



# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## Trinity Sunday

### 31st May 2026

**Sentence:** Exodus 34.6

Proclaim the Name: 'The Lord, the Lord, a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

#### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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### Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson

St Mark's Cavendish

All Saints' Penshurst

<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Moses, ‘Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke.

<sup>2</sup> Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup> No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.’

<sup>4</sup> So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, ‘The Lord.’

<sup>6</sup> The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed, ‘The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness,

<sup>7</sup> keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.’

<sup>8</sup> And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

*Psalms* Song of the 3 Young Men

Blessed are you, the God of our forebears: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed is your holy and glorious name: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Blessed are you, glorious in your holy temple: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed are you who behold the depths: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

**Blessed are you in the heights of heaven: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. <sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, alleluia**

‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel:* Matthew 28.16-20

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to St Mathew

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to

the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.  
<sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

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

The response to the bidding:  
'We did not choose you'... is...'You chose us'.

*We did not choose you...You chose us.*

Holy and Loving Lord we pray for your blessing upon our forthcoming Parish Annual meeting. Bless us as we seek to do your will that your kingdom may be built up in this parish.

For those who we elect as wardens. That they may fulfill the role with glee and thankfulness.  
*We did not choose you...You chose us.*

For those who elect to represent us at our forthcoming coming Synod. Send down upon them the spirit of wisdom and discernment that our diocese may be enriched with your surprises and challenges.  
*We did not choose you...You chose us.*

For those who we elect to serve on our Parish Council that they be responsible stewards of the generous bounty you have given to us .

*We did not choose you...You chose us.*

For our board of electors discerning the person you have called to be the next bishop of our

Diocese. We ask that they may have listening ears and compassionate hearts.

*We did not choose you...You chose us.*

For our Parish Nominators and supplementary nominators. That they may be faithful and sensitive people of profound faith and a sunny disposition.

*We did not choose you...You chose us.*

With a spirit of harmony, we make these prayers to the Lord who seeks us out and asks us to carry on his work. **Amen.**

## **For Your Prayers This Week**

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

Bishop Garry, Vivian McKellar, Bishop Scott & his family, Lorraine, Sharon, Judy Trompf, Linda

## **For Those Who Have Died**

### **Years Mind**

Lawrence Wilson, Dorothy Mastin, Wilma Posey, Agnes Dunbar, Peter Jelleff, Barbara Critten, Lillian Hudgson, Alexander MacGibbon, Doris Roberts, Doreen Price, William Eales, Glen Mitchell, Keith Warburton, Ian Fitzpatrick, Jade Allan, Ethel Norris, Barry Watson

## **For The Wider Church and Its Ministry**

- Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
- Trinity College: Dean - Bob Derrenbacker, faculty and students.
- Balob Teachers' College
- All Volunteers

## Today's Homily

### What's a 'Synod?'

At our Parish Annual Meeting this year we will be required to elect 4 Synod representatives and 2 supplementaries.

A Synod only meets once a year on a Friday night and Saturday, usually in late October. The people go once a year for three years. So time wise it's not a huge commitment. Less than 24 hours in a year.

We usually meet in Ballarat and so part of the catch is that if you are elected to this very esteemed role, there is a nights accommodation involved. For some this will mean paid accommodation and for others it's a great opportunity to catch up with friends.

On the Friday night and Saturday lunch time generous proportions of delicious food are offered and this is a splendid time to meet people from all parts of the diocese. It is one of my favourite 'spaces' in the time away. They are a splendid group of people who are faithful, engaging and a joy to be with. Morning and afternoon tea are also to a very high standard.

One of my favourite parts of synod is the worship, especially the Eucharist. About 100 of us gather together with some of the finest voices and musos we have in the diocese. To sing lustily as a group of faithful people is a profoundly moving and utterly enjoyable experience.

So what actually happens in the business part.

It begins with The Bishop, (and it will be a new Bishop this year) offering an address, sometimes called their charge. I've always tried to bring copies back to the parish as it gives a broad and overarching perspective of the diocese.

