

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

Fr. David's easy quiz

What Irish saint's feast day takes place during Lent

- St. Thomas
- St. Patrick
- St. Peter
- St. John

Fr. David's hard quiz

The person who helped Jesus carry his cross was Simon of Cyrene. Simon's dad was...

- Jehu son of Nimshi
- James
- Rufus
- Nicodemus
- Actually we're not told

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Mark

Hard Quiz: Pretzels

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

Thought of the week from Mothers' Union Australia

Sunday March 16th 2025

Christ the loving Saviour

'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ has laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16).

We are in the season of Lent, rightly remembering our sins and failings as we lead up to the most important days in all of history. The prayer for Ash Wednesday in the Prayer Book gives us the words, 'we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness: though Jesus Christ our Lord'. On Good Friday the perfect Son of God died a terrible death, laying down his life for the unworthy, that we may be forgiven. He did it because he loved us and by this, we know that he loves us. When we see this great truth, we can never be the same again.

Question for thought: How do we know what love is?

Almighty God, we give thanks for the vibrant fellowship and encouragement in the Mothers Union in Tarime, Tanzania, and pray for the ongoing ministry and mission of the Mothers Union. May the Sewing Centre not only help those who come to acquire skills to provide an income for the future, but also be an encouragement to their faith in Jesus. **Amen**



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Second Sunday In Lent

16th March 2025

WELCOME

Sentence: Philippians 3.20.

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Collect

God of our ancestors, whose chosen servant Abraham was given faith to obey your call and go out into the unknown: endow your Church with such faith that we may follow you with courage; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 March	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 22nd March	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 23rd March	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am	St Peter's Glenthompson Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Stewart	Reader 2: Robyn	Intercessor: Susan	Sidesmen : Jan & Tony
Eucharist Assistant: John			

**Christ Church
Hamilton**

St Mary's
Dunkeld

St Peter's
Glenthompson

St Mark's
Cavendish

All Saints'
Penshurst

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ ² But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ ³ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ ⁵ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ ⁸ But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ ⁹ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?: the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2. **When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me: they shall stumble and fall.**
3. If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid: and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
4. **One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**
5. To see the fair beauty of the Lord: and to seek his will in his temple.
6. **For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble: and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.**
7. And now he will lift up my head: above my enemies round about me.
8. **And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation: I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**
9. O Lord, hear my voice when I cry: have mercy upon me and answer me.
10. **My heart has said of you, ‘Seek his face’: your face, Lord, I will seek.**
11. Do not hide your face from me: or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
12. **For you have been my helper: do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
13. Though my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord will take me up.

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.

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.

Polishing Brass

For those who are a dab hand at polishing brass and enjoy convivial conversation; Please come along to Christ Church Hamilton on Saturday 19th of April at 9:00am and help to make the Church bright and shiny for Easter.

al, betrayal, crucifixion and a cold borrowed tomb could taint and diminish what had passed between us. Nor could it stop its eternal consequences for all people, for all places, for all time. In fact it was your potent ingredients of steadfastness and selflessness that would roll away the stone and wipe away every tear.

As you walked away that night you probably thought that you had seen me for the last time. That you would never see me again. But no! You and I Mary; we are people of Faith. We are people of courage. We are people of captivating, irresistible and inescapable love. We are people of surprise.

The surprise of Lazarus’s continued life was made possible by faith, courage and love. Your visit to Simon’s place was all of those things. What will follow in the days and weeks after the passover will be all of those things and so much more. So wait Mary, it is not much longer now. Forgiveness is already yours, it always has been. Wait, weep if you must, but you must always, always know ... you did a beautiful thing for me and it will be told through all the ages, for as long as I love you. Forever and ever, yours, Jesus.

Next week's homily

Jehu, The guy with the really big stone

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

Today's Homily

The woman who anointed Jesus for burial

Dear Mary,
I wanted to write to you about a few things but first of all I should mind my manners and ask how Martha and Lazarus are doing. It was quite a spectacle when your brother emerged from the tomb after 4 days. There were a goodly number of tears, many of them mine and lots of people muttering about my noisy sobbing. And you Mary, even in your deep grief, your faith was unmistakable. I will never forget the words you spoke so firmly and with that lovely, steadfast conviction of yours. "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died." Odd, isn't it, that it is in death and weeping we often feel empty headed, empty handed and empty hearted, but that is not how I saw you. That is not how you really were. With your tears and anguish you were actually quite magnificent and offered so very much to around us. Then, just last night we saw each other again in a different place, in a different house, with different people. It was in Simon the Leper's home. Lazarus was there as was Judas and a gathering of some miscellaneous folk. I'm aware that you weren't actually on the guest list but I was overjoyed to see you. We both knew why you had come and we both knew that the clock was ticking... quickly it seemed. While the guests made laughed raucously, we were both acutely aware that a death, my death was imminent and in an urgent and poignant way you wanted to make things tidy and ordered. To do your part in the preparations for a death that would in turn change every death.

