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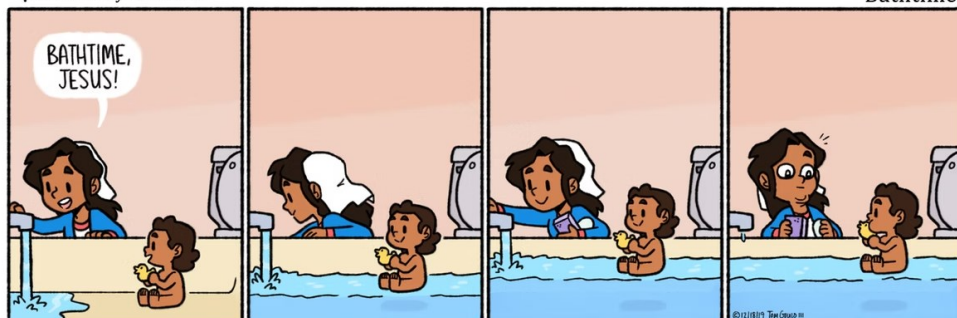
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Humour

TOMICS by Tom Gould

Holy Family
Bathtime



PEW NEWS
Sunday 6th April 2025

Living out the love of Christ in our worship and service to all people.

Welcome

A warm welcome to everyone. We are glad you have joined us in this celebration of our life of faith in God. There is a special church area to help children feel at home here, and we hope you will join us for morning tea after the Service.

The Bible Readings for today - 5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday)

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8

INTRODUCTION

Isaiah 40-55 was written at the end of Judah's sixty-year exile in Babylon. The people are soon to be allowed to make the journey home, through some inhospitable terrain, to Judah and its capital Jerusalem. So, **Isaiah 43:16-21** is a powerful testimony to God's faithfulness and creativity for the people are told that God was going to make a way out of no way. God says:

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19, NRSV).

Philippians 3:4b-14 informs us of Paul's desire to 'know Christ and the power of this resurrection' (Phil. 3:10). Paul had tried all his life to earn God's favour – to have what he calls *righteousness*, sometimes translated *justice*, in the eyes of God – by carefully keeping the law of Moses and by zealously doing what he thought God wanted. He lists a catalogue of religious merit badges in Philippians 3. However, his conversion to Christ made him re-evaluate all these things as 'loss' and 'rubbish' (Phil. 3:7-8). His current way of life contrasts with his former way. Now he is only interested in building a relationship with Jesus, the Christ, and he would like one day to be bodily resurrected, as Jesus was bodily resurrected.

John 12:1-8 may be entitled: "Mary Anoints Jesus for His Burial." All four Gospels recount a woman washing Jesus's feet with expensive perfume, but John's account is the only one that names the woman as Mary of Bethany and the complaining disciple as Judas Iscariot. This creates a unique dynamic in this version of the story between a character John clearly views as a true follower, Mary of Bethany, and someone John views as a duplicitous follower, Judas Iscariot. John is creating this contrast between a true disciple and a fake one. Mary's act of anointing Jesus is lifted up as a pure and holy act of devotion done completely out of love for Jesus.

Sentence

“Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves” *Psalm 126:6*

Collect

**Jesus, receive our love and worship.
Show us how to give you what we have,
for nothing is too big or too small
for us to offer, or for you to use,
for you live and reign with the Father and
the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. Amen.**

Notices

March 12th (started)—Lenten Studies—see parish website or noticeboards around the parish in for more details.

Men’s Breakfast Saturday 12 April, and an invitation to the **ladies** of the Parish. Guys, we meet at St Chad’s 8.30am to join together over a lite breakfast. Our speaker this month is Kate Russell from the Hagar Organisation, which is on a mission to walk the whole journey of restoration & helping people around the world, who are victims of human trafficking & modern slavery. On this occasion we invite the **ladies** of the Parish to join us at **9.20am** to hear Kate’s talk. Guys please remember that we ask for a small Koha, suggest \$3, to assist with the expenses.

Next Sunday – 13th April - is Palm Sunday and we like to dress the Church with some large Palm Leaves. We are asking if anybody has access to large Palm Trees that we can get 4 branches from. The previous two trees we have been fortunate in getting these from, are now older and the Palm branches are somewhat tattered. If you can help, please phone Max on 027 4345 781 asap so we can arrange cutting the branches and dressing the Church.

Weekly activities at both Church sites & bookshop

Day	Activity	Time	
<i>(A) = St Ambrose site</i>		<i>(C) = St Chad’s site</i>	
Tuesday	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i>	9.45am
	Food Bank and Cafe	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12 Noon
	Handiscope	<i>(A)</i>	1-3 pm
	Foot Clinic	<i>(C)</i>	2nd Tues of the month - Contact Menna re time
	Parish Prayer Group	<i>(A)</i>	Ceased until further notice
Wednesday	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i>	9am to 12 noon
	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i>	10am
Thursday	Elder Care Group	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12.30pm
Friday	Op Shop	<i>(C)</i>	9am to 12 noon
	Morning Prayer	<i>(A)</i>	9.45 am
	Food Bank , Café and Fire-wood	<i>(A)</i>	10am—12 Noon
	Te Reo Service	<i>(C)</i>	11am
	Community Lunch - cost of meal \$5.00	<i>(C)</i>	12 noon
Saturday	Messy Church	<i>(A)</i>	1st Saturday of the month—but not in March
Sunday	Eucharist	<i>(C)</i>	10am
<i>At the Barnabas Bookshop site - at 121 Seaview Road, New Brighton, in the mall there behind the Happy Feet shop.</i>			
Days open	Tuesday through Saturday inclusive (excludes Public Holidays)	Tuesday 10am to 4pm	

Next Week’s Bible Readings — 6th Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms - Luke 19: 28-40