



Anglican Parish of Hamilton

Mary Mother of our Lord

16th August 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

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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the parish bank details are as follows:- NAB BSB 083-663 the account No. 51580-7866
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Christ Church-Hamilton

St Peter's Glenthompson

St Mark's Cavendish

All Saints' Penshurst

1st Reading Isaiah 61.10-62.3

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Song of Mary (Magnificat)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord:
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

**For you, Lord, have looked with favour on
your lowly servant:**

From this day all generations will call me
blessed.

**You, the Almighty, have done great things
for me: and holy is your name.**

You have mercy on those who fear you:
from generation to generation.

**You have shown strength with your arm:
and scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones:
and lifting up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things:

and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant
Israel:
to remember the promise of mercy,

**The promise made to our forebears:
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

2nd Reading Galatians 4.4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶ And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷ So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

'Blessed are those who hear the word of God
and obey it'

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2.1-7

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 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was

descended from the house and family of David.
⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Intercessions for the Eucharist and for you to say at home

Why me, Lord? A question we all ask sometime in our life in joy, pain or anger.

The response to:

‘Here I am, Lord’ is Call my name’

Here I am, Lord....**Call my name**

Father, as we enter your house each week, help us to feel the love and peace here inside. Help us to pray sincerely for others - people of all faiths and, those who we see as being different to us - as well as ourselves. Remind us we are all your children and that here there is a welcome for everyone.

*Here I am, Lord....**Call my name***

Lord, once again our world is in crisis with so much suffering, war and destruction of your creation a result of too much ignorance, misery and despair. In our own country, too many children, elderly and veterans are overlooked and don't have the life they should. Open our eyes and ears and help us to truly see those who need help and step up where we can
*Here I am, Lord....**Call my name***.

Father, we ask your blessings on all in our country who provide services for others. Ambulance and hospital workers, Police and Fire fighters and for Vets and those who care for our amazing wildlife. Look kindly on the

members of our Defence Forces and their families everywhere. Keep our truck drivers safe on the roads as they transport the much-needed goods that we require every day to us
*Here I am, Lord....**Call my name***.

Lord, as our life comes to its end and we are ready to meet you face to face, we may ask, “Why Me, Lord?” You will tell us, “You are my beloved child and I love you”. **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

Norman Phillips, Frances Burgess, Florence Warburton, Winifred Thomas, Dorothy Lowin, Cath Price, Florence Menzel, Sarah Lowery, Kenneth Christie, Josephine, Collins, Ellice Campbell, Marie Stubbs, Amy Nelson, Richard Smart, Margaret Bowtell,

For The Wider Church and Its Ministry

- The Church in Wales
- Rockhampton: Bishop Peter Grice
- Mission District of Woody Yaloak - Rob Ferguson
- Kumbruf
- Teachers and students.

Today's Homily **Of homecoming**

At this time of year there is a curious day in our lectionary called Mary Mother of the Lord.

Our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters call this ‘the Assumption of Our Lady’ and our Greek Orthodox brothers and sisters call it

‘The falling asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It's a day that we know must have happened. The day when the Mother of Our Lord died a physical death. There are at least two possible points of view.

One says that when she drew her last breath mother Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Much like our Elijah catching a ride on the chariot or Our Lord ascending into heaven.

The other says that she went to heaven after she died much like you and I plan to one day.

I don't think that it really matters which theory you subscribe to, but what does matter is that Our Lord and his mother are in heaven, united together in the love that they shared while they were here on earth. Today reinforces our understanding and enhances the teaching that love and life really do continue beyond the grave with those who we miss and cannot see temporarily.

For those who might be squeamish about such popery a couple of simple little sayings might help.

One from a friend of mine who once quipped but quite seriously said

‘You can't say I love you Jesus, but your mums a dead roman catholic’

or

‘No Mary... no Jesus. It's as simple and as mysterious as that.’

Or

‘If Mother Mary is not in heaven with her son, where exactly is she?’

This day should be a day of great hope and reassurance for if a lowly teenage peasant lass can make it to heaven, then goodness gracious there is hope for everyone here today and those who are not.

But my feeble attempts to explain something of this beautiful and exquisite day were

completely gazumped by somebody who had been saying their prayers a lot longer than I. They saw the reunification of Jesus and his Mother as a kind of ‘homecoming.’ Now how come I didn't have the insight to see it that way? Perhaps it might be helpful to think of the next funeral we attended as a kind of homecoming.

Sister Carol Wildt in France wrote

‘I picture the Assumption of Mary as her homecoming! Having completed the mission of her earthly life and longing to be with Jesus and Joseph, Mary is now reunited with her son and her husband. What a homecoming that reunion must have been like!

I also find myself wondering how Mary's Assumption affected John and the other disciples. Mary was no longer physically present with them, they could not see or hear her, they could not confide in her and seek counsel from her. What a challenge to their faith in Jesus and His promises. With Mary's body literally gone and no burial site to visit, there was no physical reminder of Mary, only memories and, at times, an unexplainable presence.

In our own day, many of us have met or know of persons who have experienced the loss of a loved one as a result of war, accident, violence, unknown circumstances, etc. and the body is never located. The feast of Mary's Assumption gives hope and consolation to them as they grieve and mourn the loss of their loved one, believing that the person is not lost or annihilated, but enjoys eternal life with their God who loves unconditionally.

