



## Lovers of the Place\*

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2021

20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

*(by hand to those without email)*

### FROM FATHER PETER

**Australia Day:** We are always being invited to look outwards and engage with our community. We do this individually and as a faith community.

Recently Leanne Stein from the Borough of Queenscliffe asked me to offer some thoughts on what she is finding to be a falling off of interest, and even ambivalence, around the observance of Australia Day in the Borough. After giving it some thought and speaking with the Reverend Glenn Loughrey, Wiradjuri man, Vicar at St Oswald's Church Glen Iris, and member of the Aboriginal Council for the Anglican Province of Victoria, I responded to Leanne thus:

*Dear Leanne,*

*Your request for feedback on how we as a Borough community celebrate our nationhood is timely given the setting up, last month, of the truth telling Royal Commission (to be known as the 'Yoo-rook Justice Commission,' by our State Government. This is the centre piece of Victoria's ongoing process of reconciliation with our First Nations people and will take place over the next three years.*

*So, now is the time to make room for the stories to be told that will give a truer picture of indigenous and non-indigenous history in this land.*

*The problem with Australia Day in its current form is that it occupies a disproportionate place in the public imagination and does not leave room for the indigenous stories to be told and, importantly, to be heard. Also, the Australia Day narratives perpetuate a distorted and damaging view of how this country was colonised – damaging, because at its worst, it overrides and silences the Indigenous voice and holds us back from delivering the truth and the justice without which reconciliation and healing won't happen.*

*There are no easy answers. An alternative day? From my enquiries there is no unanimity amongst indigenous people on that or even if there should be such a day.*

*So, I suggest we find ways to take up the opportunities which the Yoo-rook Justice Commission will offer the Victorian community over the next three years.*

*Some Guiding Principles are set out in the Letters Patent from her Majesty the Queen which set up the Commission:*

- Hearing First Peoples' stories and acknowledging the truth about their experiences is essential for healing and justice for First Peoples. It will also contribute significantly to a public dialogue, providing a foundation for new and positive relationships between First Peoples, non-Aboriginal Victorians and the State of Victoria.*
- The First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria and the State of Victoria have resolved to establish an independent Truth and Justice Commission to examine the extent and impact of Systemic Injustice against First Peoples in Victoria, and to recommend appropriate forms of redress and other steps to address Systemic Injustice.*
- The Royal Commission will promote the advancement of treaty or treaties between the State of Victoria and First Peoples by providing a shared narrative of the impact of Colonisation, founded on First Peoples'*

\*We acknowledge that we gather and worship on the traditional land of Wadda Wurrung people and honour and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We affirm, with them, in the Wadda Wurrung language: 'kim barne barre Wadda Wurrung' (this is the land of the Wadda Wurrung).

voices. Its recommendations for how the State can build new and stronger relations with First Peoples will inform the treaty-making process and enrich the heritage of all Victorians.

The objectives of the Royal commission also illuminate a pathway for us:

- a) establish an official public record based on First Peoples' experiences of Systemic Injustice since the start of Colonisation;
- b) develop a shared understanding among all Victorians of the individual and collective impact of Systemic Injustice and the intergenerational trauma that has flowed from them since the start of Colonisation;
- c) determine the causes and consequences of Systemic Injustice including the role of State policies and laws and which State Entities or Non-State Entities bear responsibility for the harm suffered by First Peoples since the start of Colonisation;
- d) develop a shared understanding among all Victorians of the diversity, strength and resilience of First Peoples' cultures, knowledge, and traditional practices;
- e) help build the foundations for a new relationship between First Peoples and the State of Victoria and all Victorians, based on truth and justice to prevent the recurrence of injustice;
- f) support the treaty-making process between the State of Victoria and First Peoples, including through the identification of subject matters for potential inclusion in a treaty or treaties; and
- g) identify Systemic Injustice which currently impedes First Peoples achieving self-determination and equality and make recommendations to address them, improve State accountability and prevent continuation or recurrence of Systemic Injustice.

I suggest that if we put energy into such a process locally it would constructively deal with the growing ambivalence people are feeling about the day. Rather than discontent and a polarising dynamic we could move ahead together, which is what reconciliation is about. There will be challenges, the invitation to change always presents challenges, but I think it's our best way forward and worth a crack.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Martin

Vicar – Anglicans in the Borough of Queenscliffe

CLICK HERE: [Yoo-rook Justice Commission](#)



Wadda-Warrung fishing methods

**GREENING THE PARISH:** Parish Council is exploring how we might be part of the local movement to live more sustainably, especially in the face of the climate emergency and the imperative that the human family reduce its carbon emissions. Whether as individual households or as a parish, the opportunities set out below are worth serious consideration.



Our Borough has partnered with the [Geelong Community Solar Program](#) as part of the region's largest ever community solar bulk buy program.

