but he eventually concluded:
“Although I've never been an atheist, there are periods when I struggled with the whole thing. As someone who uses words, you need to be able to justify your belief with language, I'd have arguments and the atheist always won because he'd go back to logic. Belief in God is illogical, it's absurd. There's no debate. I feel it intuitively, it comes from the heart, a magical place. But I still fluctuate from day to day. Sometimes I feel very close to the notion of God, other times I don't. I used to see that as a failure. Now I see it as a strength, especially compared to the more fanatical notions of what God is. I think doubt is an essential part of belief.”

Next week's homily

So who is Jill Hicks?

I don't believe in an interventionist God
But I know, darling, that you do
But if I did, I would kneel down and ask him
Not to intervene when it came to you
Will not to touch a hair on your head
Leave you as you are
If he felt he had to direct you
Then direct you into my arms
Into my arms, oh, Lord
Into my arms, oh, Lord
Into my arms, oh, Lord
Into my arms

And I don't believe in the existence of angels
But looking at you I wonder if that's true
But if I did, I would summon them together
And ask them to watch over you
Well, to each burn a candle for you
To make bright and clear your path
And to walk, like Christ, in grace and love
And guide you into my arms
Into my arms, oh, Lord
Into my arms, oh, Lord
Into my arms, oh, Lord
Into my arms

But I believe in love
And I know that you do too
And I believe in some kind of path
That we can walk down, me and you

So keep your candles burning
Make her journey bright and pure
That she'll keep returning
Always and evermore

Mothers Union Quiet Day

will be held at the Benedictine Abbey Camperdown on Saturday March 1st commencing with a Eucharist at 10-30 This will be led by Rev Netta Hill.
All are Welcome.

There is another Paul Hogan

and he is the new Anglican person in Warrnambool. He has kindly let me know that they need

- ◆ Milo & Coffee (that we decant into smaller portions)
- ◆ Jam
- ◆ Vegemite
- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Tinned fruit
- ◆ Tinned tuna
- ◆ Tins of pet food are always welcome as some people tend to feed their pets before themselves

Parish Council opens the batting line up for 2025 on Thursday 20th of February at 5.30pm.

and on the same day at 1:30pm **The Fundraising Committee** meets.

Cuppa and Chatter

It all happens on **Thursday at 2.15pm**. Ladies to the Lemon Myrtle and **3.00pm** gents to the Thompson's Tavern
All are very welcome

Lenten study at Glenthompson.

We will be using the Catholic study from Wollongong called Metanoia. We meet at Elisabeth Cumings place, "Sterling", Fishers Lane. We meet at 7:00pm on Thursday March 6th & 27th and April 3rd & 17th.
All are welcome.

Lenten letters... Now there's a thought.

Today's Homily

Of Faith, Hope and Carnage

Some of you will have heard me speak of Nick Cave and heard me quoting him. I devoured his book 'Faith, Hope and Carnage' on Retreat last year in pretty much a single gulp, which is a really big deal for me. I decided to find out a bit more about Nick and of course much of what follows is a direct filch from the magic of the internet. Faith, Hope and Carnage pretty much describes his life and this homily comes with a health warning. It is not pretty or glamorous or sexy. His life is a cocktail of Faith, hope and carnage mixed through with 20 years of heroin. So here goes.

Nick was born in Warracknabeal (which is a marvellous place to spend your infancy) in 1957, and then moved to Wangaratta where he was a choir boy in the Anglican cathedral there. So far... so good. What could possibly go wrong?

At 13 he was expelled from Wangaratta High School and sent off to Caulfield Grammar. After his secondary schooling he studied painting at the Caulfield institute of Technology but dropped out the following year to pursue music. It was around this time that he began to use heroin and continued to do so for the next 20 years.

Nick was 19 when his father was killed in a car collision and his mother told him of his father's death while she was bailing him out of St. Kilda police station where he was being held on a charge of burglary.

It took him a while to find English model Suite Back and they married in 1999. That's me putting a large dollop of chocolate sauce on history and protecting a few people. Nick is father to four children and outlives two of his boys. One had taken LSD and then fallen off a cliff, the other suicided. So it is with the greatest level of authenticity and integrity that he can offer us these words.

"Grief is something that you get practiced at"
 "Hope is optimism with a broken heart"
 "Grief and joy can coexist in the same moment."

What started me on this quest to learn more about Nick's life was just one of his many songs.

The song is called 'Into my arms' and I hope that the words will appear in the pew sheet. My interpretation of it is that it is pretty much a love ballad for his wife but you will discover that The Master also makes an appearance. "And to walk, like Christ, in grace and love And guide you into my arms"
 The verses of the song begin with "I don't believe in ..." and then later say "But, ... if I did..."

So we get
 I don't believe in an interventionist God
 But I know, darling, that you do
 But if I did, I would kneel down and ask him
 Not to intervene when it came to you
 Will not to touch a hair on your head
 Leave you as you are
 If he felt he had to direct you
 Then direct you into my arms

And in a one swift verse we caught up in that lovely endearing, delicious slush between believing and disbelieving, bobbing around with faith, doubt, despair and hope. Wanting to believe whilst barely existing in a very inky black cavern.

