

Holy Trinity

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Second Sunday of Advent 10.12.17



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

Thurs, Dec 14 @ 7 pm:

Christmas Penitential Service

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 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her

that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our
God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill
be laid low, let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant
us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 2 Pt 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never
forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a
thousand years, and a thousand years is like a
day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his
promises, as anybody else might be called slow;
but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody
to be lost and everybody to be brought to change
his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a
thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the
elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and
all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Mk 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Recent Death: Eileen Buckeridge

Anniversaries 9.12 -15.12.17:, Rosemary Barry, Olive Hutchins, Margaret Tighe, Beatrice Watt, Frank Duffy, Kevin O'Loughlin, Dulcie Hume, Jack Meredith, David Peace, Kathleen Kelly, Hilda Denneman, Ollie Bernes,

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

Congratulations to those baptised last weekend:

Malakai Pat, child of Chad & Sally McLauchlan;

Charlotte Mary, Child of Damian & Lauren Gardiner;

Ivy Jessica, child of Kevin & Kristen Mitchell



Ministry Volunteers Dec 16 & 17

**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 16 @ 6 pm:

(C:) S. Casey (L) N. Nagle(SM) J. Hodgkinson
(W) MN. Frisch, R. Kavenagh

OCEAN GROVE: Dec 17 @ 9 am:

(C) E. Frazer (L) . Sadler (SM) P. Waters, S. Duggan
(W) J & B. Thorn

SPECIAL MIINISTER TO HOMESTEAD: Wk3 Dec 17
Brian & Sue Condon

QUEENSCLIFF: Dec 17 @ 11 am

(C). T. Philp (L) K. Francis (S.M) M. Bench (W) P. Robinsin
COUNTERS: Dec 17

J. Compton, B. Corbett, F. Neville, M.Ray

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)



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 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 after 9.15 Mass: St V de P Meeting in OG

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

COMING EVENTS:

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS & READINGS with the

Bellarine Ecumenical Choir: **Sat; Dec 15** in St. George's Anglican Church, Q'cliff. (BYO BBQ afterward)

Sun. Dec 17, at 6 pm, in St. James Anglican Church, Collins St; Drysdale

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE MAY 2018:

This 14 day Pilgrimage 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.

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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.

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.

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Sunday, 10 Dec 2017: Second Sunday of Advent - Year B
Liturgy of the Word
First Reading

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'CHOSEN' : Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections for private or group meditations. Cost is \$3 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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New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM

Get Ready

Mark 1:1-8, *The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God*

Here we have the first written proclamation of the Gospel – the Good News of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God. Mark wastes no time in his announcement with a long introduction but instead immediately introduces John. Since the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls scholars now know that at this time there were some in Israel who had a strong sense that God's Kingdom was about to break into history. The community of Qumran by the Dead Sea lived with this expectation and they also practised rituals of cleansing. While there is no evidence that John was part of this group, his message and manner are similar. God's reign is coming. Prepare for it by seeking forgiveness.

Baptism, immersion in water, was a common Jewish practice as a way of purifying oneself before participating in major religious festivals. John applies this ritual to a desire for repentance as preparation for the coming Kingdom. John was remembered as a great and holy man of God. He too attracted disciples and even Jesus came to him seeking his baptism. These historical facts must have puzzled the early Christians, particularly if some of John's disciples were now part of the Jesus group. How were they to speak about John, recognising his greatness while acknowledging that Jesus was even greater? In trying to understand John's role in Jesus' story, Mark looks back to the Jewish Scriptures and uses the prophets Malachi and Isaiah to clarify that John's role is one of preparation for another greater figure who is on the way.

