

St George & St James

Anglican Parish

Borough of Queenscliffe

Diocese of Melbourne

Vision

Enlivened by the mystery which is Christ in us
In solidarity with communities near and far
We will make the Word of God fully known

Drawn from Colossians 1.24-27



Fifth Sunday in Lent **Sunday 7th April, 2019**

Welcome All,

For our regular Sunday worshippers you will notice something different this morning: I am physically closer to you because the altar is closer to you.

This won't be new to anyone who has come to mid-week or Sunday evening Eucharists or the Easter Vigil (see photo), because the altar has been in this position for almost two years now for every day except Sunday.

Why then have I left it in this position for today?

First, I should say that this is not permanent; it is an experiment and it has an immediate and temporary purpose. There is no thought of retiring our beautiful sanctuary altar which came up

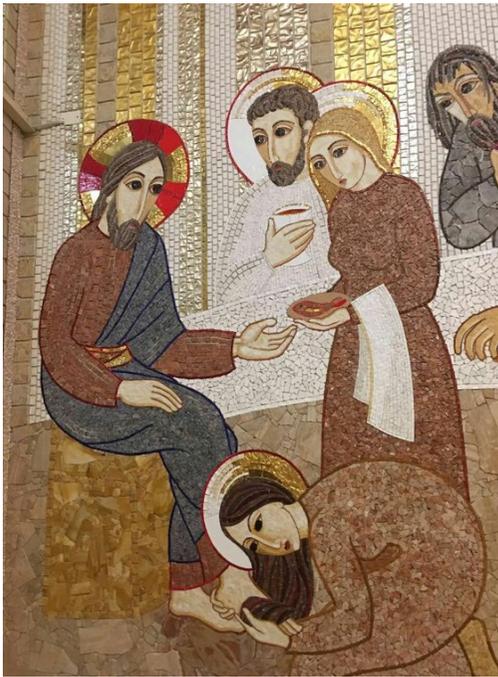
from the old church at the Springs in 1915 when the St James' church was built and consecrated. It partly comes from a personal need I have to feel closer to 'where the action is'. The Eucharist is something we do together and we are going through a stage in the life of the church where we need to give concrete expression to that, especially as we usually don't have a jammed packed church on Sunday. When the altar and priest are way up there one would be forgiven for thinking that all the action is up there. This is not the case and it doesn't take much reflection to realise this. Christ is in the whole gathering when we meet for Eucharist and Christ acting in a deeply personal way in each of us individually as well as corporately. Frankly, there are times when I feel too far removed from you, especially so with our smaller congregations at the moment.

I do hope you will bear with me in this exercise. Please give it a go until Easter Day when we will return to the sanctuary altar, which we will need to do because of the crowds.

Father Peter



Bsh Philip - Easter Vigil, 2018



'Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.'
John 12.3 Painting by Marko Rupnik SI

From Father Peter,

There is a time and a place for everything. Like most households that of Lazarus, Mary and Martha in Bethany had disagreements about priorities. There was a certain tension between Mary and Martha because Martha was a bit of a 'do-er' and Mary was more of a 'be-er'. Between them they represent the age old complementary desires of the human heart: contemplation and action. Of course, each of us has both currents of desire and the challenge throughout the changing seasons of life is to get the balance right. This morning's gospel story helps us in do just this.

Next Week: Palm Sunday

An open conversation: 'What is it like being a Christian in today's world?'

As announced last Sunday, on *Palm Sunday* which is *next Sunday 14 April*, following the Eucharist and during morning tea, we will have an open time of conversation and listening to each other on the subject of; 'What is it like being a Christian in today's world?' The world is changing quickly and being a Christian this year is very different to what it was like 5 years ago, even one year ago. Let's share and bring each other up to date on how we are travelling with this. There will be a variety of contributions and all of them will contribute to our parish moving forward in this changing world. Please come along, your experience and your reflection on your experience will enrich us.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2019		ST JAMES Point Lonsdale	ST GEORGE Queenscliff
Palm Sunday	APRIL 14	10.00am	5.00pm
Maundy Thursday	APRIL 18	8.00pm	
Good Friday	APRIL 19	9.00am	11.00am
Holy Saturday	APRIL 20	11.00am Holy Saturday Meditation and prayers	
EASTER VIGIL	APRIL 20	8.00PM	
Easter Day	APRIL 21	9.00am	11.00am
<i>Easter Day 6.30am Ecumenical Dawn Service on Point Lonsdale Front Beach</i>			

Hymns

Introit	AHB 148	Love Divine all loves excelling
Offertory	AHB 421(ii)	Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee
Recessional	AHB 511 (i)	fight the good fight

Sentence Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Psalm 126.6

Trisagion (p. 121)

