

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

The three creeds in our church are called ...
The Apostles creed, The Nicene creed and...

- The Pauline Creed
- The Athanasian Creed
- The Hypolitus Creed
- The Canterbury Creed

Fr. David's hard quiz

The Vicar of a Cathedral is called

- A Vicar General
- An Archdeacon
- A Canon
- A Dean
- A Lune

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Messenger

Hard Quiz: Zechariah

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.

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia

Sunday 2nd February 2025

Belonging to each other

'Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it' (1 Corinthians 12:27)
We are very different from each other, even when we attend a church where everyone speaks the same language and was born in the same country. There are differences in experience, in personality, in giftedness. How much more are these differences obvious if we think of the worldwide membership of the Mothers Union. But the differences are not as important as the fact that Christians are baptized by the one Holy Spirit so as to form one body, and we therefore belong to one another. What a joy it is to have that experience of being in unity with those who are so different from us! What a privilege!

Question for thought: Do I let differences stand in the way of my union with brothers and sisters in Christ?

Almighty God, we pray for members in the Diocese of Marsabit in drought prone north Kenya. We pray for them as they cope with significant poverty and the increasing influence of Islam. Give wisdom in their contact with new members and as they reach out to many needs facing families. We also pray for the Diocese of Ballarat and for Jillian Gale as President. We ask that all their activities will show your love and mercy. Amen

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 29th February	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 8th February	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 9th February	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St :Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Judy T	Reader 2: Eileen	Intercessor: Meredith	Sidesmen : Heather & Ian
Eucharist Assistant: Susan			



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

2nd February 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Luke 2.30–32

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple in accordance with the law, so we may be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

Ist Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 24

1. The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
2. **For he has founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the waters.**
3. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?
4. **Those who have clean hands and a pure heart: who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.**
5. They shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from

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the God of their salvation.

6. **Of such a kind as this are those who seek him: those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
7. Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
8. **Who is the King of glory?: the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**
9. Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
10. **Who is the King of glory?: the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

tion and courage and sanctity, all looking at us and saying, 'Where have you been all my life? I need your voice, your friendship and your fellowship to be myself.' Out of that deeply unlikely exchange, the holy fellowship is born: everyone, happily and gratefully, in need of everyone else; each one of us waiting expectantly and joyfully for what the neighbour can give; not only the neighbour here and now in this act of worship today, but our neighbours through history and our Christian neighbours in the future. This is not an easy idea to get your head around, and yet we are also the people that future Christians will need, and we'll need them, that's the nature of the fellowship into which we are drawn, and that is holiness, the not being without one another. It is the relationship that makes us who we are, because ultimately the holy God we serve and love, the holy God who comes among us in this temple is a God of relation, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Amen.

Next week's homily

It was never about the fish

Dates for your shiny new diary...

- Glenthompson Harvest Festival March 2nd at 6.30pm
- Ash Wednesday March 5th Service times are 10.00am and 7.00pm at Christ Church Hamilton
- Concert March 22nd at 2.00pm. Starring Joshua Walker
- Lady day March 25th
- Easter day April 20th
- Parish Fete November 8th

Mothers' Union Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday 3rd February at 1.30pm in the Canon Julien Centre.

Please remember to bring your membership fee to pay Linley or catch up with her asap. Bring along your ideas for what we can do this year.

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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 Anglicare 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

Thank you to all those who returned those pesky Palm Crosses. A wonderful effort.

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.

Christ Church Guild

meets on Thursday 13th at 10:00am.

All are always very welcome

Time to play spot the Clergy...

on Thursday 6th of February at Hamilton.

A walking friend for Roma Keating.

Most of you would be aware that Roma Keating has transitioned to care in The Grange. She loves to come to Church but needs someone to walk with her and to see her back again after Church. Whilst there is someone who can do this most of the time, we do need someone else to fill in on an occasional basis. Please speak to Jenny Rankin if you are able to help.

Today's Homily

Three cheers for the old fogeys.

In my little lifetime I think I have begun to see the first glimpse of a recovery of respect and concern for those folk who are 'mature years'. Maybe you're familiar with some of those charming TV shows where there is a cross fertilisation of generations in nursing homes. Primary school and youth visiting and engaging with senior citizens in all sorts of formats, games and opportunities.

Today, along with Mary, Jesus and Joseph there are two such folk who are the knockout stars of the gospel. Simeon and Anna are stalwarts of the synagogue, have much to teach us and they are old.

Like many who have several decades under their belt they know how to wait, they know how to pray and they know to tell anyone who will listen, the good news of God in the temple. Simeon and Anna saw the messiah in the midst of the hubbub of the temple. Seniors see things that the rest of us miss.

Further they know that this life is not all there is. They know that there is more to come after they have taken their last breath and finally released from the trappings and restrictions of the 21st century they blossom into angels, and saints.

Old people have come to know how much they need God and how much we all need each other.

