THIS MONTH, FEBRUARY, SUNDAY 10AM WORSHIP AT ST GEORGES QUEENSCLIFF



Dear friends,

If you receive something in your letterbox this week on Tuesday 14th it might be a "valentine "! We live in hope !

The 14th February for centuries has been a celebration of " St Valentine's Day" and it seems that this relates to perhaps two martyrs with that name in the early days of Christianity. They suffered for their faith but as to why the day is now associated with courtship and the choosing of a " valentine" is something of a mystery. It may be a case of the saints' commemoration being confused with a Roman pre-spring festival which celebrated fertility and new growth in the natural world.



After all, as Tennyson put it, " in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love". -- so why not get started in the last few weeks of the Northern Hemisphere winter ?

I would suggest that the intertwining of pagan customs and Christian commemorations , which has happened often in history (Christmas being the supreme example), is not to be feared. It's a by-product of the

Incarnation: God coming to dwell with us.

Tim Gibson

Shrove Tuesday This year, Shrove Tuesday falls on 21st February. Put the date in your diary for our Pancake supper at The Old School at 6.00pm. We shall feast on savoury and sweet pancakes prepared by parish volunteers. You are welcome to bring drinks to share and/or to make a donation to cover our costs. It is a lovely occasion to socialise while we still have daylight saving, and you are welcome to bring family and friends.

If you plan to attend, could you please let Jenni Farrar in the office know (03 5258 4624) or give me a call on 0428 322 208. OR

Put your name on the clipboard at the back of the church.

*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 Warrung).



AS LENT APPROACHES

PLEASE return palm crosses to Tim or parish office no later than 19th February. There is also a small basket at the back of the church I you wish to put your cross in there at Sunday Worship.

Weekly Lenten study/discussion will begin Tuesday 28th, 11:45am -1pm, if there is a minimum of 5 people. Let me know if interested, no later than this Sunday 12th, to 0412191971 or

tgibson.1@bigpond.com I intend using the booklet "God is on the journey, too", which focuses on the Sunday bible readings in Lent. Cost \$9.



ASH WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST will be at St James Point Lonsdale, at 10am, Wednesday 22nd February.

WHATS COMING UP?????

The next 3 months are shaping up to quite busy. I will endeavour to keep you all informed as to what is happeing around the Parish here in the newsletter. 04/02/2023 St Georges Working Bee – Tomorrow 4th February 16/022023 Parish Council Startegic Planning meeting 19/02/2023 Monthly Parish Council meeting 21.2.2023 Shrove Tuesday St James 10am 22.2.2023 Ash Wednesday st 25/02/2023 Billy Murray – Violinist – concert Old School Hall Queenscliff 03/03/2023 World Day of Prayer at Uniting Church Queenscliff 04/03/2023 Working Bee St James Point Lonsdale 04/03/2023 Wedding st St Georges 18/03/2023 Wedding at St Georges 30/03/202 Presentation of The Queen's Private Diamond Collection 02/04/2023 Palm Sunday 06/04/2023 Maundy Thursday 07/04/2023Good Friday 09/04/2023 Easter Day 29/04/2023 Wedding at St Georges

World day of Prayer 2023 will bee on Friday March 3rd at Uniting Church, 85 Hese St, Queensciff. The host country this year is Taiwan.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Through preparation and participation in the worship service, we can come to know how our sisters of other countries, languages and cultures understand the Biblical passages in their context. We can hear their concerns and needs and can feel ourselves in solidarity with them as we pray with and for them. In this way, it is possible to enrich our Christian faith as it grows deeper and broader in an international, ecumenical expression.





GOSPEL OF THE DAY Matthew 5.21-37

²¹ 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷ 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹ 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of

unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³ 'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 12th February with hymns, <u>CLICK HERE</u> READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 19th February , with hymns <u>CLICK HERE</u>

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Prayer of the week Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Nations and Peoples Austria, Liechtenstein,

Switzerland

The Church

Melbourne Diocese: City on a Hill Melbourne (David Chiswell, David Hewitt, Guy Mason, Matthew Keller, Stephanie Judd); Hume Anglican Grammar School (Bill Sweeney, Principal)

National Church: The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People)

To pray for our Church each day go to <u>The Melbourne</u> <u>Anglican</u> Mission: The Diocese of Grafton – Bishop Murray Harvey, the clergy and people • The Anglican Church of Japan (Nippon Sei Ko Kai 日本聖公会 To pray for mission each day go to: <u>Anglican Board of</u> Mission

Communion of Saints

Sanctoral cycle this week Anskar, missionary and bishop in Sweden (d. 865)

Anniversaries Eva Elanor Imrie 12.02.1987; Doris Agneta Houghton 14.02.1990; John Alfred Carthew 14.02.2004; Bessie Victoria Burdett 15.02.1995; Alexander Charles Hamilton Crigan (Priest) 15.02.2016; June Elfreda Percy 17.02.1964; Barry Robert Dove 17.02.2017; Jessica Elinor Blackman 18.02.2021

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

MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

		9.15	5AM		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09					

EVENING PRAYER on Zoom

5.00PM						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
ZOOM LINK:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDdMQT09						

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=UzZkMkg2clJ1THZIYTRGS041bCtwdz09	

'Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans' are members of Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC). <u>Click</u> here 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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