You just didn't know it at the time... but you would... later.
So you came. And while there was an authentic smile on your lips and you were delighted to see me, your eyes were brim full of tears, almost toppling over with delicate drops.
The perfume you offered was magnificent and the scent filled the house with the fragrance of a healing death and deep beauty. I reckon everyone there misinterpreted what you did next. Their crusty, accusatory gossip was quite audible. And when you bent down, that is when you could no longer hold back your tears and they spilled onto my feet. And I understood that not only were they tears of repentance for the way your life had turned out, but the droplets were genuine gifts of grief. So Mary, what with your heady perfume, your tears and your hair drying my feet, I finally knew that now I was ready. I had been touched, anointed and sealed in love.
I get that you probably thought you had nothing to offer me last night. That you felt that what you had done wasn't nearly good enough. In fact you probably thought that nothing you could ever do was going to be enough. But the reality was the opposite. I was now ready to go to the grave.
I shall never forget you leaving that night. You turned, snubbed all the naysayers by you ignoring them and you walked slowly towards the door. Needing to leave, but yet... not wanting to leave. You stopped .. Everyone was watching you. The silence hung heavily in the room like the delicious aroma of the nard.
You looked at me as I looked at you. We gazed at each other and for a brief but long moment, nothing else mattered. There was only you and I.
We smiled, we looked, we knew. All was ready now. Everything that could be done, was done. Not even the harshness of deni-

14. **Teach me your way, O Lord: and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.**

15. Do not give me over to the will of my enemies: for false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out violence.

16. **see the goodness of the Lord: in the land of the living.**

17. O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart: and wait, I say, for the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

From the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13.31-35

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

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work." ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.'" ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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

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

William Mallinson Roland Wines Ernest Jones Alice Partman Keith Holmes Keith Manson	Percival Matt Thomas Chandler Kenneth Hurley Helen Northcott Thomas Roscoe Ian Henderson	Doris Hurley Harold Brian Lesley Kelly Phyllis Wolf
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- Rockhampton: Bishop Peter Grice
- Mission District of Woody Yaloak - Rob Ferguson
- The Chronicle: The Bishop (Publisher)
- Kumbruf
- Teachers and students.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The Grand Opening was 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
292 448 139 479

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

The response to the bidding:

“Open our ears O Lord” ... is ...

“To hear the wonders of your love”

“Open our ears O Lord”...

To hear the wonders of your love.

Our innocent Lord was found guilty by Pilate. Mindful of those times when we have been hasty in our judgment of others, let us come before the Lord. That the Church may be an agent of reconciliation and peace. For Garry our Bishop and for Bishop Scott who assists him. For the Mission District of Lower Glenelg and Reverend Wendy who serves God's People there

“Open our ears O Lord”...

To hear the wonders of your love.

For all those who will go to court this week and those who will represent them. For wise and responsible decisions to be made by the judges and juries who sit

“Open our ears O Lord”...

To hear the wonders of your love.

For those who suffer injustice and are wrongly condemned. For those who escape recrimination, that ways may be found to heal these wounds

“Open our ears O Lord”...

To hear the wonders of your love.

For those times when we have harboured a grudge and failed to defend others by our silence. That we may always choose our words carefully and fearlessly speak for those who have no voice

“Open our ears O Lord”...

To hear the wonders of your love.

For those who are physically wounded, that the Master will grant them healing and wholeness

“Open our ears O Lord”...

To hear the wonders of your love.

For our Blessed dead, especially the recently departed That Christ the good Shepherd may lead them safely home to be at peace with God our Father.

“Open our ears O Lord”...

To hear the wonders of your love.

Holy and Loving God, our true Judge and constant Companion. When we are rash and impatient, grant us gentleness and grace. When we are forgetful of your words to us, give us ears to hear you and when we come to your heavenly throne, grant us a merciful judgment and life everlasting. **Amen.**

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 ends in the wee hours of Sunday April 6th. This means that...

The Saturday night Vigil mass on Saturday 12th will be at 5pm