



# Anglican Parish of Hamilton

## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

### 21st June 2026

#### **Sentence:**

The angel said Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.

#### **Collect**

Gracious Lord, as we look back over the 150 years of Mothers Union we give great thanks for Mary Sumner's vision and the wonderful ministry of Mothers Union throughout the world. We pray for Mothers Union in Australia and in each of our dioceses that we will continue to promote Christ's teaching on marriage and family life and so be a blessing to our nation. Please give us wisdom and insight as we look to the future. May your name be hallowed and your kingdom come. Amen

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#### **Christ Church-Hamilton**

**St Peter's Glenthompson**

**St Mark's Cavendish**

**All Saints' Penshurst**

- 6 Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?
- 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your  
house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own  
kin?
- 8 Then your light shall break forth like the  
dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your  
rearguard.
- 9 Then you shall callm the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say,  
Here I ...am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of  
evil,
- 10 if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.
- 11 The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.
- 12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of  
many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the  
breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
Hear the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Psalm*

Of you are told glorious things,  
O city of God! On the holy mountain is his city  
cherished by the Lord.

**The Lord prefers the gates of Zion  
to all Jacob’s dwellings.**

Of you are told glorious things,  
O city of God!

**Zion shall be called ‘Mother’  
for all shall be her children.**

It is he, the Lord Most High,  
who gives each his place.

**In his register of peoples he writes:  
‘These are her children’**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

12 As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,  
humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with  
one another and, if anyone has a complaint  
against another, forgive each other; just as the  
Lord has forgiven you, so you also must  
forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with  
love, which binds everything together in  
perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ  
rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were  
called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let  
the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach  
and admonish one another in all wisdom; and  
with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms,  
hymns, and spiritual songs to God 17 And  
whatever you do, in word or deed, do  
everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him..

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

**Alleluia, alleluia**

This is my commandment, that you love one  
another as I have loved you..

**Alleluia**

*The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

According to St John

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another

For the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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

Prayers for 150 Anniversary of Mothers Union  
Today we ask you to join with Mother Union  
Worldwide in celebrating 150 years of ministry  
in 84 countries.

Faithful and loving God, who called Mary  
Sumner to strive for the renewal of family life

and for her vision for a fellowship of women  
committed to prayer and service, supporting  
each other and their communities. Give us the  
gift of your Holy Spirit, that through your  
word, prayer and action your family may be  
strengthened and your people served.

*For your love and goodness*

*We give you thanks, O God*

We pray for MU members and leaders  
worldwide that they may work towards making  
a meaningful difference in the lives of millions  
through unique, faith-based and community-led  
approaches to tackling poverty, injustice and  
violence. We pray for all who engage in  
advocacy against gender and family violence  
especially through the 16 Days of Activism.  
Give members and us all, courage to boldly  
speak out about issues in society that  
destabilise family life.

*For your love and goodness*

*We give you thanks, O God*

Lord, we ask your blessing on all families who  
are experiencing war, trauma, displacement,  
poverty, hunger or distress. We pray for efforts  
to advocate for human rights, to reduce  
marginalization and oppression and promote  
gender equity; especially projects that offer  
educational opportunities, build resilience and  
empowerment skills especially for women and  
girls. May the Good News of love of Jesus and  
his saving grace be shared and lived in all faith  
communities and beyond

*For your love and goodness*

*We give you thanks, O God*

We pray for the members of the Mothers'  
Union in this Diocese of Ballarat as they seek  
your guidance into the future. We pray for  
Bishop Garry and Scott, our MU Chaplain Fr  
David and all of our diocesan clergy and  
people, for the MU Diocesan President  
Felicity, all branch leaders, the trustees and all

our members, that they may remain resilient and focused on the support of family life within the church and the communities in which we live.

*For your love and goodness  
We give you thanks, O God*

Loving Lord, we pray for your healing hand on all who are physically and or emotionally unwell, whose without hope, the unemployed, and those living on the fringes of society. We pray for survivors of domestic abuse who have found in us a place of safety and new hope; for people in prison, who we visit and do not forget, in whom we seek and find your face. We give you thanks for all who bring hope, comfort and healing.

We commend to you all those that are on our own hearts ....

*For your love and goodness  
We give you thanks, O God*

Jesus the risen Christ, we give thanks and pray for those who have died recently and for their family and friends.