The Assumption symbolises for me the fulfillment of Jesus' promise, “I go to prepare a place for you.” This scriptural quote speaks to me of transition. In these days of transition, Mary's Assumption brings hope and a deepening realisation that present life, with its challenges, joys, struggles and dreams is not

the definitive heaven we seek. As the funeral liturgy states: Life is changed, not taken away. If I, like Mary, continue to walk the path of my baptismal and vowed commitment wherever God leads me, I, too, will be raised up and reach the place that Jesus has prepared for me.

In several weeks, the global community will observe the 80th anniversary of the beginning of World War II. This period of history saw millions of people die as a result of genocide, concentration camps, slave labor and the numerous evils of the war. The war showed the world what happens when the human person and human body are not valued and are perceived as unworthy of life. Mother Mary is a powerful statement that the human person and the human body are sacred and will be glorified for all eternity. God's creation of each person (including you and me) is very good.

While the Assumption signifies God's crowning of the creation of Mary as she ends her earthly life, it also signifies for me that I hope to follow her when my earthly life has ended. You and I can celebrate the hope of reaching heaven and living with the Trinity just as Mary has. My deepest hope is that following in Mary's footsteps on the path that God has laid out for me will bring me to my true home and that I, too, will celebrate a homecoming with God, family, friends and all who I hold dear.'

Next Weeks Homily

Who you are

Fr. David's easy quiz

The next Vicar of our parish is

- Reverend Robyn Shackell
- Bishop Donald Kirk
- Fr. Philip Barrington (our web master)
- Bishop Garry Weatherill
- All of the above
- None of the above

Fr. David's hard quiz

The patron saint of Podiatry is

- St. Aloysius
- St. Martha
- St. Alfonsus
- Fr. David
- St. Servatius

The answers from last week's quiz were:

Easy quiz: Actually it's free

Hard quiz: Margaret

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.

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.

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 August 29th at 10am in our meeting room. All are very welcome with ideas, refinements and suggestions.

Go the winners. 🏆🏆 On Grand

Final day, the 26th of September, we will be having one of our famous Coles sausage sizzles.

Parish Council and the Outreach Committee both meet on Thursday August 20th. Outreach Committee at 1:30pm. Parish Council at 5:30pm

One thing by the end of August

There is an idea that when there is a 5th Sunday in the month, that the Sunday morning service be rotated around our centres. Trying to think through the practicalities of this... it would need a cheerful willingness for folk to travel to another centre for worship. Please let Fr. David know if you would be prepared to do this ... By the end of August.

It's time to sign up for a lectionary. A lectionary will be supplied for each of our parish centres but if you would like your own take home copy please sign up at the back of Christ Church Hamilton or see Fr. David.

Dates for your diary

- ❖ Our Annual Pet Blessing October 11th
- ❖ Synod October 23/24
- ❖ Clergy Retreat November 2nd - 6th
- ❖ Our Parish Fete November 7th
- ❖ Glenthompson Christmass Carols and market December 6th 6:30pm

At the annual meeting you elected:

Stewart Otton, Gavin Wallis and Graeme Mustow to be your parish nominators. You are warmly encouraged to contact them (preferably in writing) with any thoughts about a new priest. Please remember it is your parish.
After November 22nd Bishop Scott will be overseeing ministry and Deacon Jannie will be

the first point of contact for pastoral emergencies. (p 0420 283 809)

The parish mobile phone 0435 867 040 will retire.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask

Daylight saving

begins in the early hours of Sunday 4th of October. This means that the first Saturday night Vigil at 6pm will be Saturday 10th of October. The first Sunday mass at All Saints Penshurst at 5:00pm will be on Sunday 25th of October

Jeanine and Fr. David

are frantically trying to use up their annual leave before their last Sunday on November 22nd. The first little chunk is from Thursday 13th of August to Tuesday 18th. During this time Deacon Jannie will be the first point of contact for pastoral emergencies and celebrate the weekend liturgies of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th.
p 0420 283 809

dNews

Each week. There is a new free complimentary dNews.



Happy Birthday to
Judy Trompf (August 21st)
From all the Parish Family

TODAY'S HYMNS

331 259 641 544

**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**

Come and join us for afternoon tea on
Sunday 6th September, 2026 - 2:30pm

at the
Hamilton Exhibition and Conference Centre
Shakespeare Street, Hamilton

to celebrate

Rev. David Schulz's

**service to God over the past 20 years at the
Hamilton Presbyterian Church**

Church service 10 am at HPC, McIntyre Street, Hamilton

RSVP by 16th August to: davidschulzretirement@gmail.com
Cost for afternoon tea - Adults \$10 per head - under 16 free

Services for this week

Wednesday	19th August	Holy Communion 10.00am	Christ Church Hamilton
Saturday	22nd August	Vigil 5.00pm	Christ Church Hamilton
Sunday	23rd August	Eucharist 9.00am	St Peter's Glenthompson
		Eucharist 10.30am	Christ Church Hamilton

Reader 1: Jenny S. *Reader 2:* Caroline *Intercessor:* Meredith *Sidesmen:* Tony & Gladys
Eucharist Assistant: John