2 Peter 3:8-14

Because we are more familiar with Mark, this Sunday I want to say more about 2 Peter. This is a later letter, written some time after Peter's death in Rome and we do not know its real author. Like a number of New Testament writings it is attributed to Peter as a way of both honouring the Apostle and also perhaps to ensure the authority of this letter. The epistle seems to be written to a Christian group who were formally Gentiles, thus converts from Greco-Roman religions. It has a strong argumentative tone suggesting that the writer is contending against other teachers who were challenging Christian beliefs (2:1). Because Jesus had not returned, some Christians were beginning to lose faith. The false teachers denied the final 'coming' (Parousia) of Jesus (3:3-4) and promise so called 'freedom' (2:19) amounting to license to do as one wishes. They even denied the power of Jesus (2:1) and any sense of the need to live an ethical life (2:4). Effectively, they dismissed the entire proclamation of Jesus, past, present and future as a myth (1:16), as nonsense. Leaning towards Greek philosophy, they dismiss any concept of God's interest or involvement in the world. To counter these ideas the author of 2 Peter looks back to God's act of creation (3:5-6), then God's continuing action in the story of Israel (2:4-8) and particularly in his Son (1:16-21). In speaking of Jesus the author draws upon eye-witness testimony (1:16), then in the reading today reiterates the promise of the future coming of Jesus (the Parousia).

In many ways the situation of this community is akin to our own. Many in our own world have no sense of any divine power. They may describe themselves as sceptics, or agnostics, or atheists. God simply means nothing to them and Christian faith provides a helpful guide to ethical living, but that's all. Parents may even want their children to be taught within the Christian tradition but for reasons other than firm faith conviction.

The letter of Peter offers something that we can overlook and that is the first person testimony – ‘we were witnesses’ (1:16). People of faith today can still make this bold claim in the present tense, ‘I am a living witness to the power of God in my life.’ God’s presence and power may not be expressed in clear, articulate arguments or dogmas but there can be a certainty of the heart. Something like this certainty of love is enough for two people to commit their lives to one another. It is a certainty of faith, of love that has a substance to it that defies rational analysis. This type of Christian faith has a rock-solid core to it that goes far deeper than a personal ethic.

2 Peter offers this rich expression of hope:

‘You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.’

As we wait the dawning of our ‘day-star,’ may we be as bold, as daring in how we live out our faith as those early witnesses.

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Sunday, 10 Dec 2017: Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSS

The message of Deutero-Isaiah opens with the exclamation ‘Comfort my people’. The passage itself seems to be a prophetic commissioning. The people are directed to act out their deliverance even before they see evidence of it. The picture sketched resembles the carefully repaired highway over which victorious kings or generals travelled in triumphant procession on their return home. There is an element of universalism here. Not only they, but all humankind will see the glory of their God. This wondrous display will be the first proof that they have finally been delivered from their suffering. The second directive is given to the people in Jerusalem itself. They are to announce that the mighty, victorious God is coming.

The psalm depicts the people awaiting a reply to a plea that they must have made elsewhere. Their confidence that God will respond rests in the conviction that they are God's own people; they are faithful people; they trust in God. There is great expectancy here. The people have done what they can to get God's attention. Now they wait confidently for God's response. Lovingkindness, truth, justice and peace are characteristics of a covenantal relationship. When they meet and embrace each other, salvation is complete. The psalmist is confident that God will re-establish the wealth of the people and that the land once barren and forsaken will yield an abundant harvest.

The reading from 2 Peter contains three distinct yet connected themes: the delay in the return of the Lord; the apocalyptic dissolution of the world; and the manner of life that is required of a faithful Christian. The author of the letter insists that, despite what seems to many to be a very long delay, the Day of the Lord will indeed come. Its timing, like that of a thief in the night, is unpredictable. Therefore, Christians should not grow weary of waiting, nor should they become careless in their waiting. The destruction described has a saving purpose. First, apocalyptic judgment will purge the world of sin, and then the righteous will dwell within the new heaven and new earth.

