



**Lovers of the Place\***  
 Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans  
 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
 (by hand to those without email)

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 10.00am St Georges Queenscliff	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> April 5.00pm St Georges Queenscliff	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am St Georges Queenscliff	<b>EASTER DAY</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> April 8.00am St James Point Lonsdale	<b>EASTER DAY</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am St Georges Queenscliff
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Dear friends,

Today is approximately half way through the penitential season of Lent and is known as Mid-Lent Sunday and also, in English-speaking countries at least, “Mothering Sunday”.

Various reasons for the association with “mothers” have been cited: e.g. ancient liturgical texts for the day quoted biblical references to mothers; and the date is usually near 25<sup>th</sup> March, which is the commemoration of the annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Our Lord.

Traditions developed around the day: e.g. people were encouraged that day to visit the church where they were baptised, or to their “mother church”, their Cathedral; domestic servants were allowed the day off to visit their mothers; special simnel cakes were baked and taken to one’s mother, etc.



Some of these customs became more emphasised in the U.K. in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in reaction to the American “Mothers’ Day”, which had been invented in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and is celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May, but which many would say has become too commercialised, morphing into a day of mawkish sentimentality, let alone large profits for Hallmark cards and gift shops ! (My first holiday job as a student was in the laboratory of a glass-making factory where, in November, we were making the “Mothers’ Day” decorative glassware, ready to be distributed to the shops in time).

Nevertheless, Mothering Sunday gives us an opportunity to give thanks for our mothers and to remind ourselves of our family responsibilities ... to remember the special place of Mary in the salvation story ... and to point to the concept of the Church as the agent of New Birth and the nurturer of us all in the Faith. Tim Gibson

**FROM PARISH COUNCIL**

A recent bequest will enable us to undertake some essential work at St James. Of immediate and urgent concern is the damage to the driveway caused by the roots of the large *agonis flexuosa* (willow myrtle, native to WA) between the church and the vicarage that results in dangerous tripping points. In addition, one large branch is beginning to damage the church roof and eaves. Parish Council had just received a quotation to remove the tree and we were struggling to see how we could possibly pay for this work, when we learnt about the bequest. Now we are able to resolve this significant safety problem. The large tree can be replaced with smaller, hedging plants that will preserve some privacy for the vicarage.

\*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).

**Lenten study, every Tuesday, 11.45am to 1pm in Gill Hall. All welcome** to come to one or some of the sessions. No entry requirements!



The **St James 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Bookshop** in the Garage will be open from 9.00am on  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Cake Stall** outside Kerleys Real Estate, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30am.

Please start thinking about what you might be able to bake, make and take to this great fundraiser.



**Many hands make many crosses.**

There will be a session of palm-cross-making in Gill Hall, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 11am to 12 noon.



**PARISH SNAPSHOT WHATS\_ON**

18/03/2023 Taize at Santa Casa



18/03/2023 Wedding at St Georges

18/03/2023 William Murray – Violinist – concert Old School Hall Queenscliff



21/03/2023 Lenten Studies

28/03/2023 Lenten Studies

30/03/202 Presentation of The Queen's Private Diamond Collection



31/03/2023 Palm-cross-making in Gill Hall, 11am to 12 noon.



02/04/2023 Palm Sunday

04/04/2023 Lenten Studies

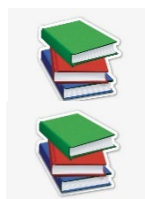
06/04/2023 Maundy Thursday



07/04/2023 Good Friday

08/04/2023 Cake Stall

08/04/2023 St James 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Bookshop



09/04/2023 Easter Day

15/04/2023 St James 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Bookshop

22/04/2023 St James 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Bookshop



29/04/2023 Wedding at St Georges



## HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?

### Anglican Parish of Queenscliff & Pt Lonsdale Fundraiser

#### The Queen's Private Diamond Collection

A talk presented by Adrian Dickens  
renowned jeweller with over  
40 years' experience



Gill Hall, St James Church

1 Albert Street, Point Lonsdale

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**from 5.00 - 6.30 pm**

Pre-dinner drinks & savouries included  
(Lucky seat prize: jewellery to the value  
of \$150.00 for eligible ticket holders)

**Cost: \$25.00**

Tickets available at:

Visitors Centre

55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff

Ph: 5258 4843

(Or at the door on the night if not sold out)

## Easter Dawn Community Service



This is your life  
calling to you from a place  
you could never have dreamed,  
but now that you have glimpsed its edge,  
you cannot imagine  
choosing any other way.  
Jan Richardson



6.30am

Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Point Lonsdale Beach

### GOSPEL OF THE DAY John 9.1-41

<sup>1</sup> As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' <sup>11</sup> He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' <sup>12</sup> They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' <sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup> but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' <sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' <sup>25</sup> He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' <sup>26</sup> They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your

eyes?' <sup>27</sup> He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' <sup>28</sup> Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' <sup>30</sup> The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' <sup>34</sup> They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' <sup>36</sup> He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' <sup>38</sup> He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, : [CLICK HERE](#)**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, : [CLICK HERE](#)**

**OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**Prayer of the week** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Nations and Peoples** Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

**The Church**

**Melbourne Diocese:** St Paul's Geelong (Nigel Pope); **National Church:** The Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People); Defence Force Chaplains; National Bishop's Conference;

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

**Mission:** The Diocese of Perth – Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy; Bishop Kate Wilmot, the clergy and people • The Church of the Province of SouthEast Asia (covers Malaysia and Singapore, with missionary congregations in Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand and some parts of IndoChina)

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

**Communion of Saints**

**MORNING PRAYER on Zoom**

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SJICRE5WNXRZZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SJICRE5WNXRZZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09</a>					

**EVENING PRAYER on Zoom**

5.00PM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDDMQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDDMQT09</a>					

**MEDITATION on Zoom**

8.30AM		
Monday	Wednesday	Friday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09</a>		

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**Sanctoral cycle this week** Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary; Thomas Crammer, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr and linguist (d. 1556); Thomas Ken, bishop of Bath and Wells, teacher (d. 1711); Paul Couturier, ecumenist (d. 1953); Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, martyr (d. 1980)

**Recently died** David Lawrence 15.03.2023

**Month's mind** Jill Marie O'Brien, 18.02.2023

**Anniversaries** Alexander Eldred Laker 19.03.1971; Patricia Shirley Cordner 19.03.2015; Francis Henry Priddle 20.03.1991; Norman Edward Johnson 21.03.1994; Beverley Jean Ruth 21.03.2007; Alan David Pattison 23.03.1990; Edward Charles Hayden-Brooks 23.03.1995; Dulcie Iris Swain\* 23.03.1997; Kathleen Lilian Wright 24.03.1994; Charles Thomas Jurgens 25.03.1968; Charlotte Mary Siddle 25.03.1985; Alice Clarice Lees 25.03.1996; Shirley Patricia Cordner 25.03.2015

*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*