

Holy Trinity

CATHOLIC PARISH

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Notices to be submitted to presbytery by 4 p.m. Thursday

First Sunday of Advent 3.12.17



WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

BARWON HEADS: 6pm Saturday vigil Mass

OCEAN GROVE: 9 am Sunday morning

QUEENSCLIFF: 11 am Sunday morning

WEEKDAY MASS

OCEAN GROVE: Tues & Thurs @ 9.15 am

QUEENSCLIFF: Wed & Fri @ 9.15 am

**Geelong: St. John of God Hospital Thursdays
@ 11.30 am. Chapel is located near Café Costa**

MASS TIMES IN THE GEELONG REGION

<http://geelongdeanery.cam.org.au>

RECONCILIATION:

20 MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS

People who are gluten intolerant are asked to speak to Father Michael before Mass so that he can arrange for them to receive the Eucharist from the Cup



Liturgy of the Word:

FIRST READING: Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart
and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways

and harden our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down

– at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen

any god but you act like this for those who trust
him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us

and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you
the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R.
v.4

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your
face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 1:3-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians**

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him
that you have been enriched in so many ways,
especially in your teachers and preachers; the
witness to Christ has indeed been strong among
you so that you will not be without any of the gifts
of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord
Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you
steady and without blame until the last day, the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by
calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ;
and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL : Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

**Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will
come.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Anniversaries 2.12 -8.12.17:, Helen Gurry, Peggy Bohan, George Grull, Molly Monkevitch, Kit Mills, Frank Hayes, Bonnie Ryan, Matthew Mc Cormack

Sick: Sharon Kingsbury, Ross Gilham, Lorna Taylor, Peter & Maris Williams, John Poullos, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mary Jo Robinson, Laurance Hodgkinson, Belinda Monterosso, Joan Glen, Max Reed, Steve Retallick, Adam Wilde, Declan Shine, Lachlan Mc Kinnon, Cheryl Leonard, Arnie Bench, Nell Faigneux, Willow Hanan, Patricia Liston, Mary Pace & Josh Walsh

BAPTISM ARRANGEMENTS:

QUEENSCLIFF: Sundays @ 12 noon.

OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS:

Sundays @ 2 pm



Ministry Volunteers Dec 9 & 10

**If you are unable to met your obligation on this day
PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE!**

**COMMENTATORS/ LECTOR (C/L) SPECIAL MINISTER (S.M)
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)**

BARWON HEADS: Dec 9 @ 6 pm:

(C:) P. Exell (L) D. Holland (SM) M. Sullivan (W) G & L. Frances

OCEAN GROVE: Dec 10 @ 9 am:

(C) M. Meagher (L) J. Fitzpatrick

(SM) D. O'Meara, B. Corbett ((W) F & K. Nelson

SPECIAL MIINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Wk2 Dec 10

A. Walker, P. Kirkles

QUEENSCLIFF: Dec 10 @ 11 am

(C) M. Scott (L) P. Callahan (S.M) E. Anwyl (W) M.C. Hoare

COUNTERS: Dec 10

L. Hodgkinson, I. Downing, R & P. Healy

ON SALE NOW:

2018 Columban Calendars: \$9.00 each



St. Aloysius' Primary School

**CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE & FETE, Sat
Dec 3 & 9, 8am-2 pm**, corner Bowen Rd & Pt. Lonsdale Rd; Select & pay for tree on the day. Also available hand made gifts, sausage sizzle, sweet treats & lemonade.

PARISH DIARY

Dec 3, Sun @ 9 am: RCIA Rite of Acceptance

Dec 3, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in B.H

Dec 5, Tues, 5.30pm: OLSS School Concert in OG Park

Dec 6, Wed St A's Gr 6 @ 9,15 Mass

Dec 7, Thurs: Communion @ Homestead Lakes

Dec 7, Thurs: Priests Zone meeting

Dec 10 Sun: Melbourne O'seas Mission Coll. All Masses

Dec 10, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in B.H

Dec 12, Tues @ 11 am: Mass in Seaviews.

Dec 13, Wed @ 11 am: Mass in Arcare

Dec 13, Wed @ 7 pm: OLSS Board Meeting

Dec 14, Thurs @ 11.30 am: Mass in St J of God

Dec 14, Thurs @ 7 pm: Christmas Penitential Service

COMING EVENTS:

Bellarine Springs Retirement Village Open Days:

Fri, Dec1 & Sun Dec 3, 10-2pm both days. Expressions of interest/RSVP: 5253 0111. See notice board for details

LADIES' GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER at 'Mr Grubb, Oakdene on Wed, Dec. 6 @ 6.30 pm. Cost is \$39 for a 3 course meal. Menu is available on the website: Thanks to all who responded. Please advise any dietary needs or cancellations to **Gerry on 0417 126 995 or Liz on 0401169000 as there is a \$39 no show charge.**

OCEAN GROVE CAROLS IN THE PARK, Sun, Dec 10 @ 7 pm: Our Lady Star of the Sea children will be performing on stage. Entry is by donation. Gate takings go to the new disability accommodation being built in Draper St; **Come and share the joy of Christmas**

GEELONG DINERS' CLUB meets On Tues, Dec. 12 @ 6.15 in Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St. Appetizers & 2 course meal cost \$ 33. Guest performer is Paul Kerry, a one man jazz musician. Bookings by Fri, Dec 8, to Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE MAY 2018:

This 14 day Pilgrimage is led by Fr. Peter D'Souza departs on May 28, 2018. Early bird offer of \$5690 closes on Dec. 15 (requires a deposit of \$1000). For more details see notice board or call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or email: pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Department of Health & Safety have opened a Supercare Pharmacy in Centennial Blvd; Curlewis. It is open 24/7, with a nurse in attendance 6-10 pm.

