



Lovers of the Place*

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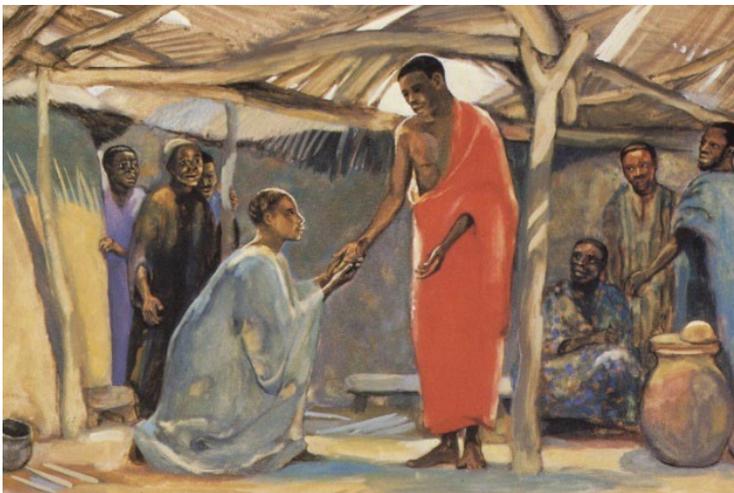
Sunday 24 April 2022

Second Sunday of Easter

(by hand to those without email)

FROM FR PETER

Dear Readers, This Sunday we will say our goodbyes. In the Eucharist I will commend the parish to our Lord's ongoing loving purposes. On the day after I will step into this world called 'retirement'. In the meantime, here is my final reflection for 'Lovers of the Place'.



Thomas comes to faith; 'My Lord and my God'.

In one sense, St Thomas could be called the patron saint of all those who are catching up. Thomas wasn't going to believe in the resurrection of Jesus just on the hearsay of the other disciples.

A week later, still in the same room, Thomas 'caught up' when the resurrected Jesus appeared again to the disciples; this time Thomas was with them.

Thomas could equally be called the patron saint of 'diversity' in discipleship. Like all of God's beloved children, Thomas is unique, and has been given his very own pathway into the fullness of life in Christ.

Clearly, in that intervening week, during which there must have been some tensions between Thomas and the others who had already experienced the Risen Jesus, they didn't exclude him from the room. Thomas had his own way, and his own time, of coming to faith

I would like to think that Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans is such a community of faith. A community that respects the diversity of pathways into the fullness of participation in the Divine Mystery of the Crucified and Risen Jesus. When people are different from me, it's not a matter of them needing to 'catch up' so that they can be like me; and then they can be included. If I wanted that, I would join a club. Clubs have their place, but a Christian faith community is an entirely different thing. For people who follow a Master and Lord who came to serve and not to be served, and who wants His Church to be the new creation and harbinger the Kingdom of God, we will offer the hospitality of God to whomsoever God sends to us.

The awesome and amazing diversity in creation, as well as in the human family, bears testimony that diversity and difference are an essential part of the Divine 'DNA'. Anglicanism, at its best, also shows this quality of welcoming difference and diversity as a gift and not a threat. This way of living is radical, and at times will be demanding as we are taken out of our comfort zone in responding compassionately and justly to what the gospel of Jesus is asking of us.

Out of this diversity the one Holy Spirit speaks and we will hear the voice of the Master leading us into God's future for us. Individually, and as a parish community.

As ever, with my loving prayers and best wishes,

Fr Peter

**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).*

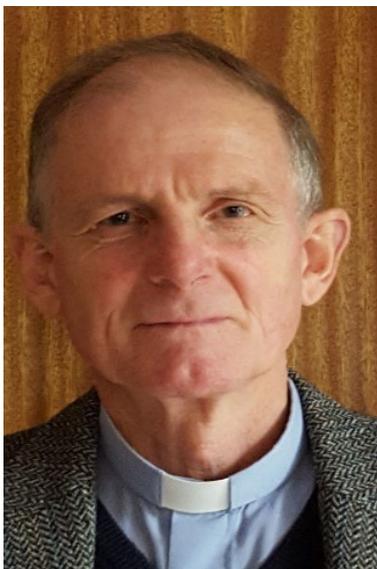
EASTER PREPARATIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY!



Noel Osborne and Leanne Allbutt, local olive oil producers, who generously provide the oil for our sanctuary lamps in St George and St James churches. Here, handing over another batch. The perpetually lit lamps in the churches symbolise the eternal loving presence of God to us and a reminder that we are invited to return the compliment and be present to God: to 'pray without ceasing' as St Paul teaches. There is the added symbolism of sourcing what we need locally, thereby reducing our carbon footprint. Leanne's parents, Nancy and Gil were greatly loved and significant local residents. Nancy helped out with parish financial accounts for several years.



We have an Easter ritual with the Ramsay family where, in the days before Easter, Nicole and Donna, with their children, prepare an Easter floral cross. They are continuing a tradition maintained by their mother, Christine Ramsay (d.15/11/2010), former churchwarden and great contributor to the parish. Christine's and Eric's (d.18/12/2014) ashes are laid to rest in the St James Memorial Garden. For Christine and Eric, for Nancy and Gil (read left), and all those we love who have died, we pray this Easter: 'May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy and love of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.'



