

## dNews

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### Fr. David's easy quiz

The photo in the pew sheet is of

- Bishop Scott in fancy dress
- One of hopeful aspiring candidates for the Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Somebody off the street to pose for a photo shoot.
- Fr. David being spoilt
- The parish gardner.

### Fr. David's hard quiz

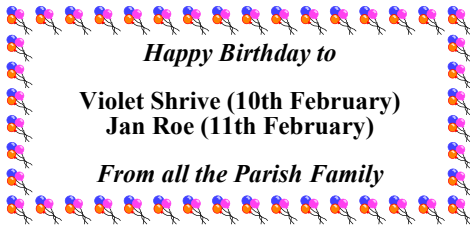
Which of these is NOT on the latest most wanted list for Anglicare

- Milo
- Pet Food
- Chocolate
- Tinned tuna
- Cereal

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: The Athansian Creed

Hard Quiz: A Dean



### 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 9th February 2025

### Caring

'Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ' (Galatians 6:2)

Being a Christian unites us with Christ and so with each other. The Apostle Peter describes us as 'a family of believers throughout the world' (1 Peter 5:9). This means that we have an obligation to care for each other and to be concerned to hear about MU Branches elsewhere. But we can become so committed to overseas work that we lose sight of the brothers and sisters close at hand. Our first task is to carry the burdens of the people we know, the people who are the body of Christ which we are part of in our local church. I have been saddened sometimes to hear stories of people who are suffering, being neglected or ignored by their brothers and sisters. Let us 'carry each other's burdens', and so please the Lord Jesus.

*Question for thought: Do I have an eye for those who suffer and are in want and do I try to help them if I can?*

Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray for the Diocese of New Westminster in Canada as they reach out to families in need with support in marriage preparation, parenting programs and soup kitchens. Please unite them in prayer and enable them to share your love for the world. **Amen**



## Anglican Parish of Hamilton Fifth Sunday After Epiphany 9th February 2025

# WELCOME

Sentence: 1 Corinthians 15.3-4

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and was buried, and was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and appeared to many.

### Collect

Most holy God, in whose presence angels serve in awe, and whose glory fills all heaven and earth: cleanse our unclean lips and transform us by your grace so that your word spoken through us may bring many to your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **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.

### Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's  
Dunkeld

St Peter's  
Glenthompson

St Mark's  
Cavendish

All Saints'  
Penshurst

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 12th February	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 15th February	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 16th February	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary's Dunkeld

Reader 1: Susan    Reader 2: Sandra    Intercessor: Heather    Sidesmen : Linley & Denise

Eucharist Assistant: Lofty

*Ist Reading:* Isaiah 6.1-8

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

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

*Psalm 138*

1. I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing your praises.
2. **I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name: because of your**

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**faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.**

3. At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul.
4. **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord: for they have heard the words of your mouth;**
5. And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great.
6. **For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly: and he comprehends the proud from afar.**
7. Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.
8. **The Lord will complete his purpose for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

*Second Reading:*  
1 Corinthians 15.1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first im-

about with distractions and disappointments with far too many flaws and ugly bits. We are exactly the sort of people He needs. The unfinished and insufficient ones. The ones who are lacking and found to be badly, sadly wanting. Perhaps this is so that He can shape us into the people we are supposed to be. There is more scope for him without our preconceptions and rigid ideas when there are big gaping holes.

So Yep, count me in. I fit all that selection criteria.

Final question? What happened to the two boat loads of freshly caught fish in the story. They were right there for all to see yet they are never mentioned again. So what happened to them?... Who cares?! We're off to catch some of our own. Anyway, it was never about the fish. It was always about Peter, about James and John. It was and is about you ... and me.

**Next week's homily**  
Of faith hope and carnage

**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 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 Warnambool. He has kindly let me know that

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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.

**Christ Church Guild**

meets on Thursday 13th at 10:00am.

All are always very welcome

**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.

**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.

## Today's Homily

### It was never about the fish.

A few observations

First, this story shares common elements with John's story of Jesus meeting his disciples at the Sea of Galilee for a BBQ. See John 21:1-10.

In both stories we see a futile night of fishing, Jesus offering some unsolicited fishing advice, an overwhelming catch of fish, a recognition of Jesus' identity that focuses especially on the response of Simon Peter. And in both stories Peter begins a new chapter in his life. Today's story from Luke is not strictly a post resurrection / easter story like John's, but it is certainly a 'New life' story.

Secondly, this is not Simon's first encounter with Jesus. Jesus has already been to Simon's home in Capernaum and has healed his mother-in-law (4:38-39). Perhaps that explains Simon's willingness to let Jesus use his fishing boat as a floating pulpit.

Third, it is one thing for Peter to ask The Master into his home to heal his mother in law. It is something quite different to allow Jesus into his workplace, into his office if you like, and accept some complimentary fishing advice from this Johnny come lately, this apprentice carpenter especially when just a few hours ago the fish were not biting and every trick had been relentlessly tried and failed. The nets had come up empty. What could this itinerant little man possibly do?