Part of the good news of Anna and Simeon is not only that they recognised the messiah in midst of the hubbub and busy ness of the synagogue, but they know how much they need him.

And when we are younger and spritely and trying to save the universe and sorting out the Church of God this is something we are not always aware of.

We need each other in order to completely be the person we are called to be and we especially need those who we have never met before and those who might come to our temple who really aren't quite sure of the moves and rules. And they might feel rather afraid. Will they be spotted as a stranger? Will people be looking

round and scrutinising them and saying 'They obviously don't belong here; they don't know what to do'? Here are all these people (that's us) apparently doing strange things without giving it a second thought. We know the moves, we know the rules, and they don't. Rather like going into a club whose rules you don't know and a school whose habits you don't know (if you're a child): so the Church feels too many. It's bizarre, it's eccentric, and it is frightening.

They might be unsure if they need us, But boy, we should know that we really need them.

Rowan Williams put it this way

So all of us have some good news. And the good news is really this: in the infinite variety of voices singing praise in God's universe, your voice – trained or untrained – is as welcome as anybody else's. And the language you speak is a language we all need to hear. Because to be part of that overwhelming, overflowing abundant fellowship, is to recognise that no part of it is complete or alive without the others. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer speaks of all the great heroes of Israel's past; and then says, 'Without you, these people would not be made perfect.' All the great giants of biblical history: Abraham and Moses, Joshua, Gideon and Samson: they're all waiting for you to join them, because without you their joy and their fulfilment are not complete. It's as if when you turn up into the fellowship of God's people, Abraham comes across to you beaming all over his face, asking 'Where have you been all my life?!' The great heroes, the great saints, the people we think we have very little in common with — they want our company too, because God wants our company and God wants each one of us to grow into maturity, fulfilment, and love in that fellowship. So Abraham may have been a man of exemplary, outstanding, unimaginable holiness, courage and devotion, and yet he still needs me and you to make him completely Abraham.

And as we think back across the years of our church's existence, and the witness that's gone on here, we might think of all those people who have served God with exemplary devo-

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.

A light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.

R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

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

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' ²⁵

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant

in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him. scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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

Percy Osborne Douglas Scholfield Brenton Rook Irene Dolling Micheal Kipreou Violet Evans Joanna MacLeary John Downs	Elsie Dolman Bertie Barrett Claire Due Charlotte Stanley Vincent Thorn Cecil Annett Bina Kelly Joseph McCabe	Bessie Williams Jane Hammence Enid Walter Ian Innes Pat Piperno Peter Hodgkinson
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Diocese of Kyoto – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- Adelaide: Geoff Smith, Tim Harris, Chris McLeod and Sophie Relf-Christopher Australian Defence Forces.
- The Cathedral: Michael Davies, + Mark Burton, Mark Garner, Grant Bullen, (assisting), Br Neil Salan OP(A), Anne McKenna and Wayne Sheean.
- Those suffering through the abuse of gambling.

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!

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.

**TODAY'S HYMNS
675 194 328 644**

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:
'In our darkness' ... is ...
'Show us your light'

In our darkness ... **Show us your light**

Father, Your Son today is acclaimed the glory of Israel: Look in mercy on Your Church, that it may share His Light and His Glory
In our darkness ... Show us your light

Father, Your Son has come to His Temple to bring judgement upon the world: Look in mercy on the nations, who long for His justice.

In our darkness ... Show us your light

For all the children of our world, that they may be loved and cherished by their families and by the societies in which they live.

In our darkness ... Show us your light

Father, Your Son Who was rich, became poor for our sakes: Look in mercy on the needy and those suffering with Him.

In our darkness ... Show us your light

Father, Your Son is the One in Whom faithful servants find their peace: Look in mercy on the departed, that they may see Your salvation. Especially the recently departed.....

In our darkness ... Show us your light

Father, Your Son is revealed as the One destined to be rejected: Look in mercy on us who now turn toward His Passion.

In our darkness ... Show us your light

Heavenly Father, You kept faith with Simeon and Anna and showed them the infant King. Give us Grace to put our whole trust in all Your promises and the patience to wait for their fulfilment; **we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.**

Anyone can contribute to this. Diocesan Anniversary Year

As part of our anniversary celebrations this year, the MDC plans to produce a booklet (Looking Back, Moving Forward) that celebrates some of the faithful heroes of our diocese, and that looks forward to our vision for the future.

We therefore invite each parish to provide at least two stories (one lay and one cleric) of people who have been significant in the development of their church and people.

We would also like something about your vision or hope for the future. As we plan that every parish will be included in this booklet we ask that you limit your contributions to around 300 words for each story.

We would like to receive these stories by the end of April, so it is important that you begin discussions with your people as soon as possible.

Submissions and enquiries:
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Wishing you every blessing,
Robyn Shackell and the Ministry Development Committee.