A thousand thanks to each and every one of the parishioners who contributed in so many ways to the great success of Bishop Mark Edwards' visitation.

I thank the Mithen's for throwing open their home for the Saturday gathering; the Hospitality group & choir led by Eva Millie, Von Philp & Marilyn Brown; Nan Calnin's many cups of tea at various morning teas and the many supporters who prepared food, moved furniture, cleaned up afterwards & sundry other things which cannot be describes here. **THANK YOU! Father Mick.**

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Meaning of ADVENT:

- A:** Awaiting Christ's Coming;
- D:** Dawn of a new beginning;
- V:** Virgin will conceive & give birth to a Son.
He will be called Emmanuel;
- E:** Emmanuel- which means 'God with us'.
- N:** Nativity- the Christ was born.
- T:** Temple- the place where Christ worshipped.

**'CHOSEN' : Advent & Christmas Daily
Reflections for private or group meditations.**

Cost is \$4 each

*Chosen by grace, may you know this Christmas that your
roots as a child of God, are in eternity – in the infinite mind
and heart of God.*

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The Little Australian Missal: Contains the set
responses to the Mass; eg: Offertory Prayers, our
Father etc. Ideal gift for children & adults learning
the Faith. **Cost is \$4.00.**

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Sunday, 3 Dec 2017: First Sunday of Advent -
Year B

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

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The English translation of the Psalm Responses,
the Alleluia and Gospel Verses, and the Lenten
Gospel Acclamations, and the Titles, Summaries,
and Conclusion of the Readings, from the
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GEELONG DINERS' CLUB meets On Tues, Nov 14 @ 6.15 in
Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St. Appetizers & 2 course meal
cost \$ 33. Guest performer is Dan the Magic Man. Bookings by Fri,
Nov 10, to Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584.

Wake Up!

The vestments change, the Gospel changes as the Church moves into a new cycle recalling and celebrating God's coming to our world in Jesus. This year we will hear the earliest written Gospel, that of Mark, written around the year 70 CE. These were years of conflict for the early Christians. The Emperor Nero had begun to persecute Christians in the year 64 and they were considered to be practising a new and superstitious cult. In Palestine things were no better for there had been a Jewish uprising against Rome in 66 that led to the destruction of Jerusalem. Mark's community was under threat and beside all these external factors, Jesus had not returned to them as they were expecting. For forty years they had kept faith but as time passed the waiting became harder.

The Gospel speaks into this situation. Be alert. Stay awake. The Master *will* return. Mark uses popular images associated with the end of time according to first century Jewish imagination. There was an expectation that the Messiah would return before the end; that the Messiah would lead a war against the Kingdom of evil; this moral struggle would be felt by the whole cosmos with earthquakes and famine. Mark also points to the reality that Christians were experiencing; no longer welcome within Judaism because they were saying the Messiah had come in Jesus; being brought to trial before Roman courts for not worshipping Caesar. This was the life and death struggle for Mark's community.

Living now, so many centuries distant from the Gospel events, Mark's words take on a special urgency. Complacency and routine can replace alertness and watchfulness. After such a long time perhaps we run the risk of failing to recognise the Master. Last week's Gospel revealed this difficulty. 'When did we see you hungry and thirsty, sick or naked?' We might say in response, 'Of course we would have welcomed you – but we didn't know it was you.' This is the alertness that we are called to; to recognise God's coming in the most unlikely ways. As the carols ring out around the shopping centres, watch out, be alert. You never know the time when God will come to you.

The reading from Paul to the Corinthians shifts from warning to thanksgiving but continues the same theme of 'while we wait for the revealing of Christ'. The Corinthians were a fascinating community in the early Church. They had been brought to Christianity by Paul in the 50's, about twenty years after the Easter event. A number were Jews ready to accept that Jesus is their long-awaited Messiah; a number were non-Jews, gentiles more familiar with worship in the Greek and Roman tradition. It seems they were a community with much enthusiasm for the Christian message, but in their enthusiasm, they made many errors. This is what prompts Paul to write to them, to answer some of the questions they had brought to him, and to let them know about some of the things that were happening in their community that Paul was not happy about. So this letter is part of an ongoing dialogue between Paul and his community.

The part we read today is the standard way to begin a letter in those times. Following his initial greeting Paul praises the community for the multiple ways that God's grace is obvious in their lives. He also mentions how gifted the community is, and how these many gifts will sustain the community while they wait. This theme will recur later in the letter as it seems that the multiple gifts are in fact causing multiple problems. Some fail to recognise that the gifts come from God and are for the building up of the community, not for the self-advancement of the individual.

As we draw near to Christmas, and are beginning to think about the gifts we want to give, and perhaps the ones we want to receive, it might be a good time to consider the deeper gifts we have, the gifts within our lives and how we are allowing these to flourish and to put them to use for others, our family, our communities, our co-workers. I had a poster once that said something like: who we are is God's gift to us; what we make of ourselves is our gift to God.

The reading is a composite of a communal lament (63:16-17,19) and a historical recital (64:2-7). The people feel abandoned even by their ancestors Abraham and Jacob/Israel, and so they cry out. They blame God for allowing them to stray from the path of righteousness (v.17), but they also pray that God will intervene now to re-establish a relationship with them (v.19). Attention then shifts to the account of God's mighty deeds of the past (64:3). The people hope that God will work similar wonders for them. The reading itself does not contain an explicit message of hope. However, having admitted their own culpability and praised God's past favours, they seem confident that God will manifest divine power again.

