

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

Which Gospel does NOT include the three lenten temptations of Our Lord.

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John.

Fr. David's hard quiz

What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and Salt
Crisps
Savoury Shapes
Pretzels
Pitta Bread

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Anyone of any faith or no faith at all.

Hard Quiz: Moses and Elijah

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

Unfortunately the pipe organ concert has had to be cancelled.

If you have paid \$\$ please ask for a full refund.

Apologies all round

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia
Sunday March 9th 2025

The Father's Love

'See what great love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called children of God!' (1 John 3:1)

We are all saddened by orphans and the stories of those who are cast out of their families. But even if such a thing is true of you, as you turn to God through Jesus you become a child of the most important family of all. You are a child of the living God. You have the astonishing privilege of calling him 'Father'. You learn to rejoice in him, to bring him all your burdens and to entrust them to the one who loves you as a good father loves the child. This is not something we deserve. It is his gift. Stop for a moment now and speak to him in gratitude and trust. Ask him to help you walk each day in his loving care.

Question for thought: How do I know that I am a child of God?

Dear God, we thank you for the MU members in Worcester, England and for their work with many projects across the diocese. We pray that they will have opportunities to share the hope of knowing you at these times. Amen.



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

First Sunday In Lent

9th March 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Luke 4.8

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

Collect

O saving God, who led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land: so guide us that, following our Saviour, we may walk through the wilderness of this world and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come; through your Son, 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.

SERVICES THIS WEEK			
Wednesday 12th March	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton	
Saturday 15th March	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton	
Sunday 16th March	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish	
	Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton	
	Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mary's Dunkeld	
Reader 1: Sue	Reader 2: Jannie	Intercessor: Judy T	Sidesmen : Linley & Denise
Eucharist Assistant: Lofty			

Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 91.1-2; 91.9-16

1. Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High: who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
2. **They will say to the Lord 'You are my refuge and my stronghold: my God in whom I trust.'**
9. The Lord himself is your refuge: you have made the Most High your stronghold.
10. **Therefore no harm will befall you: nor will any scourge come near your tent.**
11. For he will command his angels: to keep you in all your ways.
12. **They will bear you up in their hands: lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
13. You will tread on the lion and the adder: the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
14. **'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord, 'and therefore I will deliver you: I will lift you out of danger, because you have known my name.**
15. 'When you call upon me I will answer you: I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue you and bring you to honour.
16. **'With long life I will satisfy you: and fill you with my salvation.'**

Second Reading: Romans 10.4-13

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. ⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your

insect pinned for heinous amusement. Never, ever,.. have I felt so power - less. So here are my questions to you Jesus. Who was in control? Was it you? For a while there it certainly looked like you had all the answers and were supreme over all things? Or did I have all the power, because I made it all happen. And on a more personal level which is why I'm writing this wretched letter anyway, did you really have power and authority and control over me or not? That's what I'd really like to know. Need to know. Because if you did, then surely the most loving thing you could have done was to stop me. Call me out publicly or privately, wouldn't have mattered and said the hard, hard things graciously which was of course what you always did.

And afterwards.. when the noise had stopped and the crowds had gone back home to their bread and olives for the passover ...if you were / are God almighty, could you not have washed away my guilt and stopped me from taking my own life? Wouldn't that have been the compassionate, caring, loving thing to do? Aren't you here to save me, to save us all? I await your prompt and courteous reply Your servant (I think) Judas.

Next week's homily

Mary. The woman who anointed Jesus for burial.

The homilies this Lent are offered in 'letter style.' Sit back, relax and savour.

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

3rd Thursday + March = 20th FundRaising Committee at 1:30pm + Parish Council at 5:30pm ~ All Welcome

Important Information-

On Sunday April 6th after the 10.30am Eucharist, Sherridan Yates will be conducting a discussion and information session on Advance Care Planning. All are welcome to attend this pertinent topic. Bring your questions. Bring a friend.

Today's Homily

Judas to Jesus

Dear Jesus,
I have wanted to write this letter for some time now. You see, I have this burning, puzzling question that I can never get my head around. It's a complex thing and I'm hoping that by writing this letter I can clarify a few things in my mind, but especially in my heart.
It all has to do with our rather awkward and bizarre relationship and especially about the issue of control.
You see, I had always assumed that you were the Master and in complete control of absolutely everything. You were the leader, the boss, the guru, the chairman of the board. It was you who had the power over all of us. Especially over me. Hec! You could have asked me to jump off the temple and I would have done it for you cheerfully if that's what you had wanted. You called me and I followed you. I watched with awe, surprise and glee as you drove out demons, healed the sick, fed the hungry and said the wise, hard things graciously.
You even ticked off the powerful Scribes and Pharisees. Surely you had it all there at your fingertips. And so the question eventually came bubbling up in my mind ... Is there anything you couldn't do? Surely that was a better place to start. I was completely enthralled by you and so it seemed was everyone else, even though they may not have liked you or gone away tittering, mumbling and irritable. Even raising Lazarus' corpse after a few days in a tomb was not beyond you. I listened and I obeyed. I was even the treasurer which is the most tiresome job of all. 'The poor we always have with us' You said so yourself.
So here's the thing. That if you could do all those things and they were wild and