INTRODUCING Fr. Tim Gibson will be Locum Priest for the next 3 months. He will be in the Parish on Tuesdays and Sundays and other times as needed. Most of us know Fr. Tim as he has locumed for us many times. I look forward to working with Fr. Tim. again. Jenni Farrar

GOSPEL OF THE DAY John 20.19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' 27 Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' 28 Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' 29 Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

FROM PARISH COUNCIL



Last Wednesday evening Parish Council members had get-together to farwell Peter in style. Sally put on a lovely evening with some delicious nibbles and refreshments. As we move into the next phase of Parish life without Fr. Peter at the helm, the Parish Council will face many challenges, but with all our support I am sure they will thoughtfully and prayerfully lead us through these changing times. Here are their thoughts in their own words. Jenni Farrar

Our thanks to Fr Peter - from Parish Council - We would like to share some brief reflections from each of us about Fr Peter's retirement, which we are sure echoes the appreciation of our fellow parishioners.

Strong leadership that, over the last two years, Peter has introduced initiatives that have helped parishioners and others stay engaged and involved in the Church. Bodil Wright

An intellectual rigour that works with deep faith and reminds us to love and cherish our world, our peoples and our environment. But most immediately, Peter has been a steadfast and wise counsel to many through their challenging journeys of life. Fiona Lindsay

Peter will be sadly missed by all, he has contributed so much into the community with his spiritual guidance, and through his hardwork and dedication he has guided the parish council with decisions to benefit the community. I personally would like to thank Peter for his sincere support since I have been living here in Queenscliff. My prayers & good wishes go to both Peter & Helen for the next stage in their lives in retirement - God bless you both! Jenny Price

Fr Peter has shown his ability to be across many issues by understanding the needs of the Parishioners. Over the years Fr Peter has reached out to the wider community especially the Karen congregation in Werribee including them in our worship. The Parish has appreciated Fr Peter's strong leadership during his journey here and we know his kind influence will stay with us. Jenny Bleakley

I would like to express my gratitude for Peter's commitment and contribution to the Parish. What I have learnt, is that so much that he does, goes under the radar, as well as how many he has helped through difficult and challenging times. He has shared with us his great mind and insights through his sermons and at discussion evenings, which has given us all the opportunity to grow and think outside our own realm. Now Peter has the opportunity to pursue his interests further and I wish him and Helen a rewarding and fulfilling time in this next chapter of their life. Sally Hawkins

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OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer of the week Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life
of all who put their trust in him:
raise us, we pray, from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
that we may ever seek the things which are above,
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Nations and Peoples: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia
The Church

Our Parish: All parishioners as we farewell Fr. Peter and welcome Fr. Tim as our Locum for the next 3 months.
Oodthenong Episcopate: Hume Anglican Grammar School: Bill Sweeney – Principal, Peter Waterhouse and Joanne - Chaplain and Staff and Students; Overnewton Anglican Community College: Jim Laussen — Principal, Chaplain

(vacant) Staff and Students; Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar School: Elisabeth Rhodes – Principal, Fiona Raike and John – Chaplain, Staff & Students
Melbourne Diocese: All Saints' Kooyong (Kuncoro Rusman, Lachlan Thompson)

National Church: The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People)

Global: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea Anglican Cursillo Movement

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

Dalby, the clergy and people; Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns; International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace

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

Our Common Home – The Earth

Requests Beth, Ros; Roger; Lisa; Mary-Anne; Jean; Rosemary; John; Pippa; Carol; Thataw Kunoo; Zion and Doni Htoo; Greg; Mike & Heather; Richard; Peter; Jenny; Ken; Pam; Mary-Anne; Zoe, Mary; Shane; Peter; Helen; Robert;

Patricia; Julia; Barry; (& Anne); Philip; Ron: Alice; Betty; Carlie; Lucy; Parvin; Sisi: Pixie, Julie and Bill; Angela; Jennifer; Terry; Trish; Ros

Communion of Saints

Sanctoral cycle this week: Catherine of sienna, spiritual, spiritual teacher (d. 1380)

Anniversaries: Frances Catherine Dod 24.04.1969; Thomas Eric Auton 24.04.1994; Joyce Elaine (Fergusson) Houghton 24.04.2009; John Alexander Morgan 24.04.2019; James Augustus Henry 25.04.1973; Thomas Charles Kingdon Canterbury 25.04.2001; Betty Elsa Fowler 26.04.1991; Violet May Andrews 28.04.1985; Frank McLeod Groube* 28.04.1997; Horace Brian Villers Butler 28.04.2001; Phillipa Jill Edith Murphy 28.04.2018; Muriel Crossley Middleton* 29.04.1978; Phyllis Rosa Duncaff Yorston* 29.04.2005; Marion Rita Crossland 29.04.2013

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



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MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZUxRaOdhVvkl1vL2w3dz09					

EVENING PRAYER on Zoom

5.00PM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFka25laG4vUDDmMQT09					

MEDITATION on Zoom

8.30AM		
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVVENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09		

CONTEMPLATIVE TUESDAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE on Zoom

12noon	
Tuesday	
ZOOM LINK: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2c1J1THZiYTRGS041bCtwdz09	



‘Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans’ are members of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). [Click here](#) to learn more about ARRCC and what’s happening.

Parish members participate in Queenscliffe Climate Action ([QCA](#)) in partnership with the Borough in

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