

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

The Ashes we use on Ash Wednesday are

- A parishioners fireplace
- The remains of last year's Ash Wednesday homily
- From last years palm crosses
- A specially constructed fire made from the wood of an olive tree.

Fr. David's hard quiz

The patron saint of dentists is....

- Saint Apollonia
- St. Crispin
- St. Mattias
- St. Brutus of Constantinople.

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: 30 years old

Hard Quiz: A dove

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

Of Fr. David's left ear

alas there is wax in this ear and Fr. David may not be attentive as he should. He hopes this will be resolved by the end of the month.

Thank you for your patience.

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia

Sunday 19th January 2025

Diversity

'Now to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good' (1Corinthians 12:7).

One of the great blessings of the Mothers Union is the way in which it unites such diverse women from all around the world. This is a product of the gospel of Jesus. We are all one in him. But it is significant also that when Christians gather, we discover that we have different gifts from the Holy Spirit. These gifts are not in opposition to each other. Some are more obvious than others. Just as a body has many different elements, so the Christian family is one but many. The key to using this diversity is love. We bring our gifts to the Lord and seek to use them as they are needed to bless, to encourage, to build up our brothers and sisters. We must not use our gifts to flatter ourselves or triumph over others. When we are tempted to misuse our gifts, we ought to return to 1 Corinthians 13 and be reminded once more of love.

Question for thought: How can I best use my gifts in the service of the Lord?

Gracious Lord, we pray for the Mothers Union in Egypt, with many members who are refugees from South Sudan and Sudan. May the groups in Cairo and Maadi be strengthened by the prayer and fellowship they share. Help them to encourage others to have faith in you. We also pray for members in the Bathurst Diocese and for Lorraine Mitchell the Diocesan President, as they encourage Christian family life in their churches. **Amen.**



Anglican Parish of Hamilton Second Sunday After Epiphany 19th January 2025

WELCOME

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.**

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Even if you miss coming you are still giving. This also helps with budgeting for our future.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 22nd January	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 25th January	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 26th January	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton All Saints' Penshurst

Reader 1: Ian	Reader 2: Helen	Intercessor: JudyTrompf	Sidesmen : Gladys &Dianne
Eucharist Assistant: John			

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

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

Psalm 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, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of

Relationships are always ebbing and flowing, warping and bending, treading on new ground, sometimes gingerly and with fear, sometimes with exuberance and enthusiasm and never going back to how things were.

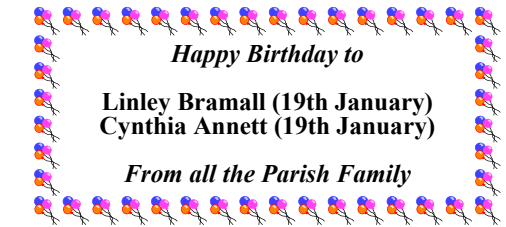
I’ve called this Homily ‘Three cheers for Felicity and Fr. Scott’. Bear with me as with the flimsiest of connections to today’s gospel reading I connect the dots and try to finish this interminable homily. In just a few swiftly fleeting weeks, Fr. Scott will be consecrated as our assistant Bishop. Two Sundays a month he will be out in the parishes doing ... well Assistant Bishop type things. Behind and with Him is his wife Felicity.

They will not be able to go back to how things were last year. Their relationship with Bishop Gary, The parish of Warrnambool, the lay people and the clergy of the Diocese will irreversibly be changed. They will be outed and ousted into a completely new dimension and the old doors will shut firmly behind them. Like the waiters in the gospel their work will be hidden from us. Most of it unrewarding and all of it unheralded. Every child abuse case, and there are lots of them, every recalcitrant priest and there are far too many of us, every tedious meeting, every tricky situation, every grumpy letter will be dealt with discreetly and pastorally, consuming stonking amounts of brain power, spiritual and psychological energy.

We will see none of this but I am confident with Felicity and Fr. Scotts experience, verve and wisdom, the good wine will come and we will be the happier and the more joyous for their labours. We might even go back for more good wine and do the dorky dad Dave dance. There is a sense in which the good wine has been kept until now and we will all be the more blessed in this year of 2025 and beyond.

Next week's homily

Where is home?



So who's Thomas a Kempis?

Thomas was a theological writer in the 15th century. He wrote a classic called 'The Imitation of Christ' which is a very hefty theological book and not for the fainthearted. It became one of the great mystic classics and over the past couple of months a copy has found its home in the Lady Chapel. If it is yours please see Fr. David.

How to find....