Now if we are brutally honest and tell the truth, as we are meant to do, is that not also true of each and every one of us in here and everyone out there. Doesn't every life have darkness and light? Don't we all live a life of faith, hope and carnage?

But we should let Nick have the last word here.
 He once clarified his view on Christianity as "non-political and fully personal and emotional" and described his religious beliefs as "bound up in the liturgy and the ritual and the poetry that swirls around the restless, tortured figure of Jesus, as presented within the sacred domain of the church itself."

"My religiousness is softly spoken, both sorrowful and joyful, broadening and deepening, imagined and true. It is worship and prayer. It is resilient yet doubting, and forever wrestles with the forces of rationality."

¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.
 Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven
R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6.17-26

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

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hun-

gry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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

For your Prayers this week

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

King Charles Beatrix	Catherine, Princess of Wales Bishop Garry	Chris Henderson Vivian McKellar
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For those who have died

Clive Norris John Frost James Hayes William Fowler Albert Buchanan Alicce White George Meade Mavis Vaughan Venus Aldridge	Phillip Reid Francis Peterson Walter Button Neville Taylor Charlotte Trotter Hazel Black Pamela Francis John Taylor Edgar Alstin	Peter Clover Viola Rogers Sean Munro Joan Lewis Violet Barby Iris Gardiner Caroline Gardiner Edward Rowland Lillian Preston
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Diocese of Lebombo – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- Rockhampton: Bishop Peter Grice
- Mission District of Woody Yaloak - Rob Ferguson
- The Chronicle: The Bishop (Publisher)
- Kumbruf
- Teachers and students.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Tea

The Mothers' Union is again organising a Pancake Tea on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, at 6pm in the Church Hall.

Everyone is welcome and the charge is \$10 per head with Under 12 year old children free. Please put your names on the list at the back of the church by Sunday March 2nd for catering purposes.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be held in our usual shops in the Hub, Hamilton.

This year we are having assistance from the Standing Tall Group of Hamilton- both with the setting up and assistance with the roster.

This lovely co-operation will mean we will have many more hands to help us.

In return they will receive our annual allocation for local funds.

This will continue our commitment to donate all the funds received to:

A local, a National and an International project.

The book Fair will open on Tuesday 11th March and run to Easter.

We will still need help from our congregation members- in all aspects of the Book Fair.

Setting up will be on Friday 28th February and Saturday 1st March.

Please contact Ken Pickett or myself for further details.

Susan M 0408 528 781

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding: "Dear Lord", ...is..."Help us to be faithful in prayer"

"Dear Lord", ..."**Help us to be faithful in prayer**"

Loving Father, in whom we put our trust, lead all those who live and walk in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Bless those who serve, particularly our Bishop, Garry, the Vicar General, Scott, and our priest, David, our Deacon, Jannie, and inspire them in their ministry.

"Dear Lord", ..."**Help us to be faithful in prayer**"

Be present wherever there is conflict in the world. We remember Israel, Ukraine and parts of Africa. Please help all those who are suffering from the effects of wars, and turn aggressors towards peace.

"Dear Lord", ..."**Help us to be faithful in prayer**"

For all the leaders of the world making decisions that affect many; give them guidance and compassion for those in their care.

"Dear Lord", ..."**Help us to be faithful in prayer**"

For all who are suffering the effects of floods in northern Queensland, and for those battling bushfires in Victoria and other parts of Australia, protect and keep them.

"Dear Lord", ..."**Help us to be faithful in prayer**"

For all those in education, guiding our children. Give them wisdom and right knowledge. Bless the children under their care, that they may grow into mature, capable adults.

"Dear Lord", ..."**Help us to be faithful in prayer**"

For our health services, we thank you. Guide all doctors, nurses and medical staff in their

work. For all those who are in ill health, those near end of life, and those who are grieving, that they may be surrounded with love, and know your peace.

"Dear Lord", ..."**Help us to be faithful in prayer**"

All these things we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, our guide in this life, and our hope for the future.

Amen

Here's a cunning plan for Ash Wednesday March 5th

9:15 am Stations of the Cross

10:00am Holy communion and Imposition of Ashes

7:00pm Mass and Imposition of Ashes

St Peter's Glenthompson will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday March 2nd at 6.30pm. with Evensong Service followed by Harvest Supper and Auction from 7.00pm. Proceeds to the new building..

All donations very welcome via Elisabeth Cuming 0427 774 223

Jeanine and Fr. David will be on annual leave from early in the morning of Monday 10th of February till bedtime 17th of February. During this time the parish of Warrnambool will be on standby in case of calamity. You can phone them on 5561 1687. Fr. Thomas Edyll will be saying the masses on the weekend of 15th and 16th and Deacon Jannie will celebrate the liturgy at St. Mary's Dunkeld on Sunday 16th of February. We heartily thank them in anticipation. Enjoy!

TODAY'S HYMNS
168 522 254 307