This communal lament contains several images of God: attentive shepherd and imperial ruler, military captain (Lord of Hosts), and cultivator of vines. What apt images to characterise the relationship between God and the people! Though God is very powerful, like an imperial ruler or a military leader, the care that God provides compares to that of an attentive shepherd or a patient vine dresser. The final plea for help mentions one who sits at God's right hand, traditionally considered the place of honour. This may have originally been a reference to the king, the one who was responsible for the safety and prosperity of the nation. Gradually it was applied to the longed-for royal messiah.

After greeting the Christians with customary expressions from Greek society (grace to you) and Hebrew tradition (peace), Paul offers a brief prayer of thanksgiving and then moves to the theological point of the passage, namely, the community's anticipation of the revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Corinthian Christians were living in the 'time between'. Christ had died and risen from the dead. However, they lived in anticipation of his return. At issue was the manner of their lifestyle and the character of their commitment in the 'time between'. Paul reminds them that all of their talents and the gifts that they had from God were meant to aid them in living faithfully until the Lord's coming.

A thrice-repeated command, 'Watch!' surrounds a parable that emphasises the need to be ready at all times, because Christians do not know when the Lord will return. The Greek word for 'time' (*kairos*) refers to a special time, more than mere chronological or sequential time (*chronos*). *Kairos* is uncommon time and uncommon events occur within it. Waiting for the Lord's return is like the situation of servants who remain behind when the householder goes abroad. Each servant is given a certain authority within the household. The gatekeeper is singled out and told to be on the watch. The parable highlights the uncertainty surrounding the householder's return and the vigilance required of the servants as they wait.

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Sunday, 3 Dec 2017: First Sunday of Advent - Year B

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

Sunday, 3 Dec 2017: First Sunday of Advent - Year B

Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful

General Sample

Priest: As we begin this time of joyful expectation let us turn to the Lord who comes to the aid of those who call out in need.

Reader: That the Church will stay awake and be ready for Christ's coming.

(pause)

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations will put away instruments of violence and hatred and enter an age of peace and understanding.

(pause)

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the hungry, the unemployed and the homeless will find new hope.

(pause)

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the hand of God will rest on those of our community who are sick, including N.....

(pause)

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community, enriched by the gifts of the spirit, will be compassionate and generous this Advent.

(pause)

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have completed their earthly pilgrimage will have the promise of endless life, including N.....

(pause)

In faith we pray:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God our Father, you are the potter, we the work of your hands. Hear these prayers, and help us to faithfully keep watch for the coming of our redeemer. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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Sunday, 3 Dec 2017: First Sunday of Advent - Year B

Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful

Additional Sample

Priest: Dear friends, as we wait, alert and ready, let us bring our intentions before the Lord.

Reader: That the Holy Church will draw together in fidelity and prayer.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who live in poverty will know the comforting message of God's promise.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That world leaders will act with righteousness and keep God's ways at heart.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That our parish community will be strengthened in heart and holiness as we prepare for the return of Christ.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick will have mercy and love showered upon them, especially N.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will see the face of Christ in the coming kingdom, especially N.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Lord God, you show us that our redemption is near. Hear our prayers, and help us to be alert and ready for the glorious coming of our Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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Sunday, 12 Nov 2017: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
Liturgy of the Word
First Reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second Reading

First Sunday of Advent 3.12.17

THEME FOR LECTOR

Come Lord Jesus! The Prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come and save the people. God did not come in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Jesus of Nazareth, Who through His teaching, showed us how to live a God filled life. He enters our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the Presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise Him when He comes in glory

Before we commence today's liturgy let us take time together to reflect silently as a community of faith 1 minute silence

Let us pray together our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, Holy Trinity Parish is your family committed to praying and growing together as we build on the gifts of our past, the living of our present and our hopes for the future.

Lord Jesus, we are nourished by prayer, the word and sacraments especially the Eucharist. We recognize and trust in each other's spiritual gifts. We will strive to be a visible sign of God's love for the world.

Holy Spirit, baptized in your name, we accept the challenge to live as Jesus did. We will celebrate our lives and gifts in service to others, welcoming all people and sharing our talents and resources. As a parish we will endeavour to make present the Kingdom of God, here and now. AMEN

Please stand now together for our entrance hymn

Celebrant: As we begin this time of joyful expectation let us turn to the Lord who comes to the aid of those who call out in need.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops, priests and leaders of all religions. May they draw together in fidelity and prayer as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birthday.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

2: We pray for leaders of nations, especially ours. May they put away instruments of violence and hatred and enter an age of peace and understanding.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

3: We pray for our parish community. May we, enriched by the gifts of the spirit, be compassionate and generous this Advent to the sick, the lonely and those in need,

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for the catechumens who are making their Rite of Acceptance. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them on their journey of Faith.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

5 : We pray for those who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Helen Gurry, Peggy Bohlen, George Grull, Molly Monkevitch, Kit Mills, Frank Hayes, Bonnie Ryan and Matthew Mc Cormack . May they live in the presence of their Redeemer for ever.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God our Father, you are the potter, we the work of your hands. Hear these prayers, and help us to faithfully keep watch for the coming of our redeemer. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

.Geelong Deanery Formation, in the Pioneer Room, St. Mary of the Angels' Basilica, Tues, Nov 21, 11.30 am-8 pm, featuring:

1. Liturgical Ministry Workshops: Formation & training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Mass (**Block 1**) & Readers of God's Word. (**Block 2**)

(**Please note: Participants require an endorsement from their PP & will receive a certificate of attendance**)

2. Personal reflection & formation: Entitled 'Witnesses to the Light' this workshop will draw on the richness of the Advent Readings & include input, personal reflection & discussion.