The roll is then called and the bishop usually gives some very helpful housekeeping hints.

Questions, motions and petitions are asked for

at the beginning of each session. It helps if you write these down beforehand so they can be printed out for all to see. I don't think I've ever seen a petition tabled but there are always a very healthy number of questions and motions which is as it should be.

We then deal with any legislation which the Anglican Church of Australia hands down for our consideration. This is a cinch because we either adopt it or we toss it out. We can't cherry pick the bits we like. Simple really.

Then our own legislation, reports by diocesan groups, the financial report of the diocese. The head of our Ballarat Grammar school always gives a classy, on the screen presentation of our fantastic school and what it is doing which is a not so subtle but informative way of advertising our school.

Motions are dealt with towards the end of Saturday and whilst there is always a healthy difference of opinion by some, in my forty plus years there has always been a dignified respect and collegiality in the sometimes robust debate. We are a mature lot of Christians who genuinely seek to discern God's will as we sail on into the future. It is a privilege and joy to be part of this discussion even though Fr. David is very shy and doesn't actually say a lot.

Over the past few years there have been some significant changes in our legislation. These may have escaped your notice but here's some examples as voted on by our synod reps.

The length of time a priest can stay in a parish used to be limitless, just ask Canon Julien. But now it is capped at 10 years with the possibility of extensions being sought every three years.

The Bishop of the diocese can now have a 'captains pick' of which cleric goes to a parish every third time the parish falls vacant.

The percentage of the funds from the sale of Church property used for the redress scheme, has changed from 25% to 50%.

The ceiling age for a priest or a bishop to retire is set at 70. Forty years ago I thought that anyone who was 70 would be mouldering away and well past their use by date. However, now that I am much closer to this magical age I am beginning to reason thus.

Is it not possible that the Reverend what's their name who is 71.5 might have a wealth of life and parish experience which would enhance the church of God. What if it is God's will that a person should stay in active stipendiary ministry beyond the arbitrary 70 years old? Bishop Gary who will have retired by the time this Synod comes around will be over 70. However his pastoral heart and his incisive mind are still as beautiful and quick as they were when I first met him at college.

One other really important thing that happens at Synod. We laugh a lot.

Please consider whether you might like to be one of our Synod representatives. Feel free to ask anyone who has been to synod for more information and their perspective. The nomination forms will be coming out with all the other forms for our Parish AGM. Each and every one of you have great gifts and much to offer. In return I know that you would come away enriched and smiling.

## **Next Weeks Homily**

In praise of the God who prods us.

## **dNews**

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

## **Fr. David's easy quiz**

At Synod Fr. David...

- Snores
- Reads a trashy novel
- Springs to his feet at every opportunity to

speak

- Listens attentively but rarely, if ever speaks.
- Loses the will to live
- All of the above
- None of the above.

## **Fr. David's hard quiz**

The food at Synod is...

- Gourmet with matching wines
- Fish and chips from the local takeaway
- Catered by a local firm
- Catered by the Cathedral council
- Is BYO
- Pot Luck arrangement.

**The answers from last week's quiz were:**

Easy quiz: 18 years

Hard quiz: 8

## **Thought of the week from Mothers' Union**

Sunday 31st May 2026

### **Parenting**

'I am reminded of the sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also' (2 Timothy 1:5)

For good or ill we never escape the influence of our parents. All the more important that we who are parents see the responsibility that the Lord has given us as one of the most important that we will ever have. Of course we will often fail, but even our failures can turn for good if we are humble and loving. Our chief responsibility is to bring children up in the fear and nurture of the Lord. Daily bible reading and prayer together is so good, as is Church. One of the most important things that parents and grandparents to do is to pray for our children. The prayers of a faithful grandparent are very powerful!