Lord, we give you thanks today for the life and witness of Mary Sumner and her vision in creating Mothers Union.

We live in the hope of the resurrection when we will share with all your saints in your eternal presence.

*For your love and goodness  
We give you thanks, O God*

We ask all Mothers' Union members and anyone else who is happy to do so, to say together the Mothers' Union Prayer.

Loving Lord,  
We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.  
We pray for families around the world.  
Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the

encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name. 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**

Dora Ross, Leslie Papman, Alan Duckmanton, Alexander Primrose, Fredrik Burges, Alicia Trimnell, Walter Swift, Jane Rowe, Winsome Newsome, William Sutton, Ronald White, Selyna Nicols, Reginald White, Ernest Gulbin, Gwendoline Crawford, Annie Stapylton, Lawrence Noske, Patrick Kenny, Thelma Brian, Dorothy Causer, Alice Rickanne, Mary Hamilton, Alan Fitzgerald, Joseph McKee, Allen Kenny, Isobel Boyd

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

- The Church of South India
- Wangaratta: Clarence Bester
- Movi
- Neglected and abused children.  
Those in fostercare.

## **Today's Homily**

Today the Mothers union has a birthday of 150 years. It's an organisation that is especially concerned with family life in all its trickiness and sparkle. Today's old Testament lesson is all about one such family with a smorgasbord of messes.

We learn... sometimes...

Today's first lesson about Hagar and her child Ishmael requires a bit of a backstory to properly understand it in its rightful context. So let's skip back a bit.

God made a covenant with Abraham. Having led him out of his homeland to an unknown foreign land, God now enters into a relationship with Abraham, promising him descendants outnumbering the sands of the seashore or the stars of heaven (Genesis 15:5-7) in the land God was giving him (vv. 18-21). God makes this covenant with Abraham, who has complained that — despite what God has given him — he has nobody to whom to pass those gifts on:

‘No,’ promises God. Abraham's descendants will outnumber the stars of heaven.

but, in Abraham's case, there remains the question: that God's promise will be fulfilled, he has no doubt; how it will happen, well ... Now Abraham, a married man, undoubtedly “knew woman,” i.e., his wife, Sarai. Yet they had no children. So, if the how question remains, perhaps the path forward is a child through Sarai's slave woman, Hagar? Perhaps she could be the olden day surrogate mother. It's even Sarai's idea, and a successful one at that.

Good plan? Well, they are trying to expedite or speed up God's plan and they are using sexual intercourse to achieve this. What could possibly go wrong?

Hagar's pregnancy, particularly given the value both Abraham and Sarai attach to it, changes the relationship between servant Hagar and mistress Sarai. It has to.

Now, Hagar holds her maternity over Sarai. Look at me. I have conceived and you haven't. I carry Abrahams child and you don't. Aren't I the privileged and the clever one.

Sarai blames Abraham for what has happened. ‘This was all your fault. If you hadn't been so jolly complicit in this plan none of this would have happened and Hagar wouldn't be giving

me such a hard time.’

Fortunately Sarai does conceive and a son Issac is born. Now Sarai begins to mistreat Hagar and this is where today's first lesson comes in. It all becomes too much for Sarai. She now has a son and heir, there's no further use for her slave woman and her squawking brat Ishmael. She gets her husband to send Hagar and her son into the desert with only a morning's rations.

Have you noticed... there are no winners in this...

When the water in the skin was gone, she puts the boy under one of the bushes. Then she goes off and sits down about a bowshot away, for she thinks, “I cannot watch the boy die.” Her sobbing is heard, an angel shows her a well and they live. Ishmael grows up and Mum finds him an Egyptian wife. Hooray! Back at the ranch Abraham continues to flourish and go on to be one of the forefathers of the faith.

What can we learn from this episode? Well, the whole situation is the result of humanity taking into his own hands the terms by which God will fulfil his promises through a child. That's neither the first nor last time that God's plans have been subjected to human-planned parenthood — with the usual problematic outcomes. The episode reveals certain constant truths about human experience:

We learn that trying to speed up God's timeline is not a good idea.

We learn that God can take our messiest family mistakes and use them to his glory.