Council endorsed a community-led [climate emergency response plan](#) on 19 May with a key target of transitioning Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff to a 100% renewable electricity supply by 2025. We can all play an important role by investigating if we can produce our own electricity as residents or businesses – while saving significantly on power bills in the process.

To learn more and to get involved:

Register for a webinar at [2pm 22 June](#) or [6pm 8 July](#) to learn:

- How solar and batteries work
- What you should consider when going solar or installing batteries
- What brands and technologies are available today
- How this program works and how you can get involved
- How much a system can save on power bills and how much a system costs.

If you can't make these sessions, you can view a recording of a prior webinar [HERE](#).

Or request a consultation by registering [HERE](#).

For additional information, including program details and packages available, you can download the brochure [HERE](#).

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY - Mark 4.35-41



35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' 36 And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37 A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' 39 He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,

'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40 He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' 41 And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

## NEXT SUNDAY, 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 SAMUEL 1.1, 1.17-27;  
PSALM 130;

2 CORINTHIANS 8.7-15;  
MARK 5.21-43

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

### *Prayer of the week*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray,  
and give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,  
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask,  
save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ,  
your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

**Nations and Peoples** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal  
**The Church Our Parish:** Thanksgiving for our buildings and prayer for God's blessing on our efforts to care for them

**Global:** The Church of North India (United)

**Mission** The Diocese of the Riverina – Bishop Donald Kirk, the clergy and people • The Episcopal Church of South Sudan The Church's Health Commission, the Education Commission, and the Development and Relief Agency, SUDRA See p. 6 • World Refugee Day

To pray for mission each day go to: [Anglican Board of Mission:](#)

**National:** The Diocese of Rockhampton (Bp Peter Grice, Clergy & People)

**Melbourne Diocese:** Brighton Grammar School (Ross Featherston, Principal; Chester Lord, Chaplain); Upper Yarra Parish (Luke Whiteside); City on a Hill, Chadstone – Pastoral Services (Bp Paul Barker); St Alfred's Blackburn North & St Luke's Vermont – Pastoral Services (Bp Genieve Blackwell)

**Oodthenong Episcopate** Tim Johnson and Anna, Rosaleen Rudd, Julie Blinco, Kirk Mackenzie, Kylie

Pilkington - St John's Diamond Creek w. St Katherine's St Helena and St Michael's Yarrambat; Altona St Eanswythe's w. St Clements Laverton – Pastoral Services (Bp Kate Prowd)

To pray for our Church each day go to [The Melbourne Anglican.](#)

**Our Common Home-Earth** the local climate action movement. Tonight's ARRCC Zoom meeting

**Hospitality** St James House of Prayer guest this week

**Community** Safety for all on the waters esp Port Philip. Leanne Stein conversation of local observance of Australia Day.

**Requests** Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert; Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Greg; Ron: Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi: Pixie; Julie; Angela; Jennifer; Ben; Terry; Trish; Ros; Zoe

**Thanksgiving** emergency workers responding to storm damage.

**Communion of Saints**

**The Saints:** Tuesday - Alban, first British martyr (d. c. 209); Thomas Moore & John Fisher martyrs (d. 1535. Thursday -**Birth of John the Baptist**

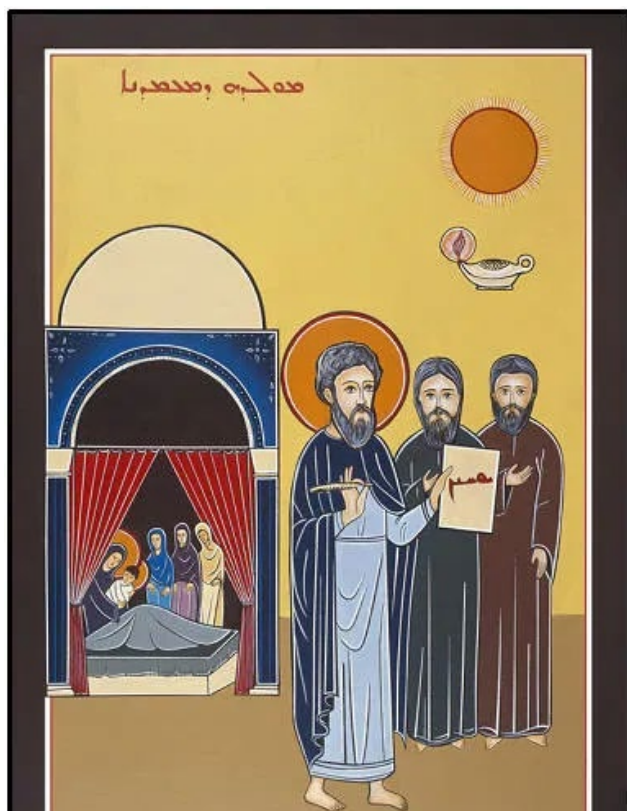
**Recently Died:** Dorothy Grace Young 9.6.2021; Sue Woods 4.6.2021;