*Question for thought:*

*Do I regularly entrust my children and grandchildren to the Lord?*

Gracious Lord, we bring before you the members in the Diocese of Johannesburg in South Africa praying you will guide members as they work at the heart of their communities to support and strengthen family life. Give them wisdom as they care for those in facing domestic violence and those living with HIV/AIDS and share your love and bring them the comfort of your word. In Jesus' name. Amen

## **Cuppa and chatter**

Cuppa and chatter is on and happening on Thursdays. Ladies to Lemon Myrtle from 2.15pm until 3.00pm and Gents to Thommo's Tavern at 3:00pm. All are welcome.

## **The next outreach and Fundraising Committee meeting**

is on Thursday May 28th at 1:30pm. All are very welcome to this jovial and enterprising time.

## **A date to keep in mind**

for St. Peter's Glenthompson  
St. Peter's day Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>  
Blessing of the new hall, lunch, a bishop and sherries at 10:30am.

## **What Anglicare needs for the cooler months.**

Clothing: Socks, tracksuit pants, gloves and warmer tops (even waterproof ones).  
Food items: school snacks, spreads (vegemite and peanut butter) and some easy to eat snacks (muesli bars/biscuits/crackers).  
Toiletries: bottles of shampoo and roll on deodorant are among some of the toiletries.

## **Your Planned Giving.**

All our offerings are freewill offerings but with our busy lives, the use of cash has become less easy and direct deposit a more popular option. However, we can still supply Weekly Offering envelopes where you may insert your offering. These envelopes are dated for your convenience. You can have envelopes weekly or monthly.

Those Parishioners who like to take advantage of this method and wish to continue using it, I still have the list from 2025, so you do not need to do anything more. Your envelopes will be at the back of the Church just before the end of the financial year ready to start the first Sunday in July.

Any information you need about envelopes or direct deposit from your bank please contact Jenny Rankin who can help you.

If you feel direct deposit is not the same as putting your offering in the plate there are small, laminated tickets which you can pick up from where you get your hymn books and pew sheets and put them in the plate as it passes which will go up to the altar for blessing.

Thank you.

Jenny (0419110817)

## **A small winter break.**

Fr. David and Jeanine will be on a small winter break from June 12th to June 16th.

Deacon Jannie will be the first point of contact in case of emergency.

ph.0420 283 809

## **Forethought for our Fete**

So it's probably time that we gave some forethought to our Fete. We will start thinking and planning on Saturday June 27th at 10am in our meeting room. All are very welcome with ideas, refinements and suggestions.

## **Mothers' Union Lunch**

Mothers' Union members, partners and friends are all invited to a lunch at the Cally on Monday 1st June at 12 noon.

If you are able to join us please let Betty Lacy know on 0438470667.

Shirley

## **Bible Reading Challenge**

June is important because it is the Bible reading challenge. The notes are coming to a church near you."

## **Of excitement on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>**

It's the Parish Council at 5:30pm

**Thank you** to all those who supported the sausage sizzle outside Coles yesterday. It was great outreach and delectable sausages.

## Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting for the Parish of Hamilton is scheduled to be held in the Canon Julien Centre on Sunday 26 July 2026 commencing at 11.30am.

Please give thought to nominating for one of the positions which need to be filled. Positions to be filled this year are Churchwardens (3), Councillors (6), Parochial Nominators (3), Supplementary Parochial Nominators (3), Synod Representatives (3) and Alternate Synod Representatives (2).

A reminder that all parishioners are required to re-enrol on the electoral roll to be eligible to fill any of the above positions and to vote at the AGM.

Nomination forms and enrolment forms will be made available in due course.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the Parish Secretary.

## A PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING A BISHOP

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart

who will walk in your ways,  
and with loving care watch over your people.

Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth.

So may your Church be built up  
and your name glorified;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## TODAY'S HYMNS

337    689    254    333

## Services for this week

Wednesday	3rd June	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	6th June	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	7th June	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton
		Eucharist 4.00pm	All Saints' Penshurst

*Reader 1:* Eileen    *Reader 2:* Todd    *Intercessor:* Sue    *Sidesmen:* Elizabeth & Gavin

*Eucharist Assistant:* Heather