3. Advent Preparation: Learn about this year's Advent resources over a delicious meal at the Centra Hotel.

(**Personal cost for meal is \$35**)

Programme:

11.30 am: Registration & Light lunch

12.00: Opening Prayer & Welcome.

12.15-2.00: Workshops Block 1: Afternoon Tea

2.30 pm-4.30: Workshop Block 2: Workshops end

Evening Session:

Centra Hotel (formerly Carrington, 131 Yarra St; Geelong.

5.30 pm: Gather 6.00 pm: Presentation 'Advent Awakening' Dinner 2 course meal . 8.00 pm Close

Cost is \$50 per Parish for 5 people or more. Contact Fr.

Michael by Sunday Nov 12 if you wish to attend

LESSONS FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION: A Time for Listening: - **A Public Conversation with Francis Sullivan, CEO Truth, Justice and Healing Council**, responsible for coordinating the Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse is on **Thurs, Oct, 19, 7-9 pm, in Pioneer Room, St. Mary's Parish, 150 Yarra St; Geelong.** It is an opportunity to: **1. Better understand the crisis & the reality of what happened. 2. Gain insights into the findings of the Royal Commission & 3. Hear what this means for the Church & our Parishes.** This event is free. For more information contact St. Michael's Parish Office on 5278 1343.

College will celebrate its 125th. Anniversary in 2018.

If you are a former student, the Alumni Development Office Maria Cleve wishes to hear from you. Her contacts are: 03 57835 343 or email; maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

Weekend November 18 & 19: World Day of the Poor

GEELONG DINERS' CLUB meets On Tues, Oct 10 @ 6.15 in Capri Receptions, 258 Pakington St. Appetizers & 2 course meal cost \$ 33. Guest speaker is Chris Hanson. Bookings by Oct 6, to Michael Belleville at 0431 959 584.

MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY HOSPITALITY GROUP are invited to a meeting in Eva Millie's home on Monday, Oct. 16 @ 10 am. This is to plan the catering for the luncheon with Bishop Mark Edwards.

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria & Wagga Wagga has short term budget accommodation in Melbourne. It is on the 96 tram route, Nicholson St., Fitzroy and is close to hospitals. For bookings & more information, please ring 9417 3379

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is on Tuesday evenings, @ 7.30 pm, in OLSS School staff room. (except in school holidays). At present we have 7 starters. Would you like to be a sponsor, or a specific prayer person for one of the candidates? A sponsor comes to some of the meetings and helps make their 'charge' feel welcome. Enquiries: Sandra on 52562978 or Kerin on 5254 1114.

YEAR of YOUTH in YOUR PARISH Nov 2017- Dec 2018: Parish priests, pastoral associates & parish leaders are invited to come and explore how your Parish can use the Year of Youth to 'Open new horizons for spreading joy'. Join us on **Saturday, Oct 21, 9.30-3.30**, at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. When we equip Parishes with ideas, tools and resources. Cost is \$20 each or group of 4 \$60.00. To register: WWW.CAM.ORG.AU/YOUTH/YEAROFYOUTH **RSVP: by October 8 to Fr. Michael**

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The ADVENT HEART: Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St; East Melbourne, Oct 10 & 17, 7-9pm

Session 1. Tues, Oct 10.: Keynote (2x45 mins)

An introduction to the Gospel of Mark by Fr. Frank Moloney sdb

Session 2. Tues, Oct 17: Keynote:

Exploring the Readings in Year B by Fr. Frank Moloney;

Workshop option 1: Liturgical environment facilitated by Cathy Jenkins. **Workshop Option 2.** Selecting Music settings facilitated by Dr. Paul Taylor (Dir. Music St. Patrick's Cathedral) Cost: \$25 pp for 2 sessions; \$15 pp individual session (includes light refreshments @ 6.30 pm) Register online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/RNLL> by **Tues Oct 3** Parish will reimburse attendees on receipt