We learn that when we are rock bottom, in the desert, when all seems lost and we are a long way from home, then that is when God intervenes and sets us on a completely different path, to a different place, with different people doing wildly unexpected things.

We learn that the people that we think are the outsider, the lowly, the marginalised, the ones shunned and kicked out socially and physically

are actually very important to God. God is not confined to the 'In crowd'. He very much enjoys the mucky company of those on the fringes and the outer.

We learn that The Master is deeply aware of our pain, confusion and bewilderment when we feel invisible to the world. It is in these times we are gazed upon and listened to.

We learn that the desert places are often the places where we drink from the deepest well and that like Hagar and Ishmael these places are the place of new beginnings and adventures.

We learn that we are called to "let go" of what we cling to—pride, security, or our own plans—to follow God's plan. The story highlights that divine providence often acts in the midst of messy human situations.

We learn that sexual intercourse in its appropriate use is a marvellous and wonderful gift, but it's not to be used to try and fix messy family situations. It will only make things worse. Just ask Abraham, Sarai and Hagar.

Or if all that is too much just try to remember this.

When your heart breaks, listen to the one who hears....

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## Next Weeks Homily

The deal of a lifetime.

## dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.

## Fr. David's easy quiz

Mary Sumner was married to

- A Stone Mason
- A Bishop
- A priest
- A carpenter

## Fr. David's hard quiz

Mother Union began in

- Melbourne
- England
- New York
- South Africa

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

Easy quiz: White

Hard quiz: Abraham

## Thought of the week from Mothers' Union

21st June 2026

### A father's love

'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him' (Luke 15:20).

The father in the parable of the prodigal son reveals what God is like. Jesus had been criticised for eating with the people whose lives were sinful. He was welcoming them. Welcoming them as repentant and people who received the forgiveness they needed. The son in his story makes a complete mess of his life because of sin. But as he comes home full of repentance, his father does something that no father in those days would do. He runs to him, embraces him, kissing him, welcomes him home and restores him as his son. That is the love of God in its grace and glory.

*Question for thought:*

*Do I know the love of God?*

Loving Lord, sometimes it's hard to keep trusting you when faced with constant strife and persecution. We pray for our sisters in the Dioceses of Kabba and Bukuru in Nigeria. Keep them faithful and steadfast as they support the communities in which they live. Protect them from danger we pray. We also

pray for the Diocese of Adelaide and for Rev. Dr Gethzi Devasagayam as she leads members there. 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.

## 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.

## A Big Thank You

To all who contributed to the huge number of items gifted to Anglicare.  
Thank you for your generosity

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am in our meeting room. All are very welcome with ideas, refinements and suggestions.

## 6 (six) things about our bible study group

1. It's on Tuesday nights
2. It starts at 7:30pm
3. It's at our warm parish meeting room
4. It goes for no longer than an hour
5. We're using the June bible study challenge reading notes
6. All are welcome.

## Invitation from Anglicare

Everyone in the parish is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Anglicare Warrnambool, to be held at the Hammond Fellowship Centre, Christ Church, Henna Street, Warrnambool on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 at 2.00pm The Guest Speaker will be the recently appointed new Chief Executive Officer for W.R.A.D, Mr Alister Stevic. Afternoon tea will be served at the conclusion of the annual meeting. R.S.V.P. please by 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 to Email: [anaglicanparishw@bigpond.com](mailto:anaglicanparishw@bigpond.com)  
Telephone: 03 5561 1687

### TODAY'S HYMNS

119      127      645      332

## 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**

**Happy Birthday to**  
Ava Murrhiy (June 24th)  
**From all the Parish Family**

*St Peter's Anglican Church Glenthompson*  
*invites you to their*

*Patronal Festival and dedication of the*  
*new church hall,*  
*on June 28th 2026,*

*at 10:30a.m, Holy Communion*  
*followed by a Winter Warmer Lunch.*

*We hope you can come.*

*Please R.S.V.P by 20th June to either*  
*Earlene Gellert 0448832202*  
*Elisabeth Cuming 0427774223*

## Services for this week

Wednesday	24th June	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	27th June	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	28th June	Eucharist 9.00am	St Mark's Cavendish
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

*Reader 1: Sue    Reader 2: Caroline    Intercessor: Betty    Sidesmen: Heather & Ian*

*Eucharist Assistant: John*