**Month's mind:** Elizabeth Bellhouse 21.05.2021

**Anniversaries:** Dorothea Steele 20.06.1975; Theresa Janet Schuetz 20.06.2018; Verna May Plummer\* 21.06.2005; Pamela Dorothy (Pam) Amezdroz 21.06.2017; John Ballantyne Vernon 21.06.2019; Ambrose Malvern Ilton Monk 22.06.1981; Lesley Marion Walter 22.06.1990; Charles Campbell Rivington 23.06.1991; Howard Leonard Wayth 23.06.1993; Gordon Charles Varley 23.06.2002; Fay Bernice Robinson# 23.06.2019; Blanch Lillian Hutchins 24.06.1968; John William Stephen Ward 24.06.1977; Jean May Connor 24.06.2003; Joseph Beck Steele 25.06.1975; Joseph Reginald Hodgson 25.06.1985; Florence Jean Goff 25.06.1995; Shirley Olive Lutton 25.06.2002; Elizabeth Anne Allen 26.06.2003; Charles Stewart Morton 26.06.2005

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



His name is 'John' (Luke 1.63)  
Birth of John the Baptist. June 24

**COVID UPDATE** – It is encouraging to see the lockdown eased and vaccinations increased but we must remain vigilant. Further easing of restrictions means we can now have up to 50 people in church at St Georges, but masks must still be worn indoors and QR check-in is still mandatory. Worshippers from Melbourne Metro can now join us

Morning tea will be held in the Old School Hall with some restrictions. Masks are mandatory unless eating and drinking. There can be no “mingling” so when you have your cuppa please take seat, at which time you can remove your mask to eat and drink.

## WHATS IN A WORD – TRANSEPT

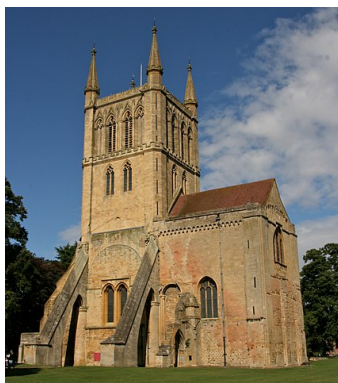
Historically and in general terms, the **TRANSEPT** of a church separates the nave from the CHANCEL and SANCTUARY. The TRANSEPTS cross the nave at the *crossing*, which belongs equally to the main nave axis and to the transept. Upon its four piers, the crossing may support a spire (e.g., Salisbury), a central tower (e.g., Gloucester) or a crossing dome (e.g., St Paul's Cathedral). Since the altar is usually located at the east end of a church, a transept extends to the north and south. The north and south end walls often hold decorated windows of stained glass, such as rose windows, in stone tracery.

Occasionally, the basilicas and the church and cathedral planning that descended from them were built without transepts; sometimes the transepts were reduced to matched chapels. More often, the transepts extended well beyond the sides of the rest of the building, forming the shape of a cross. This design is called a Latin cross ground plan, and these extensions are known as the "arms" of the transept.

When churches have only one transept, there is generally a historical disaster, fire, war or funding problem, to explain the anomaly. At Beauvais only the chevet and transepts stand; the nave of the cathedral was never completed after a collapse of the daring high vaulting in 1284. At St. Vitus Cathedral, Prague, only the choir and part of a southern transept were completed until a renewed building campaign in the 19th century.

Was this the case at St Georges Queenscliff and St James Point Lonsdale, I wonder?

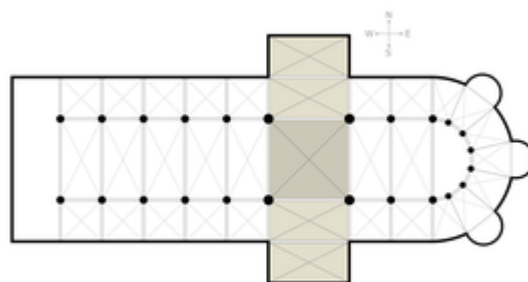
As you enter St Georges church and process down through the NAVE towards the CHANCEL and the SANCTUARY, the small area to the right, that we commonly refer to as the Flower vestry, could be considered as a right semi transept and the Main Vestry could be considered the left semi Transept. Similarly at St James Church you will notice to the right of the CHANCEL a small area which currently has the organ and leads to the Vestry door. This could be considered the right semi transept.



Pershore Abbey



Salisbury Cathedral



Cathedral ground plan. The shaded area is the transept; darker shading represents the crossing.

The parish is a member of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ([ARRCC](#))



Parish members participate in the local community movement, Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#))

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