PARISH DIARY 2017

Jan 15, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in O.G
Jan 17, Tues @ 9.30 RCIA @ Fox's
Jan 19, Thurs @ 2pm Working Bee @ RSL
Jan 20, Fri @ 6 pm: Anniversary Mass & Dinner
Jan 21, Sat @ 10am: Cleaning Bee @ RSL
Jan 22, Sun @ 9am: Baptism O.G
Jan 22, Sun @ 2 pm: Baptism O.G
Jan 29, Sun @ 12: Baptism In Q'Cliff
Jan #0, Mon: St. Bernard's Mass
Jan 31, Tues; RCIA
Feb 2, Thurs: Priests' Zone Meeting
Feb 5, Sun @ 12 Noon: Baptism in Q'cliff
Feb 7, Tues: RCIA
Feb 9, Thurs @ 11,30: Mass in St. J of God Hospital
Feb 14, Tues @ 4 pm: RCIA
Feb 17, Fri @ 2-pm: Wedding in Barwon Heads
Feb 18, Sat @ 3.30 pm: Wedding @ Rusty Gate
Feb 21, Tues: RCIA
Feb 22, Wed: Arcsre
Feb 23, Thurs @ 7.30 pm in OG; Parish Council Meeting
Feb 24, Fri @ 9.15 Mass: St A's Grade 3 & 4
Feb 26, Sun @ 9 am: Welcoming & Commissioning Mass for OLSS School
Feb 26, Sun @ noon: Baptism Q'cliff
Feb 28, Tues: Fr. at Seaviews
Feb 28, Tues @ 4 pm: After School R,E begins
Mar 1, Wed @ 9.15 am: Ash Wed Mass
St A's whole school coming
Mar 1, Wed @ 12 noon: Ash Wed.Mass at O.G
Mar 1, Wed:Fr at Homestead & Arcare
Mar 2, Thurs: Fr @ Homestead Lakes
Mar 3, Fri @ 9.15: St A's 1 & 2 at Mass
Mar 3, Fri : World Day of Prayer: 10 am Q'cliff Uniting Church; Barwon Heads: 2 pm Holy Family
Mar 5, Sun : Carly's Baptism @ 9 am Mass, OG
Mar 5, Sun: 2pm: Baptisms in OG.
Mar 7, Tues @ 6.30 pm: OLSS Reconciliation Info Night
Mar 7, Tues: St A's Board Meeting
Mar 8, Wed: Fr. @ Arcare
Mar 8, Wed @ 4.30pm: TAR Meeting@ Bridge St; Q'cliff
Mar 8, Wed @ 7 pm: OPLSS Board Meeting
Mar 9, Thurs after 9.15 Mass:
St V de P Meeting OG Narthex
Mar 9, Thurs @ 11.30 am: Fr R has Mass in St. J of God
Mar 9, Thurs 1-3 pm: Fr R at Meeting in Bell Park
Mar 10, Fri @ 9.15: Grs 5 & 6 at Mass in Q'cliff:
Mar 12, Sun @ 2pm: Baptisms in Ocean Grove
Mar 14 Tues: Fr at Seaviews
Mar 16, Thurs: Fr at Homestead
Mar 16, Thurs @ 5.30 pm: Wedding rehearsal in B/Heads
Mar 17, Fri @ 3.30 pm: Wedding in B/Heads
Mar 19, Sun @ noon: Baptism in Q'cliff
Mar 22, Wed @ 9.15: St A's Preps at Mass
Mar 22, Wed: Fr. at Arcare
Mar 24, @ 5pm: Wedding Rehearsal Q'cliff
Mar 24, Thurs@ 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting in O.G

Mar 25, Sat @ 4.30 pm: Wedding in Q'cliff
Mar 26, Sun @ 2pm: Baptisms in O G
Mar 26, Sun @ 5.30 pm:
Deanery Commissioning Mass in St. Mary's, Geelong.
Mar 28, Tues: Mass. @ Seaviews
Mar 28, Tues @ 7 pm: OLSS School 1st. Reconciliation
Mar 29, Wed: Fr. at Arcare
Mar 29, Wed @ 7 pm: OLSS School 1st. Reconciliation
Mar 30, Thurs: Priests' Zone Meeting in G'long
Apr 2, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in O.G
Apr 6, Thurs: Fr @ Homestead Lakes
Apr 9, Sun @ 2pm: Baptisms in O.G
Apr 11, Tues: Mass in Seaviews
Apr 12, Thurs: Communion at Arcare
Apr 13, Thur after 9.15 Mass: St V de P Meeting OG Narthex
Apr 13, Thurs @ 11.30 am: Fr has Mass in St. J of God
Apr 14, Fri: Good Friday services.
Apr 15, @ 6 pm: Easter Vigil in O.G Church
Apr 16, Sunday: Easter Sunday
Apr 20, Thurs @ 7.30 pm: Parish Council in O.G narthex
Apr 23, Sun @ noon: Baptisms in Q'cliff
Apr 25, Tues: Mass in Seaviews
Apr 26, Thurs: Fr R, Communion Service in Arcare
Apr 26, Thurs @ 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting in O.G
Apr 29, Sat @ 3.30 pm: Wedding in Barwon Heads
Apr 30, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in O.G
May 4, Thurs; Fr; at Homestead Lakes
May 9, Tues Mass at Seaviews
May 10, Wed: Communion at Arcare
May 10, Wed @ 7 pm: OLSS Board Meeting
May 11, Thurs after 9.15 Mass: St V de P Meeting OG Narthex
May 11, Thurs @ 11.30: Mass in St. J of God Hospital
May 11, Thurs @ 3.45pm: Mass in Karenga Prison
May 17, Wed @ 7pm: St A's Reconciliation
May 18, Thurs : Communion at Homestead
May 18, Thurs @ 4.30 pm: Mass in Marngoneet Prison
May 21, Sun: Chaplaincy Sunday
May 23, Tues : Mass in Seaviews
May 24, Wed: Communion at Arcare
May 24, Wed @ 7 pm: Reconciliation
May 28, Sun @ 9 am: OLSS School 1st. Eucharist
May 30, Tues: Mass at Seaviews
May 31, Wed: Communion at Arcare
June 1, Thurs: Homestead Lakes
June 5, Mon-Fri June 8 No Masses Fr at Priests' Conference
Wend June 10/11: Propagation of the Faith collection
June 13, Tues: Mass at Seaviews
June 14, Wed: Fr. at Arcare
June 14, Wed @ 7 pm: OLSS Board Meeting
June 15, Thurs@ 7 pm: Deanery Dinner at Capri
June 18: St V De P Winter Collection
June 15, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in O.G
June 20, Tues @ 6.30 pm: OLSS Confirmation Info night
June 22, Thurs @ 7.30pm: Parish Council
June 25, Sun: Peter's Pence Collection @ all Masses
June 25, Sun @ 2pm: Baptisms in O.G
June 27, Tues @ 11 am: Mass at Seaviews.
June 28, Wed @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
July 6, Thurs : Communion @ Homestead Lakes

