

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 61:1-2. 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lk 1:46-50. 53-54. R. ls 61:10

(R.) My soul rejoices in my God.

 My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. (R.)

- The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
 His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. (R.)
- He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
 He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. (R.)

SECOND READING: 1 Thes 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Jn 1:6-8. 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Recent Death: Joan Hayes,

Anniversaries 16.12 -22.12.17:, Jsepha Koster, Kathleen Mc Lean, Sr. Annunciata Larkins, Kevin Murray, Gus Knappstein, Joseph Wilkins, Freda Jones, Hilda Graham, Thelma Hirst, Des Sullivan, Jack van Elst, John Charleston, Margaret Vagg, Gladys Mc Donald, James Collins.

<u>Sick</u>: Sharon Kingsbury, Ross Gilham, Lorna Taylor, Peter & Maris Williams, John Poulios, 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 Fraigneux, Willow Hanan, Patricia Liston, Mary Pace & Josh Walsh

BAPTISM ARRANGEMENTS:

QUEENSCLIFF: Sundays @ 12 noon. OCEAN GROVE & BARWON HEADS Sundays @ 2 pm

Congratulations to those baptised last weekend: Flynn William, child of Raymond & Marnie Danao

PARISH DIARY

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 24, Sat: Christmas Eve Dec 25, Sun, Christmas Day

***QUEENSCLIFF: A WORKING BEE, SATURDAY, DEC. 22, 10-12 NOON to prepare the Hall for the Christmas Masses. Bring buckets, cloths & furniture polish. Morning tea provided. ***

ON SALE NOW:

2018 Columban Calendars: \$9.00 each 'CHOSEN' : Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections for private or group meditations. Cost is \$3 each(late delivery- price reduced)

Ministry Volunteers Dec 23 & 24 (Sun Morning)

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

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

BARWON HEADS: Dec 23 @ 6 pm:

(C:) M. Rossiter (L) N. Nagle (SM) Leo Mithen (W) K & J. Constable

OCEAN GROVE: Dec 24 @ 9 am:

(C) G. Rainey (L) B. Bissinella

(SM) D. O'Connor, J. Prendergast

((W) Patsy Waters, L. Conquit

SPECIAL MIINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Wk4 Dec 24

L. Dillon, E. Simpson

QUEENSCLIFF: Dec 24 @ 11 am

(C). J. Hanan (L) J. Altamore (S.M) M. C. Hoare (W) F. Neville

COUNTERS: Dec 24

P & E. Dickinson, M. Bollard, J. Calnin

COMING EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & READINGS with the

Bellarine Ecumenical Choir: and St. James (Drysdale) Choir will lead the Service in St. James Anglican Church, Collins St; Drysdale on Sun. Dec 17, at 6 pm, All welcome.

CHRISTMAS TIME TABLE:

CHRISTMAS EVE Sun, Dec 24:

OCEAN GROVE:

- 5.40 pm: Christmas Carols
- **6.00 pm**: Family Mass: Children dress as Angels ,shepherds etc
- **QUEENSCLIFF:** (In the Hall)
- 5.30 pm: Carols
- 6.00 pm: Family Mass: Children dress as angels, shepherds etc

BARWON HEADS:

8.00 pm: Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Mon, Dec 25

OCEAN GROVE: 9 am

QUEENSCLIFF: 11 am (in the Hall)

*** MINISTERS' ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY ARE IN THE CHURCH PORCH/NARTHEX. If you are available, please fill in the roster

TODAY. Thank you.***

NEXT SERIES OF STEWARDSHIP GIVING ENVELOPES & LETTERS OF THANKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH PORCH/NARTHEX. PLEASE COLLECT YOURS & ANY YOU CAN DELIVER BFORE THE CHRISTMAS RUSH. THANK YOU 