## THIS MONTH, JANUARY, SUNDAY 10AM WORSHIP AT ST JAMES' POINT LONSDALE



We think about baptism today, and WATER is essential to the ritual because it clearly symbolises CLEANSING and LIFE -- but also, as we know only too well in Australia. with our heavy rain downpours, floods, wild conditions at beaches, and the dangers of unsupervised swimming pools .... WATER is also associated with CHAOS and DROWNING.

There is an ancient icon of the Baptism of Christ which shows Our Lord coming up out of the water, having been baptised by John, but there lurking the depths of the River Jordan is a grotesque figure who is supposed to be a "river god" intending to drag the figure of Christ down into the water to be drowned. Christ tramples on this demon and comes up out of the water to be anointed as the Life-Giver.

Meditating on this icon we can look to those areas of our own lives where there is chaos, disorder, and the potential for true life (ours, and that of others who depend on us) to be suffocated and extinguished -- but we are to be inspired to join ourselves with Jesus as He is raised out of all of this to bring life and cleansing to the world.

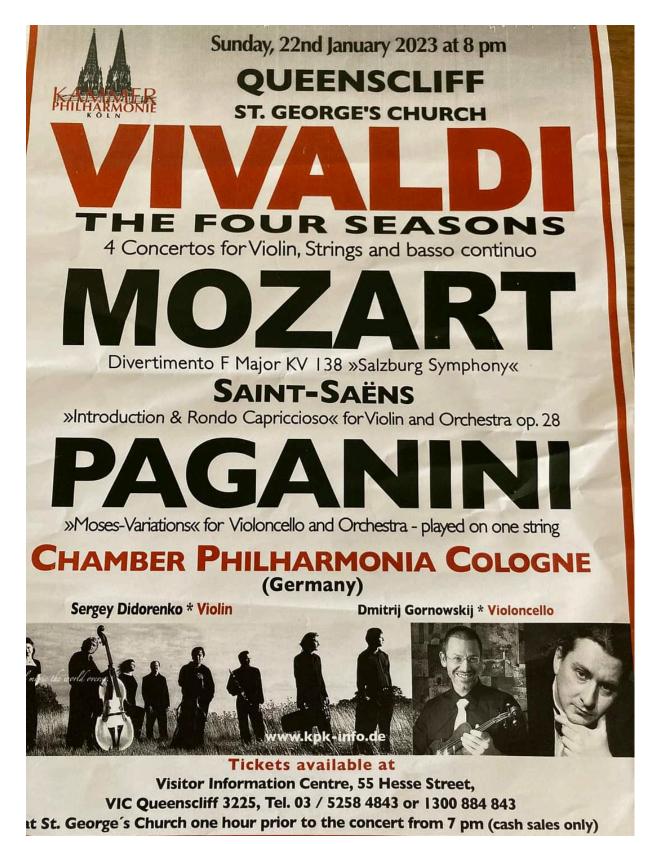
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# **VIVALDI – The Four Seasons**

We are once again very fortunate to have the **Chamber Philharminica Cologne Orchestra** playing at St Georges church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 8pm. It is great to see them return to Australia for their annual tour.and as in previous years, this is an improtant event and

fundraiser for the Parish so get your tickets **Now** from the **Visitor Information Cente**, **55 Hesse St**, **Queenscliff**, **ph. 5258 4843 or 1300 884 843** 



# PARISH SNAPSHOT CAKE STALL AND BOOK FAIR – Saturday 28th January

January Cake stall, 8.30am to 11.30ish outside Kerleys Real Estate, Point Lonsdale. Please start thinking about what you might be able to bake, make and take to this great fundraiser.

Gill Hall will be open on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January between 11am and 3pm for dropping off of goods for the cake stall, or bring them to Kerley's on Saturday morning. If these times do not suit, please phone Sally on 0427 651 038 to make a different time.





The **Second Hand Book Shop at St James Garage** will also be open for your 2023 reading needs.

Volunteers will be needed on the day to make this a great fundraiser. Pleae contact **Fiona** Lindsay on 0428 322 208 to offer your help or for any enquiries

## **GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 3.13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

# READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY with hymns, 8th January 2023 CLICK HERE

# **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023** <u>CLICK HERE</u> OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

## Prayer of the week: Almighty God,

who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children, who are born again of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to your service, that we may rejoice to be called your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Nations and Peoples: Iran, Iraq, Syria The Church Our Parish: Incumbency Committee Melbourne Diocese: Anglican Parish of Banyule (Denise Nicholls, Jonathan Lopez); Archdeaconry of Geelong (Jill McCoy); Parish of Christ Church, Lancefield – Pastoral visit (Bp Kate Prowd) National Church: The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People) Global: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

To pray for our Church each day go to <u>The Melbourne</u> Anglican

*Mission:* The Diocese of Bunbury – Bishop Ian Coutts, the clergy and people • The Philippine Independent Church (Iglesia Filipina Independiente, IFI • VIMROD –

the Visayas-Mindanao Regional Office for Development of the IF *To pray for mission each day go to: <u>Anglican Board of</u> <u>Mission</u> Our Common Home – The Earth Communion of Saints: Sanctoral cycle this week: William Land, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr (d. 1645); Hilary of Poitiers, bishop and teacher (d. 367); sara first archbishop of the Serbin church (d. 1235) Recently died: Nancy Rowlands 10.12.2022; Ken Stewart 14.12.2022; David Leigh Craven 25.12.2022* 

Anniversaries: Ena Maggie Kathleen Ray 08.01.1972; Robert Gray Ford 09.01.2002; Dorothy Pearl Adam 10.01.1981; Winifred Annie Blackwell 10.01.1987; Caroline Hope Zanoni 12.01.2012; Irene Dorothy Ingpen 13.01.1978; Herbert William Burdett 13.01.1980; Freda Maude 13.01.1999; Ian Francis Darby 13.01.2012; Ron Swain 14.01.2000 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



E-pray have released an App for both iPhone and Android that is freely available for download, and which includes the full text, including the set readings and psalm, for Morning and Evening prayer. The Epray App is available <u>here</u>.

### **MORNING PRAYER on Zoom**

		9.15	SAM		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09					

### **EVENING PRAYER on Zoom**

		5.00	DPM		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09					

## **MEDITATION** on Zoom

8.30AM			
Monday	Wednesday	Friday	
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09			

## CONTEMPLATIVE TUESDAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE on Zoom

	11.00AM
	Tuesday
ZOOM	LINK: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2cIJ1THZIYTRGS041bCtwdz09



**'Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans'** are members of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). <u>Click here</u> to learn more about ARRCC and what's happening.

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

implementing the Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP)

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