July 11, Tues @ 11 am: Mass in Seaviews
 July 12, Wed @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 July 13, Thurs @ 11.30: Mass in St J of God
 July 16, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in B.H
 July 18 Tues @ 6.30 pm: St A's Board Meeting
 July 18 Tues @ 7pm: Confirmation Info Night
 July 20, Thurs @ 11 am: Mass at Homestead
 July 22, Sun @ 2pm: Baptisms in B.H
 July 23, @ 9 & 11.30: Confirmation Masses in O.G
 July 25, Tues @ 11 am: Mass at Seaviews
 July 26, Thurs @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 July Thurs, 27 7-9pm: Know your parish Lecture in Catholic Leadership Centre. Cost \$15. Brendan Reed
 July 30, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in O.G
 Aug 1, Tues @ 6.30 pm: Eucharist Info Night @OLSS
 Aug 2, Wed @7 pm: St A's Eucharist Info Night
 Aug 3, Thurs @ 11 am: Communion @ Homestead Lakes
 Aug 3, Thurs: Priests' Zone meeting
 Aug 6, Sun @ 3pm: Baptism in O.G
 Aug 8, Tues @ 11 am: Mass at Seaviews
 Aug 8, Tues @ 6.30 pm: St A's Board meeting
 Aug 9, Wed @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 Aug 10, Thurs @ 11.30 am: Mass in St. J of God
 Aug 13, Sun: Catholicare collection @ all Masses
 Aug 13, Sun @ 11 am: St A's First Eucharist
 Aug 13, Sun: Annual Pilgrimage
 Aug 16, Thurs @ 7pm: Combined Schools' Board Meeting
 Aug 17, Thurs : Communion at Homestead
 Aug 19, Sat @ 6 pm: OLSS First Eucharist in B.H
 Aug 20, Sun @ 9 am; OLSS First Eucharist
 Aug 20, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in Q'Cliff
 Aug 22, Tues @ 11 am: Mass in Seaviews
 Aug 22, Tues: RCIA resumes
 Aug 23, Wed 10-4 pm: Clergy meeting @ Moonee Valley
 Aug 25, Wed, @ 11 am: Mass in Arcare
 Aug 24, Thurs @ 7.30 pm: Parish Council in O.G narthex
 Aug 26: Wedding at Eumerella Scout Camp Anglesea
 Aug 27, Sun @ 9am: OLSS First Eucharist
 Aug 29, Tues @ 11 am: Mass in Seaviews
 Aug 30, Wed @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 Aug 31, Thurs @ 7.30 pm: Parish Council meeting in OG
 Sept 3, Sun : Priests Retirement Foundation @ all Masses
 Sept 3, Sun @ 9 am: OLSS First Eucharist
 Sept 5, Tues @ 6.30 pm: St A's Board meeting
 Sept 6, Wed @ 7pm: Emergency Drill Meeting
 Sept 7, Thurs: Communion @ Homestead Lakes
 Sept 10, Sun @ 9 am: OLSS First Eucharist
 Sept 12, Tues @ 11 am: Mass at Seaviews
 Sept 13, Wed @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 Sept 13, Wed @ 7 pm: OLSS Board meeting
 Sept 14, Thurs @ 11.30: Mass in St. J of God
 Sept 14, Thurs @ 7 pm: St. V de P Festival Mass Bell Park
 Sept 16 & 17: Catholicare special collection
 Sept 21, Thurs : Communion at Homestead
 Sept 24, Sun @12: Baptism n Q'cliff
 Sept 26, Tues @ 11 am: Mass in Seaviews
 Sept 27, Thurs @ 11 am: Mass in Arcare
 Sept 28, Thurs: Priests Zone Meeting
 Oct 1, Sun @ 12: Baptism in Q'cliff
 Oct 5, Thurs: Communion at Homestead
 Oct 7, Sat @ 11 am: Baptism in Q'cliff Visiting priest
 Oct 7, Sat : Emergency drill @ B.H

