

## dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews

### Fr. David's easy quiz

The Mother of John the baptist was

- Mary
- Ruth
- Naomi
- Elizabeth

### Fr. David's hard quiz

Mothering Sunday is on the 4th Sunday of Lent.

The latin name for that day is

- Gaudete
- Maternos
- Jubilate
- Laetare

The answers from last weeks quiz were:

Easy Quiz: Three

Hard Quiz: Egypt

### 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 30th March 2025

#### The extent of love

'But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you' (Matthew 5:44). We must love our fellow believers. But Jesus does not stop there. He summons us to extend our love to others, even our enemies. After all, 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16). He shows that in the parable of the Good Samaritan as well. Thank God we have seen down through the ages the active work of Christians caring for people in their community and in the whole world. Because God shows us what love is, we love our neighbour. I have always been struck at the teaching of 1 Corinthians 13 as well, the great chapter on love. You can do all sorts of Christian things – even if 'I give all I possess to the poor...but do not have love, I gain nothing' (v3). It is not merely the deed. It is the heart of love which matters.

*Question for thought: Do I look upon others with the eyes of love?*

Gracious Heavenly Father, we pray for members in the Diocese of Down and Dromore in Northern Ireland, that they may have many opportunities to serve you and provide love and care, particularly through craft classes, visiting in prisons, providing 'away from it all' holidays, wash bags for local hospitals and knitting for those in need. May these opportunities show your love and care for their neighbours. **Amen**



## Anglican Parish of Hamilton

### Fourth Sunday In Lent

### 30th March 2025

# WELCOME

Welcome to our  
Mothering Sunday  
celebrations.

A day to pray for  
and give thanks  
for....

Mother Mary  
Mother church  
and our own Mother.

Sentence: 2 Corinthians 5.18

God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

*Collect*

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts: receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you, and seat them at your bountiful table, that, with all your children, they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Parish Directory

Parish Website: [www.hamiltonanglican.org.au](http://www.hamiltonanglican.org.au)  
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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 2nd April	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday 5th April	Vigil 6.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday 6th April	Eucharist 9.00am Eucharist 10.30am Eucharist 5.00pm	St Mark's Cavendish Christ Church Hamilton St Mary' Dunkeld

Reader 1: Sandra	Reader 2: Meredith	Intercessor: Sue	Sidesmen : Helen & Illford
Eucharist Assistant: Heather			

### Christ Church Hamilton

St Mary's  
Dunkeld

St Peter's  
Glenthompson

St Mark's  
Cavendish

All Saints'  
Penshurst

2 At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' 3 So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. 4 This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. 5 Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. 6 For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. 8 When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. 9 The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. 10 While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

*Psalm 32*

1. Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.
2. **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spir-**

**it there is no guile.**

3. For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
4. **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**
5. Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;
6. **I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**
7. For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.
8. **You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**
9. 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.'
10. **'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**
11. Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.
12. **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

*Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.16-21*

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling

7 if only for the sake of Josiah and Dorcas. So in front of the waiters you simply said 'Just do whatever he tells you'. Always pointing to me whether I wanted you to or not. You left me no other option and the rumour wheels began to furiously spin.

In a few days time there will be other things which I am pretty sure that you will not understand. You will find yourself with John and a few others watching me die at the hands of others. It will not be pretty and it will not be pleasant. You will wonder what is going on. This is the bit where the sword will pierce your heart. I'm going to try to explain it now for when the time comes and for days that will follow.

It may not look like it, but right there in the blood and the tears is where you will again glimpse something of that 'otherness' about me.

To completely and utterly offer yourself for others without holding anything back, that is stuff of the God who created the heavens and earth. That is more powerful than the holding back of the Red Sea and the providing of water and manna in the desert.

And it is also what makes you so beautiful Mum, because you gave your all, body and heart and tears and soul to the very same God who asked everything of you. I know that you have pondered all these things in your heart without coming to a neat, tidy, concise answer. You may not have quite got me and those who will string me up will not get it either. But ultimately, you said 'Yes' and that is what makes you the most blessed of all women. I am thrilled to be able to call you ... Mum. Always your Son and always with love Jesus.

**Next week's homily**

*It was what you wanted... wasn't it*

7 **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

**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.

**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.

## Today's Homily

### Dear Mum, You just don't get me.

Dear Mum,  
This letter will probably sound a little fractious, almost as if I am writing in anger. Actually, nothing could be further from the truth.  
I am writing this letter out of my deepest love for you and I am trying to explain who I really am. So I put these words down to reassure you. It would have been impossible for anyone to 'Get me, to understand me.' No-one can ever truly comprehend the complete fusion between God and humanity and I never once expected you to. You might have naively hoped to understand me, but the brutal reality is that you were never going to. I mean, what mother ever completely understands their own child. Really. Children are always a googly, changing, mysterious enigma. A delightful bundle of incomprehension, joy and bewilderment. Everybody is all of these things growing up. A constant source of befuddlement, laughter, embarrassment and endearment. I'm sure Anne and Joachim would say exactly the same about you. This does not mean that they didn't love you, but part of your attraction for them, as I am to you, is that parents almost get it and yet never quite do. We are always led further on and further into the mystery that is another human being. I wanted to say that it's OK. So please don't be too hard on yourself because there are things that are going to happen shortly that will take you and test you, to your very limits and beyond.

