



## Lovers of the Place\*

Newsletter – Queenscliff Lonsdale Anglicans  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
(by hand to those without email)

Dear friends,

In any movie about the Life of Christ there would need to be a “cameo role” for Nicodemus, who is mentioned in this Sunday’s gospel reading and who appears another two times in the gospels.

We hear that he is a Pharisee, a religious leader of his day, and he comes to Jesus “by night” with some searching questions. Presumably he is not keen on others in the religious “establishment” finding out that he is intrigued by this enigmatic figure from Nazareth. Even today, some people in important positions fear being “cancelled” if they are seen to be entertaining “unacceptable” ideas, or consorting with characters whose opinions are not “what all right-thinking people” would go along with.



Yet Nicodemus gains in courage, and we read later in the story that he does “come out of the closet” and publicly stands up for Jesus’ right to be heard and judged fairly – and then, after Jesus’ death, it is Nicodemus who, of all the religious leaders, has the decency to ensure that the Lord’s body is buried with full dignity.

I suggest that there will always be “fellow travellers” with Christianity who may not be completely up-front in their adherence to Christ, and yet they have an important part to play in God’s purposes.

Tim Gibson

**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! We had a good productive first session on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.



\*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).



## TOMORROW

### Working Bee: St James 9.00-11.00 Saturday, 4 March

If you have any free time tomorrow 4 March, we would really appreciate your help at St James. Work has begun on the vicarage in preparation for the new vicar (still not official!). One bigish job is to move the bookshop from the gathering area to Gill Hall. This really is a job when “many hands make light work”. We hope to have enough small boxes to help with this, but if you can bring a couple that are easy to carry, that will help, too.

**Vicarage furniture:** The new vicar will bring furniture but has requested a few items stay for their use. If any parishioners have a personal or family need for an item of the remaining furniture, please contact me to discuss. This includes one queen-size bed, one single beds, doonas, fridge, assorted kitchen items etc. Our next step is to offer what we can to the Geelong Refugee Assistance Program (G-RAP). They can really only handle smaller pieces of furniture, so larger items are “free to a good home”.

Fiona (0428322208)

### WHATS ON

04/03/2023 Wedding at St Georges

04/03/2023 Working bee St James

18/03/2023 Wedding at St Georges

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

21/03/2023 Lenten Studies

28/03/2023 Lenten Studies

30/03/2023 Presentation of The Queen’s Private Diamond Collection

02/04/2023 Palm Sunday

04/04/2023 Lenten Studies

06/04/2023 Maundy Thursday

07/04/2023 Good Friday

09/04/2023 Easter Day

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)*

## GOSPEL OF THE DAY

### John 3.1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, : [CLICK HERE](#)**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, : [CLICK HERE](#)**

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**Prayer of the week** Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Nations and Peoples** Ireland; United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales

**The Church:** St Matthew's Endeavor Hills (Kim Wellard); The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People); Church of the Province of South East Asia (Abp Melter Tais); St David's Doncaster East - Pastoral Visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell); Surf Coast Parish: Confirmation (Bp Kate Prowd)

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

**Mission:** The Diocese of Bathurst – Bishop Mark Calder, the clergy and people. • The Church of the Province of Myanmar CPM's Development Desk, and the diocesan Development Desks See p. 5 • International Day for Disarmament and NonProliferation Awareness

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

### **Communion of Saints**

**Sanctoral cycle this week:** Perpetua and her companions, martyrs at Carthage (d. 203); Sister Emma SSA, superior of the Society of the Sacred Advent, Queensland (d. 1939)

**Recently died** Scott James Ramsay 09.02.2023; Jill Marie O'Brien, 18.02.2023

**Anniversaries** Betty Jones 06.03.1977; Arthur Dowling 07.03.1965; Lesley Waler Barnett 07.03.1983; Nancy Coltish 08.03.1991; Lorna Vera Pigdon 08.03.2013; Barbara Janet Carruthers 08.03.2020; Robert Samuel Shapter 10.03.1965; Audrey Ware 10.03.2015; Norma Elsie Ditcham 10.03.2018; Lyle Ethelwynne Hoddinott 10.03.2019; Elsie Catherine Saunders 11.03.1986; Kaye Irene Klug 11.03.1989; Gwen Gingell# 11.03.2011

*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 [here](#).

### MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

9.15AM					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SlJCRE5WNXRZZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SlJCRE5WNXRZZUxRaOdHVk1vL2w3dz09</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=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09</a>		

### CONTEMPLATIVE TUESDAY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE on Zoom

11.00AM	
Tuesday	
ZOOM LINK: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2cUJ1THZlYTRGS041bCtwdz09">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76563470028?pwd=UzZkMkg2cUJ1THZlYTRGS041bCtwdz09</a>	



‘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

implementing the Climate Emergency Response Plan ([CERP](#))

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