- 1. Confirmation candidates. Keep an eye out for these folk. They can be of any age. You may approach them or maybe just slip your parish priest their contact details for him to approach them
- 2. Palm crosses. Often found on a fridge, notice board, in a prayer book

Dates for your shiny new diary...

Ash Wednesday	March 5th
Lady day	March 25th
Parish Fete	November 8th
Easter day	April 20th
MU Planning Meeting	February 3rd
F.R.C.	January 16th

Today's Homily

Three cheers for Felicity and Fr. Scott.

Clergy aren't supposed to have favourite readings from the bible, ... are they? So perhaps it would be a better turn of phrase if I told you that today's gospel resonates more powerfully with me than say... the beheading of John the Baptist or Judas hanging himself. For one thing the water into wine story reminds me of the four glorious years I spent at Seppelts Great Western.

But for today I simply offer some glints of gold that I glimpse and hope that you might find them helpful too

The gospel begins with that telling phrase "On the third day" which is a cue for the readers and listeners of this passage that something momentous is about to be told which will usher in a radical, fresh exciting chapter of new life. New life is about to burst uncontrollably forth and change our very existence.

Remember John writes later than the other gospel writers so by the time his audience hears the phrase "on the third day", they are already familiar with the potency of these words.

The old wine runs out. The old way of existence is over, kaput and something fresh and exhilarating is about to happen. Interestingly it is Mother Mary's quiet insistence that helps to inaugurate this next chapter. It's almost as if Jesus has to be nudged and cajoled into action. Mother Mary is a powerful advocate for all Christians and just as occasionally I'll ask my own earthly Mum for help from her place on the other side of the grave, so too I have no qualms about asking Jesus Mum to pray for me just as I ask you to pray for me and I am well aware of your prayerful support and will always be grateful for it. Her words to us are a powerful mantra, one that I come back to time after time

after time.

"Do whatever he tells you".... "Do whatever he tells you"....

Seems obvious and straight forward doesn't it? But it isn't. The Master will ask complex and tricky things of us. Sometimes we will be led to places and people and situations

"Do whatever he tells you"....

Notice please that it is the underlings, the wait staff, the dishwashers, the working class that get to do the most important work.

At the wedding they were invisible to the guests but their role is crucial, vital and life changing for everyone including themselves.

I mean, once you had done and witnessed something like that, you would have to be changed.

And what do you think would be the first thing they would do when they finally got home from the wedding? They're going to tell their spouses and any one who will stand still long enough, what happened. There are many people whose lives were changed that day at Cana. The bride and groom, the waiters and who knows, after a couple of glasses of the really good wine and a bit of Dorky Dave Dad dancing, maybe some other relationships were kindled.. enhanced.

Our Lord's life was changed too. He has now been ousted and could not go back to being a simple itinerant wandering rabbi with a few disreputable friends. He was ousted largely by His Mum. If she hadn't intervened and pleaded the case for the happy couple, then maybe he could have remained in blissful obscurity. Yeah, Thanks a lot Mum.

And I wonder if being a Mum, with all the perception and foresight that Mum's have... I wonder if she knew that her words would change the relationship she had with her son, and did she regret this shift?

miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.

He called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. 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

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!

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

James Day Rosemary Mann Rita Waters William Frichot	Emma Bellman Ella Eales Joyce Taylor Harold Archer	Charles Ellis Jessie Fox Bruce Cuming Margaret Evans
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- The Murray: Keith Dalby
Colac: Jeremy Morgan and Claire Morgan (deacon).
The Otways: Those clerics and lay leaders providing locum ministry.
(Anglicare) Forest Op Shop: Volunteer staff
- Madang
- Those tempted to suicide and those who love them.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes to my sister Judy Sommerville over the last five months.

There is nothing more powerful than a body of prayer.

Especially to Fr David for his hospital visits and our Deacon Jannie for home visits and communion.

Her progress is slow but positive and in God's love and light will continue to full recovery and strength.

Dianne Greed

Did you know?

There is a lot of information on our parish website: www.hamiltonanglican.org.au and our parish facebook: [facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton](https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton) (these addresses can be found on the front of our pew sheets)

You can read Fr David's down to earth homilies (even leave a comment about them).

If you don't have the technology to have a look maybe just ask a young person, like a grandchild .

Also our Diocesan website: ballaratanglican.org.au is a good place to find information.

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 Lord's 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 Fr. Jeremy, Deacon Claire and God's people there. We hold up especially Fr. Scott preparing for consecration and Felicity who supports him.

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 those 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 those 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 who spend this day in our hospitals and institutions.

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 departed and 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.**

TODAY'S HYMNS
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