Fourth, This call of Peter has much to teach us about the nature of sin and especially our handwringing, 'Oh my goodness' dwelling on sin.

The trouble with dwelling on our sin is that it stimulates fear. In fact sin and fear are best buddies and one is seldom experienced without the other. Take it from someone who knows and has done the practical work on this far too many times.

These two henchmen, sin and fear thwart your potential and your possibilities and we are tempted to ask God to depart. Sin and fear can curdle deep within us and often we are not aware of them until it manifests itself in a different way, a different vibe, an out of left field action, and we are left scratching our

heads thinking 'Where did that come from?' It is into this vacuum of fear and unworthiness that our Lord speaks and says "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

We cannot move on in our path and vocation when we are tied tightly, tied down, and tied up with fear and a sense of guilt.

So the disciples have tried all night and caught nothing. Everything they have learnt from their dear old dad, every trick, every bait has proven fruitless and they are empty at all levels.

It is when we recognise our emptiness that we have the potential to be filled and be fulfilled, to be generous with the over abundance of what God has given to us. When we have tried everything we think we know and then some, and come up with nothing.... That's when the work really begins, that's when we are free to move on. That's when the serious business of catching people for the Kingdom can truly begin. Why? Because in our bankruptcy, foreclosure and destitution we can never be transactional. There is no quid pro quo when you have nothing to offer, nothing to bargain with. All we have is His initiative.

His initiative to get into the boat, His initiative to teach and preach, his initiative to produce the fish, his initiative to tell us not to be afraid, his initiative to call us.

Perhaps then, the real miracle is not the large haul of red fin and mullet at all. Rather the miracle is in the catch of Peter allowing himself to be caught. Being set free by forgiveness so that he allows himself to swim in the delicious waters of God's love.

You see, Simon Peter could have continued to said 'No. Go away' and then what would have happened? But he doesn't. He understands that Jesus is not a free meal ticket but the Master before him is the source of unstoppable grace and forgiveness. Peter understands it was never about the fish. It was always about him.

The real miracle in this story is that Peter understands that he is called even as an incomplete, work in progress, person. Just as he is. And the good news, the miracle for you and I brothers and sisters, is that that is exactly how The Master calls us today. Incomplete, with jagged edges, mucked about and mucking

portance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,<sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,<sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.<sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.<sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.<sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.<sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.<sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

**Alleluia! alleluia.**

'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'

**R. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

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**

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,<sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.<sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.<sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.'<sup>5</sup> Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.'<sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.<sup>7</sup> So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.<sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'<sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken;<sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.'<sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Benjamin Payne Arthur Thorn Alan Riddle David Hopkins	Gwendoline Marchant Annie Harris Stephan Brimacombe Esme Brewis	Maria Day Eileen Elkins Marlyn Day Peter Greed
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Diocese of Lahore – The Church of Pakistan
- Grafton: Murray Harvey
- Ararat: Martin Nadarajan, Daryl Couch, Adriaan Siersema (deacon) and Cheryl Haines (OLM Priest), Robert Caernarvon-Smith.  
WD4 Police & Emergency Services Chaplaincy and Ararat Migrant Ministry.
- Jinim
- Our Prime Minister and Federal Parliament



### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please contact Ken Pickett or myself for further details.  
Susan M 0408 528 781

To see this in colour go to our website. Taken the evening of Australia Day. So symbolic

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

The response to the bidding: “Dear Lord” is “Please answer our prayers”

“Dear Lord...”**Please answer our prayers”**

Dear Lord please guide all the leaders of the world to solve all the world’s problems, especially those countries that are experiencing war, floods and famine.  
*Dear Lord...”Please answer our prayers.”*

We pray for the people who are being affected by the Victorian fires, especially the people who are being affected around the Grampians. We also pray for all the animals that are affected by the fires, that you Lord keep them all safe from harm.  
*Dear Lord...”Please answer our prayers.”*

We pray for all the people and animals which are being affected by the floods in North Queensland. We especially pray for friends and family who are being affected by the flooding that you keep them all safe.  
*Dear Lord...”Please answer our prayers.”*

We pray for Bishop Garry that 2025 is a lot better health wise for him. We also pray for everyone who is being affected by illness that you Lord help all of us to overcome our illness.  
*Dear Lord...”Please answer our prayers.”*

We pray for Fr David and Jeanine that they have a very happy and safe holiday.  
*Dear Lord...”Please answer our prayers.”*

We pray for the recently Departed that you Lord enfold them and their families in your warm embrace.  
*Dear Lord...”Please answer our prayers.”*

Lord please help everyone in this world so that we can all make the world a better place.  
Amen

## 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:  
rdshackell@gmail.com

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

**Jeanine and Fr. David** will be on annual leave from early in the morning of Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of February till bedtime 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and Deacon Jannie will celebrate the liturgy at St. Mary's Dunkeld on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> of February. We heartily thank them in anticipation. Enjoy!

**TODAY'S HYMNS**  
**333 234 641 583**