I know that for most of the time it was normal growing pains on both our parts. The joy and gurgle, the sleepless nights, the bemusement as I learnt the language and the way I was intrigued by the goings on at the local synagogue. The normal

hurly burly and grist of simply growing up and becoming an adult.

But then there were a couple of times when you bumped into and were confronted by the 'other'.

I will remember our 'adventure' when we all went up to Jerusalem for the passover. I was twelve and I stayed behind to argue the toss with the local clergy. It was all rather entertaining and they were amazed at my theological parry and thrust. Of course I was well fed and had somewhere to doss down at night. I was having a lovely time. You however, were incensed and worried. You relentlessly scoured all the streets of Jerusalem when you should have realised that of course the temple, the place of worship and sacrifice, is where I was always going to be. I can still hear your words ringing around the walls of the temple and in my ears. "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety!"

And if you thought I was going to be apologetic and remorseful, then this is one of those times when you simply didn't understand. I bet you remember what I said. "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

I answered your question with questions of my own.

You didn't get me mum.

But then... How could you? How could anyone?

And only a few years ago at the wedding of Josiah and Dorcas we had another difference of opinion. By now, you had realised that there was this other side to me. That where there was a pastoral need I was always persuadable to help. But at the wedding I still wasn't quite ready. The hour had not yet come.

When the wine gave out you suggested that I might like to do something about it,

the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.<sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

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

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15.11-32

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>11</sup> Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons.<sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them.<sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.<sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.<sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.<sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!"<sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like

one of your hired hands.'"<sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.<sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son."<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet."<sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;<sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.<sup>25</sup> Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.<sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.<sup>27</sup> He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound."<sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.<sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends."<sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!"<sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours."<sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

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

Ethel O'Flaherty Ella McLelland Geoffrey Robertson Arthur Bowker Margaret Slorach Adella Mitchell Albert Barby	Vera McDonald Thomas Evans Jean Whittet Sydney Prust Leslie Hamilton Doreen Smith Sandra Duncan	Marjorie Blackburn Robert Jones Loena Preece John Norris Norman Kenny
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For the wider Church and its ministry

- Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- Clergy with Permission to Officiate and others: Christine Angus, Donald Bellamy, Des Benfield, Michael Boyle, Grant Bullen, +Mark Burton, Robert Caernarvon-Smith, Emmanuel Carrington, Cliff Cheong, Stephen Coggins, Malcolm Crawley, Wayne Dorning, Roger Dyer, Thomas Edayal, Don Fairlie, Rob Ferguson, +Philip Freier, Mark Garner, Colin Griffiths, Bruce Hallyburton, Paul Harper, Charles Helms, Marilyn Hope, Catherine Inches-Ogden, Barry Johns, Anne McKenna, Bill Peacock, Robert Long, Hayden McKellar, Bert Muysers, Terence O'Neill-Fitzsimons, David Price, John Price, Keith Purdie, Neale Salan, John Sanderson, Cornelius Samuel, Wayne Sheean, Graeme Snell, Chris Talbot, Malcolm Thomas, Geoffrey Tisdall, Russell Trickey, David Turner, Lynton Wade, John Walz and Barry Wells.
- Kandabiamb
- The lonely and those who feel unloved

### 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**  
293 99 557 461

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

Response to the bidding.:  
Mary Holy Mother of God...is...Pray for us

Mary Holy Mother of God.....**Pray for us**

Pray for all parents that they find joy in their vocation in nurturing their children.  
*Mary Holy Mother of God.....Pray for us*

For the joy and privilege of nurturing God's children.

*Mary Holy Mother of God.....Pray for us*

May all who are parents of foster children world wide be able to raise their children in peace , from the fear of hunger and disease and homelessness.

*Mary Holy Mother of God.....Pray for us*

For those who want to be parents and find it hard to conceive.

May there be options for them to obtain IVF services in order to become parents.

*Mary Holy Mother of God.....Pray for us*

For the joy of the expectant child in the womb. For those in the medical profession, the doctors and nurses who care for them in their confinement.

*Mary Holy Mother of God.....Pray for us*

When times are stressful and parenthood is a struggle that with the support of loved ones that there will be an open ear and loving help be found.

*Mary Holy Mother of God.....Pray for us*

As Mary says yes to the Lord, may we follow her and say yes to embrace all, as in your eyes all are blessed.

May Mother Mary surrounds us all with her love and Mercy.

## 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

## MU Meeting and Induction

On Sunday 6th April there will be an induction of new members at the 10.30am Eucharist and a blessing of a stole for our deacon and MU member, Jannie Ryan.

## Did you hear that... on Sunday

April 13th mass at Christ Church Hamilton begins in the hall.

## They are a lovely yellow color

and tell you about all the Holy Week and Easter times. They come in a handy fridge size or bedroom poster size. Make sure you get yours today.

