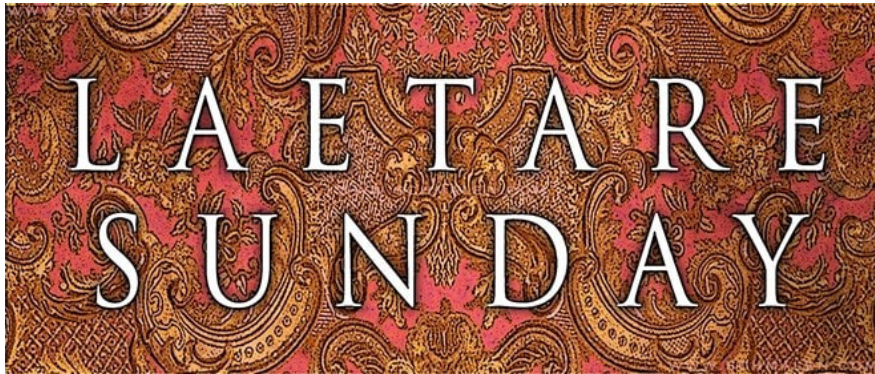


Anglican Parish of Queenscliff- Point Lonsdale
Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion at
St James' Point Lonsdale
Morning Prayer 10.30am St George's Queenscliff
LAETARE FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT 30th March 2025
Mothering/Refreshment Sunday



Sharing in ministry together

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THIS WEEK IN A NUTSHELL

MONDAY 31st March	Mthr Jo' rest day
TUESDAY 1st April	4.00pm Lenten Discussion at the Vicarage Point Lonsdale
WEDNESDAY 2nd April	10.30am Mid-week Holy Communion St George's Queenscliff
THURSDAY 3rd	2.00pm Parish Garden Party Drysdale
FRIDAY 4^h	
SATURDAY 5th	
SUNDAY 6th	3.00am DAY LIGHT SAVING ENDS (turn clocks back one hour) 10.00am Holy Communion St George's Queenscliff Fifth Sunday in Lent

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.

Blessing of Simnel Cake:

Almighty God, giver of all joy:

Receive at our hands this cake, that it may be for us a symbol of our communion with your blessed Trinity and with one another; as its flour was once scattered over our land as wheat and now is one, so let us be one in anticipation of your gift of the new Jerusalem which, as your redeemed people, is our joy, our hope, our destiny, and our home.

Hear us, O Lord, through Jesus Christ your Son, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

This week's readings Joshua 5:2-12; Psalm 32 (page 252 of the Prayer Book); 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:11-32 (All readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible)

Next week's readings: Fifth in Lent – Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:3-14; John 12:1-8

Hymns

Introit- King of Glory, King of Peace AHB 129, TIS 201, tune GWALCHAMI

Offertory- The king of Love my Shepherd is AHB 81 (i), TIS 145, tune DOMINUS REGI ME

Post Communion- All my Hope on God is Founded AHB 465 (ii), TIS 560, tune MICHAEL

Readings for this week:

Joshua 5:2-12

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' ³ So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. ⁴ This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. ⁵ Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. ⁶ For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the Lord. To them the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁷ So it was their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

⁸ When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. ⁹ The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32 (page 252 of the Prayer Book)

Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:

Whose iniquity is put away.

Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:

And in whose spirit there is no guile

For whilst I held my tongue:

My bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:

And my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you:

And in my iniquity, I did not hide;

I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':

And so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.

For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:

And in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble:

You will surround me with deliverance on every side.

'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go:

I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

'Be not like horse or mule that have no understanding:

Whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'

Great tribulations remain for the ungodly:

But whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them in every side.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad:

And shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself

with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²² But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹ Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

WHAT'S ON

PARISH MEETING Sunday 30th March after Holy Communion at St James'. Purpose is to update everyone about Parish Council decisions regarding the Restoration of St George's and a disabled toilet at St George's.

GARDEN PARTY this week Thursday 3rd April at 2.00pm The parish is invited to a Garden Party at Fiona Lindsay's home in Drysdale.

The address is 22 Cemetery Rd, Drysdale. Come in from Whitcombes Rd and drive right to the end and up the track that takes you down the driveway. Please let Fiona know if you are coming.



LET'S GET READY FOR HOLY WEEK –



Make Palm Crosses Wednesday 9th April 2.30pm at the Vicarage. Join Mthr Jo for afternoon tea. Don't worry if you have never made palm crosses, help will be given. Please bring some scissors.

Rosters for Holy Week we will need some helpers on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Please let Fiona know your availability.

LENTEN STUDIES Booklets are available (\$10.00) Weekly discussion sessions Tuesdays 4.00pm at the vicarage.



Palm/Passion Sunday 13th April 10.00am St George's Queenscliff

Monday 14th 9.00am Prayer at St James' Point Lonsdale
Tuesday 15th 9.00am Prayer at St James' Point Lonsdale
Wednesday 16th 10.30am Morning Prayer at St George's

Maundy Thursday 17th 5.30pm: Old School Hall, Queenscliff for a Pot Luck Meal, Foot Washing & Holy Communion. Please let Val know if you can help with food and setting up. Stripping the altar and The Watch will follow at St George's.

Good Friday 18th 10.00am: Service at St James' Point Lonsdale followed by hot cross buns at the vicarage.

Holy Saturday 19th Our churches are open for prayer
8.30pm Easter Vigil and Service of Light St James' Point Lonsdale

Easter Sunday 20th April: Ecumenical Dawn Service Point Lonsdale Foreshore
10.00am Easter Celebration St George's, Queenscliff

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 fall into either of these camps, please contact Sally [0427651038] so we can help you join us for worship.

Parish Prayer List – If you would like prayer for yourself or another who have 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

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GROWTH PRAYER – God of mission, who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness. Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Hope for our Diocese as we pray for the nominating committee of the Diocese and the election of our new Archbishop. www.boardofnominations.org

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for this world, so that all who put their trust in him, might have life in abundance: in your mercy, give to your people in the Diocese of Melbourne a new chief shepherd to watch over your people with loving care. Give us a leader of vision, a teacher of your truth and preacher of your good news so that your Word may be made fully known, your Church be built up, and your name be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER on Zoom

Monday – Saturday 9.15am www.us02web.zoom.us/j/83936429814?pwd=SIJCRE5WNXRZUxRa0dHVk1vL2w3dz09

EVENING PRAYER Zoom

Monday – Saturday 5.00pm www.us02web.zoom.us/j/87628164461?pwd=cEF6K1E1Yjh6TEFKa25laG4vUDdMQT09

MEDITATION on Zoom

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am – 9.00am www.us02web.zoom.us/j/81733909876?pwd=WHI4QVNENHRJVFZyWXNLSFJ5cjdrdz09