Oct 8, Sun : Emergency drill in O.G & Q'cliff
 Oct 10, Tues @ 11 am: Mass in Seaviews
 Oct 10, Tues @ 7.30 pm: Liturgy Meeting in OG narthex
 Oct 11, Wed, @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 Oct 11, Wed @ 7 pm: OLSS Board Meeting
 Oct 12, Thurs @ 11.30 am: Mass in St J of God
 Oct 12, Thurs @ 7pm: Emergency Meeting in OG narthex
 Oct 14/15: Child Safety w/end
 Oct 15, Sun @ 2pm: Baptisms in OG
 Oct 17, Tues @ 6.30 pm: St A's Board Meeting
 Oct 19, Thurs: Communion at Homestead
 Oct 19, Thurs @ 7 pm: St. Ignatius' Mass
 Oct 19, Thurs @ 7 .30 pm: Parish Review
 Oct 19, Thurs @ 7 pm: Francis Sullivan's talk in St. Mary's
 Oct 22, Sun: World Mission Sunday
 Oct 22, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in OG
 Oct 24, @ 11 am; Mass at Seaviews
 Oct 24, Tues: TAR Meeting
 Oct 25, Wed @ 11 am : Mass at Arcare
 Oct 26, Thurs @ 7.30 pm: Parish Council Meeting in O.G
 Oct 26, Thurs, 11.30-6 pm:
 Liturgical Formation Day in St. Mary's
 Oct 28, Sat @ 3 pm: Wedding in B.H
 Oct 29, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in BH
 Oct 31, Tues @ 11 am: Mass at Seaviews
 Nov 2, Thurs @ 9.15: All souls' in Cemetery
 Nov 2, Thurs : Communion in Homestead Lakes
 Nov 5, At all Masses: Pray for Persecuted Church
 Nov 5, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in OG
 Nov 8, Wed @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 Nov 8, Wed @ 7 pm: OLSS Board meeting
 Nov 9, Thurs @ 11.30 am: Mass in St. J of God.
 Nov 10, Fri : St A's & Olss Mission Fetes
 Nov 12: Catholic Deaf Collection
 Nov 12, Sun – Thurs 16: Clergy retreat
 NO MASSES 13-17 NOV
 Nov 14, Tues @ 11 : Mass at Seaviews
 Nov 14, Tues @ 6.30 pm: St A's Board meeting AGM
 Nov 17, Fri 2 4 pm: Wedding Rehearsal @ BH
 Nov 18 Sat @ 3.30 pm: Wedding in B.H
 Nov 19, Sunday: World day of the Poor.
 Nov 21, Tues, 11.30-8 pm: Geelong Deanery Formation
 Nov 22, Wed @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 Nov 23, Thurs – Sunday Nov 26: Bishop visitation
 Nov 25, Sat @ 4.30pm: Nuptial Mass in B.H
 Nov 28, Tues @ 11 am; Mass in Seaviews
 Nov 28, Tues @ 7 pm: Mass of Remembrance
 Nov 29, Thurs @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
 Dec 1, Fri @ 9.15: St A's Gr 3 & 4 at Mass
 Dec 3, Sun @ 9 am: RCIA Rite of Acceptance
 Dec 3, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in B.H
 Dec 5, Tues, 5.30-7.30pm: OLSS School Concert
 Dec 6, Wed @ 9.15: St A's Gr 6 at Mass
 Dec 7, Thurs: Communion @ Homestead Lakes
 Dec 7, Thurs: Priests Zone meeting
 Dec 10 Sun: Melbourne O'seas Mission Coll. All Masses
 Dec 10, Sun @ 2pm: Naptism in B.H
 Dec 12, Tues @ 11 am: Mass in Seaviews.
 Dec 13, Wed @ 11 am: Mass in Arcare
 Dec 13, Wed @ 7 pm: OLSS Board Meeting
 Dec 14, Thurs @ 11.30 am: Mass in St J of God

Dec 14, Thurs @ 7 pm: Christmas Penitential Service
Dec 17, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in OG
Dec 19, Tues @ 6 pm; St A's Concert in Q'cliff Town Hall
Dec 20, Wed @ 9.15: St. A's Year end Mass
Dec 21, Thurs: Communion at Homestead
Dec 21, Thurs @ 2pm: OLSS School Yr end Mass

Dec 26, Tues @ 11 am: Mass at Seaviews
Dec 27, Wed @ 11 am: Mass at Arcare
Dec 24, Sat: Christmas Eve
Dec 25, Sun, Christmas Day

Sunday, 5 Nov 2017: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM

Practise what you preach

Once again we see in today's Gospel evidence of the Jewish background of Matthew's community. The chair was a symbol of a teacher's authority. He sat while disciples gathered at his feet. We continue that symbolism today when a Bishop is consecrated and seated in his 'chair', or in Greek, 'kathedros' from which comes the word Cathedral. Universities also have this symbolism when they speak of 'the chair of philosophy, or English'. Jesus rightly speaks of the authority of the Pharisees to teach the Law of Moses. But he then cautions that they do not live out what they teach.

Jesus criticises the Pharisees for seeking after honour and power as depicted in various titles such as Rabbi, Master, Father, Teacher. There is no doubt that the Christian community had teachers and missionaries and apostles. What matters though is that these are roles of service for the good of the community and are not roles of honour giving a person a higher status than another. In the Christian community 'you are all brothers and sisters'. It is possible that Matthew's community were in danger of forgetting this and returning to older attitudes of hierarchies and honour systems.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians provides an alternative vision of Christian leadership. This is the first letter written by Paul to a community in what is now Northern Greece. The Thessalonians were an enthusiastic group, eagerly awaiting the return of Jesus which Paul expected in his own life-time. In this section of the letter Paul describes his leadership style. Without denying his apostolic authority his image of leadership is that of a nursing mother, leading with gentleness, affection, self-giving – and paying his own way through his work. In verse 11, which is not in the lectionary, Paul balances the image of a nursing mother and likens his ministry to that of a father, exhorting and encouraging his children. These two parental images express Paul's self-understanding of how he is to be within the community. His model of leadership is based on the biblical image of God's leadership of Israel. In the Old Testament God is frequently described as a parent, as a father or mother who guides, teaches, reprimands, forgives, nurtures. This is a marked contrast to the leadership style of the scribes and the Pharisees described in today's Gospel. Paul once was a Pharisee and boasts that he was taught by one of the great teachers of that time (Acts 22:3), but in becoming a disciple of the Risen Jesus, Paul has undergone a deep personal change of heart. He no longer teaches his community as he might once have, as a Pharisee; instead he teaches the essentials of Christian faith by his own example. Earlier in this letter he said, 'You became imitators of us' (1 Thess 1:6), and he writes to the Corinthians, 'be imitators of me' (1 Cor 4:16). Christian ministry is not so much teaching by words but by example. The minister lives the faith she or he teaches.