whacky and indescribably astounding... how comehow come you didn't stop me when I went to the chief priests to sell you down the Jordan.
You knew what I was up to. 'What you must do .. do it quickly'
So I did and I believed with all my heart that that was what you wanted of me. The directive was simple as it was clear. I knew where to find you that night and it's almost as if you were waiting and expecting us.
And when I led them to you in this black night, with blazing torches and fearsome eyes in the dark, you did not run away, although I sort of wanted you to, hoping that the confrontation would not happen and that it could be avoided. That you could mysteriously evaporate all the angst and anger. Just quietly slip through the crowd.
But you just simply stood there, turned to greet us and then in a gesture that flipped my heart, you offered me your cheek to kiss.
What you must do.. do it swiftly. So I did. Is this what you wanted all along?
Where was your power and authority when the crowds turned nasty and you plummeted in the polls before Pilate in a matter of hours? Where was your influence and control as you fell heavily, bleeding out onto the dusty, rocky road? I stood there watching you. The ferocious din of the crowds ringing in my ears... thinking... any moment now... he's going to get up and make all this stop. It's all going to be sweetness and light and honey. But No... you just staggered on like some crazed loon with that hideous glazed look on your eyes. The life ebbing out of them.
And in a hideous twist, there was a moment when it was as if everything stopped. The memory is always before me every time I close my eyes. There you were, sprawled in the dust like a beautiful

heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).
⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Alleluia! alleluia.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God
R. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4.1-15

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

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴ Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone." ' ⁵
Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' ⁹
Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", ¹¹ and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' ¹² Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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

12 FEET NEEDED, ANY AGE, ANY SIZE, ANY SHAPE

Holy Thursday this year falls on April 17th. The Liturgy of the day begins at 7:30pm. We need 12 people to have a foot washed. Please sign up at the back of Christ Church Hamilton. Places are limited.

So there's this thing called daylight saving right.

It begins in the wee hours of Sunday April 6th. This means that...
The Saturday night Vigil mass on Saturday 12th will be at 5pm

For your Prayers this week

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

Beatrix Bishop Garry	Chris Henderson Vivian McKellar
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For those who have died

Lucy Goodridge Mary Mallinson Leslie Gaskin Gregory Jervies Jennifer Wallis Elizabeth Armstrong Kathleen arons	Ross Stanley Robert Tully Greg Simon (Priest) Elizabeth Edgar Arthur Morris Rex Munday Gladys Fraser	Arthur Brumley Thomas Moller Brian Edwards Anthony Pevitt Phyllis Wolf Thomas Gamble Eva Hamilton
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Anglican Church of Canada
- Grafton: Murray Harvey
- Ararat: Martin Nadarajan, 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 Grand Opening is on Tuesday 11th March at 10am. .. and the Fair will continue through to Wednesday the 16th April.

The Roster will be at the Book Fair - please drop in and pop your name on- it is a great way to meet old and new friends.

Previous and new volunteers are most welcomed and appreciated.

Any enquiries to : Susan Mason 0408528781.

TODAY'S HYMNS
264 458 369 586

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding: "Lord Heavenly Father", ...is..."We put our trust in You".

"Lord Heavenly Father",
"We put our trust in You".

Lord heavenly Father, we rejoice that You are our God and that we have certainty of faith in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, whom You have sent to teach us, to die and to be raised on the third day for our salvation.

Lord Heavenly Father.....
We put our trust in You.

We bring your Church before You; your flock and the shepherds of your people. For Garry our Bishop and Scott our Assistant Bishop, for David our Priest and Janni our Deacon, and your Church gathered here in this parish. You are our Lord and our refuge.

Lord Heavenly Father.....
We put our trust in You.

We pray for our world leaders. May your sovereignty prevail over them all, and your will be done throughout the world.

Lord Heavenly Father.....
We put our trust in You.

We pray for our country, that we might remember your great mercies and blessings throughout the ages. We ask for your hand upon the forthcoming elections, that the light of truth may shine upon all, and that the outcome may bring about a fair and united country.

Lord Heavenly Father.....
We put our trust in You.

We hold our community before You; for all those who serve in our hospitals and schools and emergency services. We ask for your blessing upon the bookfair, the servers and the browsers, and we ask for your leading of all those pursuing Lenten Studies.

Lord Heavenly Father.....
We put our trust in You.

We remember those who are in ill health and those who care for them, that your hand of mercy shall be their balm.

Lord Heavenly Father.....
We put our trust in You.

We remember those who have gone before us, and those who grieve their loss.

Lord Heavenly Father.....
We put our trust in You.

In this time of Lent, we follow our Lord's leading. Help us to feed upon your Word of Truth and to worship You in faith and trust.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Salvation.

Amen

Thank you this week

To all who helped with the Pancake evening on Tuesday.

To all those who helped with the Glenthompson Harvest Festival.

Both were convivial and happy events.

Lenten Studies Booklet

Available in a nifty red booklet at Christ Church Hamilton is the Hope 2025 Lenten studies booklet. Some of you may want to form a little group, others may want to study quietly by themselves. If you can find \$5 to help defray the cost please mark an envelope and put the cash in the envelope and the envelope in the plate if that makes sense.

Mothering Sunday this year falls on Sunday March 30th. A day to give Thanks for Mother Mary, Mother church and our own mothers. Maybe there will be Simnel cake.