Anglican Parish of Queenscliff - Point Lonsdale

Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion at St James' Point Lonsdale

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Wednesday 10.30am Morning Prayer at St George's Queenscliff



Sharing in ministry together

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THE WEEK IN A NUTSHELL

MONDAY 16th November	Mthr Jo's rest day
TUESDAY 17th	
WEDNESDAY 18th	10.30am Morning Prayer at St George's
THURSDAY 19th	
FRIDAY 20th	
SATURDAY 21st	
SUNDAY 22nd	CHRIST THE KING 10.00am Holy Communion at St James' Point Lonsdale

Prayer of the week: Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This week's readings: Judges 4:1-10; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Next week's readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Hymns:
Introit – Christ is Made the Sure Foundation AHB 343 WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Offertory – Take my Life and Let it Be AHB 520 SAVANNAH
Post communion – All my Hope on God is Founded AHB 465 MICHAEL

Readings:
Judges 4:1-10
The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. 2 So the Lord
sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of
his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried out to the
Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites
cruelly for twenty years.
4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. 5 She used to sit
under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and
the Israelites came up to her for judgement. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of
Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The Lord, the God of Israel, commands
you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and
the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the
Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."' 8 Barak said
to her, 'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she
said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to
your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah got up and
went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten
thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

Psalm 123 (page 361 of the *Prayer Book*)
To you I lift up my eyes:
You who are enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master:
Or as the eyes of a maid toward the hand of her mistress,
So, our eyes look to the Lord our God:
Until he shows us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we have had our fill of derision.
Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease:
And with the contempt of the proud.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden

destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25:14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." 21 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." 23 His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." 26 But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."



CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE – at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Sunday, 4.00pm - 5.00pm. Contact Sr Nola 0407 300 345 for details or just come along.

Everyone is welcome to join in and to enhance our singing for the Combined Carol Service (9th December) and for our Christmas Services.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH

Combined Christmas Carols
Wednesday 9th December at Holy Trinity Catholic Church,
Stevens St Queenscliff



CHRISTMAS EVE:
Thursday 24th December
5.00pm Crib Service St James'
10.00pm Mid-night Mass St George's with sparkling refreshments to follow

CHRISTMAS DAY:
Friday 25th December
8.00am St James' said service

10.00am St George's with Holy Communion

Prayer for the Harvest

O Lord, whose church is bought by Christ and whose Spirit gives life: give us great confidence in the work of your Son and Spirit. Send workers into the harvest. Grow us as disciples. Raise up leaders to shepherd your people. Renew your Church in faith, hope and love. We ask this so that every disciple, leader and church will take faithful steps of ministry and mission, for the glory of your Name and for the benefit of this world, which you love and which we serve. Amen.



Pray for our wedding couples:
Tess and Jaben (13th December) Sam and Margaret (16th December) Felix and Adelia (February 2027); Jessi and John (10th December 2027)

Do you need a lift to church? Each week there are parishioners who would like to attend church but need a lift to join us on Sunday mornings. There are also many other parishioners who are happy to pick up a fellow parishioner on their way to church each Sunday. If you need a lift or are happy to offer a lift, please contact Val (0432 281 563) so we can help you join us for worship.

Parish Prayer List – If you would like prayer for yourself or another who has given their permission and would appreciate prayer as part of our time of worship, please direct your prayer request to Mthr Jo 0458 523 754 or vicar@queenscliffflonsdaleanglican.org

PARISH BANK DETAILS - **For your regular contributions and donations.**

Please consider making a regular direct debit transfer from your account to the parish.
We are very aware there are times through the year when "the plate" is lighter than other weeks, as parishioners may be ill or away to warmer weather; so, if we make a regular donation by direct debit, we can be a little clearer about the parish income.

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Morning Prayer via zoom: This service will not continue in the "zoom" format as it is an expensive subscription that the parish cannot afford to pay. There are now no-cost alternatives, such as WhatsApp, so please contact Fiona if you wish to re-establish a Morning Prayer group.