The words of Jesus and Paul challenge all of us, whether we have an official leadership role or not. All who profess to be a Christian should be able to say – look at me! This is what Christianity is about. We may never have the learned words to offer others, but the example of our lives ought to speak our Christian belief. In the days prior to Vatican II, it was easy to pick Catholics by such externals as 'no meat on Friday.' In our multi-faith society it is easy to know the religious faith of some people by what they wear, what they eat, days of celebration – but what about Christians? Do our lives proclaim the Gospel, 24/7?

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The prophet Malachi denounces the priests who defiled the priesthood and led the people astray with their faulty teaching. Their infidelity is particularly heinous because they enjoyed privileged positions within the community. With the exception of the Davidic kings, no other group in Israel could claim a special covenant relationship with God (see Num 10:13). Their lives were governed by the cultic law (see Lev 21:6), and they were the ones who interpreted the law for the people (see Dt 17:8-11). They are told that if they do not reform their lives, they will suffer the curse of God. Privileged positions within the community carry serious responsibilities, and failure to fulfil these responsibilities will meet with profound consequences.

It is difficult to classify this short psalm, because it is primarily descriptive rather than exclamatory. What is described, however, are the sentiments of someone who is devoted to the Lord. Each verse has its own character. The first verse is a self-description of humility, describing the psalmist as someone with an honest and straightforward heart. In the second verse, though God is not explicitly identified as a woman, the confidence that God inspires is compared with the peace of a child in its mother's presence. The third verse is a call to Israel to trust in the Lord. In the third verse, the psalmist turns to the people and entreats them to place their trust in this same God.

Paul uses the metaphor of a nursing mother to represent the apostolic self-giving of the missionaries and the affection they had for their converts. They wholeheartedly shared the gospel with others and magnanimously gave of their very selves, with no thought of compensation other than the satisfaction of having given themselves out of love. Though the missionaries would have been within their rights to expect hospitality from their converts, they chose to forgo this prerogative, working at their respective trades (see Acts 18:3), earning their own keep, being a financial burden to no one. They proclaimed the gospel as they saw fit. Their recompense was the religious maturity of their converts, and for this they were grateful to God.

Although Jesus acknowledges the legitimacy of the roles of the scribes and Pharisees, he criticises them for the disparity between what they teach and how they live. He counsels his hearers: Listen to them, but don't follow their example. The Pharisees developed detailed minor rules, known as the 'hedge around the law', meant to ensure obedience to the commandments. This became a heavy burden for the people, and the scribes and Pharisees did nothing to help them carry it. They were also guilty of religious ostentation and the desire for political and religious privilege. The passage concludes with a reversal of fortunes: Those who exalt themselves now will experience eschatological humiliation; those who humble themselves now will enjoy eschatological exaltation.

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Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.

We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

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PARISH BAPTISMS TO CHANGE IN 2016:

First Sunday of the Month: Barwon Heads @ 2pm
Second Sunday of the Month: Ocean Grove @ 2pm
Third Sunday of the Month: Queenscliff @ 12 noon.
Fourth Sunday of the Month: NO BAPTISMS
Fifth Sunday of the Month: Ocean Grove @ 2 pm.

THE GEELONG CATHOLIC DINERS' CLUB meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month – Mar 9 - at Berkley Lodge, 258 Pakington St; Geelong, for a 2 course meal (\$30) & stimulating guests speakers. For more information & Bookings phone Michael on 0431 959 584 or jmflatt@bigpond.com.net.au

ADVENT

A: Awaiting the Coming of Christ
D: Dawn of a new beginning
V: Virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son- Emmanuel
E: Emmanuel- a name which means 'God with Us'
N: Nativity- the day Christ was born
T: Temple- the place where Jesus worshipped

The Catholic Diners' Club meets on **Tuesday, Feb 14,** 6.15 pm, in the **Capri Receptions, Separation St;** Cost is \$33 per head. Guest Speaker is Bernard Clancy, author, journalist & playwright. **For reservations phone or text Michael on 0431 959 584 by Friday Feb. 10**

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HOLY THURSDAY,

Mar 24 @ 7pm, in Ocean Grove Church:
Mass of the Lord's Supper
incl. Washing of the Feet,

followed by 'Watch & Pray' for 30 mins after Mass and Reconciliation..

GOOD FRIDAY, Mar 25:



Queenscliff:

10.30 am: Stations of the Cross in the Church

All Churches @ 3 pm:

(Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove & Queenscliff)

Liturgy of the Word;
Veneration of the Cross:
Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY Mar 26 @ 7 pm:

Ocean Grove: ONLY VIGIL MASS:

Ceremony of Light,
Readings,
Blessing of Baptismal Waters,
Baptisms, Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY

6.30 am: Ecumenical Services

at Ocean Grove Lookout & Pt. Lonsdale Beach

MASS TIMES:

OCEAN GROVE: 9am & 10.30 am

QUEENSCLIFF: 9.30 am & 11 am (in the Hall)

BARWON HEADS: 6 pm Sunday evening

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

OCEAN GROVE: THURS, MAR 31 @ 9.15 am

QUEENSCLIFF: FRI. APRIL 1, @ 9.15 am