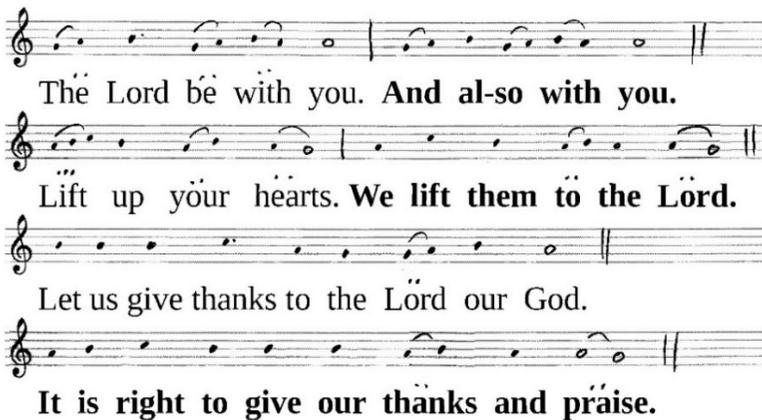
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us

Prayer of the Day

Christ, whose feet were caressed
with perfume and a woman's hair,
you humbly took a basin and towel
and washed the feet of your friends:
wash us also in your tenderness,
that, embracing your service freely,
we may accept no other bondage in your name. Amen.

Readings

- First reading ISAIAH 43.16-21
- Psalm PSALM 126 (APBA p.362)
- Second reading PHILIPPIANS 3.3-14
- Gospel JOHN 12.1-8



The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Reading sheets for Sunday, Wednesday & Friday Holy Communion Eucharists are available one week ahead of time. Prayerful reflection on and study of the readings can be part of preparing ourselves for worship.

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Creation The developing and implementing of a sustainable energy policy
Nations and Peoples The occupied territories: West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip

The Church

Global: Church of Church of Ireland (Abp Lionel Clarke)
Wider Mission (ABM): Give thanks for the faithful Christian witness and outreach of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital, in the Gaza Strip. Pray for Suhaila Tarazi, its Director, for her dedicated staff, and for the underweight infants who receive nutritional and medical assistance from the hospital, and for their families. We pray too for a lasting peace with justice in Gaza.
National: Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Aboriginal Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains

Melbourne Diocese: St Luke's Vermont (Peter MacPherson); Upper Yarra Parish – Parish Visit (Bp Paul Barker); Holy Trinity Coburg - Parish Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); All Saints' Greensborough, episcopal visit.; Opening of Melanesian Brotherhood house in Shepparton (Abp Phillip Freier)

Oodthenong Episcopate: Retired Clergy - John Baumgardner; Ron Browning; Philip Burgess; Margaret Burt; Frances Campbell. Bsh Kate Prowd)

For your prayers this week please use the schedule of prayers found in current copy of TMA

Hospitality House of Prayer guests.

Community Borough Council preparations for Refugee Week

Requests Laura Martin; Diana McClaren; Barbara Carruthers; Barbara George and family; Revd Charles Potter; Greg; Parvin; Sisi; Pixie King; Wendy Watson; Angela; Dick Moore; Julie King; Jennifer Baker; Ben Wadham; Alex Reid; Terry Morrow; Eileen Downes; Kirsten Mowlen; Rosie Cowell; Joan Groube; Sandra; Trish, Diana Scott, Ros Myer.

Thanksgiving Peter

Communion of Saints

The Saints: Georgiana Molloy, pioneer church leader and botanist from WA (d. 1843); William Lau, priest and teacher (d. 1761); Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (d. 1945); George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary bishop of New Zealand (d. 1878).

Recently Died: Lyle Hoddinott d.10.3.2019; Judy Golightly 28.03.2019

Anniversaries: John Vance Gason (Priest) 7.04.1997; Kaye Straede 7.04.2003; Thomas Howard Fellows 8.04.1878; Joseph Dixon 10.04.1939; Patricia Johnson 10.04.2006; Ernest Alexander Rothwell 13.04.1995; Margaret Ann Riddell 13.04.2013.

An asterisk signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St James' Memorial Garden*

A hash sign # signifies those whose ashes are interred in the St George's Memorial Garden

LITURGY AND MEDITATION THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th April to Sunday 14th April

Prayer of the week We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Sun 7th April	10.00AM	Eucharist: St James' Point Lonsdale
	5.00 PM	Eucharist St George's Queenscliff
Wed (BCP)	10 00AM	St James' Point Lonsdale
Friday	5.45PM	Healing Eucharist at St James
Sun 14th April	10.00AM	Eucharist: St James' Point Lonsdale
	5.00 PM	Eucharist St George's Queenscliff

NOTICES

Music at the Basilica presents CAPELLA ST CRUCIS FROM HANNOVER

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL, 7.30 PM, at ST MARY OF THE ANGELS BASILICA Tickets at the door or at Trybooking.com/BABCX Details at www.music.basilica@bigpond.com or Contact jenjohnston@bigpond.com 0408 305868

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Ladies Guild April Cake Stall, Saturday morning 13th April. Please start cooking, baking and preserving for this important fund raiser. We will also be running a raffle so if you would like to put something in for this, such as wine, chocolates, etc. etc. there is a box in the porch of each church. For more info contact Kay Cottrell on ph. 5258 1143

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – Sunday May 5th, Old School Hall Following 10.00am Eucharist at St Georges, Queenscliff.