Anglican Parish of Queenscliff - Point Lonsdale

Sunday 10.00am: Holy Communion at St James' Point Lonsdale
Wednesday 10.30am: Morning Prayer at St George's Queenscliff

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Sharing in ministry together

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THE WEEK IN A NUTSHELL

MONDAY 9th November	Mthr Jo's rest day
TUESDAY 10th	
WEDNESDAY 11th	11.00am: Remembrance Day at RSL Queenscliff (No Morning Prayer at St George's)
THURSDAY 12th	11.00am: Holy Communion Arcare Point Lonsdale 2.30pm: Wedding Rehearsal St George's
FRIDAY 13th	
SATURDAY 14th	2.30pm: Wedding as St George's
SUNDAY 15th	10.00am: Holy Communion at St James' Point Lonsdale 11.00am: Annual Meeting Gill Hall Point Lonsdale, including Pot Luck Lunch

Prayer of the week: Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scripture to be written for our learning: grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that, by patience and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

This week's readings: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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

Hymns: (no organist)
introit – Jesus thou Joy of Loving Hearts AHB 420
offertory – Wait for the Lord (*Taize)*
post communion – Wake awake for night is flying AHB 195

Readings:
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God.
2 And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan. 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. **15** Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'
16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; **17** for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; **18** and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'
19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. **20** If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' **21** And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' **22** Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' **23** He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' **24** The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' **25** So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 For I will open my mouth in a parable:
And expound the mysteries of former times.
3 What we have heard and known:
What our forebears have told us.
4 We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come:
The praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.
5 He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel:
Which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,
6 That future generations might know, and those yet unborn:
That they in turn might teach it to their children;
7 So that they might put their confidence in God:
And not forget his works, but keep his commandments.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-18

Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; **10** and indeed you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more and more, **11** to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we directed you, **12** so that you may behave properly towards outsiders and be dependent on no one.

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. **14** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. **15** For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.[g] **16** For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." **7** Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." **9** But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. **11** Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." **12** But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." **13** Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

WHAT'S ON …

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Wednesday 11th November Queenscliff RSL

Please note that because Remembrance Day falls on a Wednesday this year, there will be no Morning Prayer at St George's that morning.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE at Holy Trinity Catholic Church

NOT THIS SUNDAY.

Resumes, Sunday 15th November at 4.00pm

Contact Sr Nola 0407 300 345 for details or just roll up.

Everyone is welcome to join in and to enhance our singing for the Combined Carol Service (7th December) and for our Christmas Services.



- **Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday 15th November** after our 10.00am service at St James'.

Please bring something easy to share for a potluck lunch, if you are able. If this is difficult, never mind ….. there's always enough to go round.

Annual Reports will be distributed this Sunday. Nominations for Parish Council need to be with Mthr Jo by Wednesday 4th November.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISH

Combined Christmas Carols

Wednesday 7th December at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Stevens St Queenscliff



CHRISTMAS EVE:

Thursday 24th December

5.00pm Crib Service at St James'

10.00pm Midnight Mass at St George's with sparkling refreshments to follow

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Friday 25th December

8.00am at St James': Said service

10.00am at 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 love and which we serve. Amen.

- **For the harvest: A renewed Church proclaiming Christ across Melbourne and Geelong**

You will find the essentials of the vision and strategies for Diocesan renewal through the following links that should take you straight there:

- Link to"For the Harvest" film with Archbishop Ric

https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/for-the-harvest/

- Link to the Vision and Working Strategy 2027 - 2036, endorsed at Synod

https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/ADM_ForTheHarvest_Strategy2026_Digital.pdf

This was a significant focus of the recent Synod.

Pray for our wedding couples:

Saffron and Liam (14th November); 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@queenscliffonsdaleanglican.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.