Just as the account of God's creative work starts, ‘in the beginning’ (Gen 1:1), so Mark's gospel points to a new beginning (v.1). By applying the prophetic passage to John the Baptist, the author bestows prophetic authority on one who led an austere life and delivered an exacting message. Attired like the prophet Elijah (v.6; see 2 Kgs 1:8), John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The scope and character of the crowds that he attracts signal the spiritual hunger of the people. John got the attention of the crowds, but he quickly turned it away from himself and toward Jesus. John's appearance, his message, and his baptism all heralded the good news of salvation.

Sunday, 10 Dec 2017: Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

In the wilderness God's salvation comes to a broken people. In the midst of what is seemingly an impossible situation, hope emerges with vigour. In this context, hope is an openness to surprise, the surprise that God is in no way limited to the imaginings of human minds and the consequences of human history. This is the kind of hope that is proclaimed in the wilderness by John; it is the kind of hope that trusts that from the impossible, God can work a new creation.

There is something of a time warp in Christianity. What is future is made present. The prophetic oracle announces the future as if it is already happening. This sense of the future-present prompts new ways of living. As the future takes root in human lives, the present is transformed into a new creation and the Day of the Lord appears.

God's future comes through the wilderness into the broken city and inspires a broken-hearted people. The contrite heart is a broken heart, an emptied-out heart, a hope-filled heart. It is a heart that is unencumbered by the past and that lives currently in the passing of time and the fragility of being alive. The contrite, broken heart can be filled only by what is promised in the future. This is the paradox of Advent. In the middle of the wilderness, God works the impossible in those whose hearts are ready for the surprise of hope.

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Sunday, 10 Dec 2017: Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful

General Sample

Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us bring our prayer before God who shows kindness to all who fear him.

Reader: That nothing will hinder the Church from receiving Christ with joy.
(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That basic rights and respect for human persons be established in all nations.
(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who daily live with anger and disharmony will find peace and unity.
(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are sick, including N..... will be comforted by the Good Shepherd.
(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community will repent of its sins and prepare for the coming of the kingdom.

(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died, including N.... will dwell in the house of God.

(pause)

In your kindness:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God of justice and peace, your prophets challenge us and confront our complacency. Hear our prayer and teach us to heed the words of John the Baptist and prepare the way of the Lord. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

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Sunday, 10 Dec 2017: Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Universal Prayer or Prayer of the Faithful

Additional Sample

Priest: Dear friends, let us bring our prayers before the Lord, who is our hope and our salvation.

Reader: That our Holy Father Pope N. will be a sign for all the world of Christ's presence in our midst.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That through Christ's coming, priests and bishops will be renewed in their dedication of service to the people of God.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the poor and lowly may discover God's great deeds and be filled with the joy of his love.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That like John the Baptist, our parish community may share the Salvation of God with all people in our lives.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who are sick will find deliverance from their suffering, especially N.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will share in the eternal salvation of God, especially N.

(pause)

In your mercy:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Lord God, the coming of our Saviour was foretold by the prophets. Hear our prayers, and help us to build a straight path for our Lord by embracing your will for our world through Jesus. 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

Second Sunday of Advent 10.12.17

THEME FOR LECTOR

Prepare the way of the Lord! The paths we have to make straight are the minds and hearts with which we live. We all have responsibilities to God, to ourselves and to one another which we can't hope to fulfil without continual help from God – through frequent prayer and exposure to God's love and mercy through the Mass and the Sacraments and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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, like John the Baptist, be filled with the Holy Spirit and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ with unflinching devotion.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

2: We pray for leaders of nations, especially ours. May basic rights and respect for human persons be established in all nations.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

3: We pray for our parish community. May we, like John the Baptist, share the Salvation of God with all people in our lives.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

4. We pray for the gift of hope, confident God will be our consolation, bringing us refreshment and new hope

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

5 : We pray for those who died recently, Eileen Buckeridge, and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Rosemary Barry, Olive Hutchins, Margaret Tighe, Beatrice Watt, Frank Duffy, Kevin O'Loughlin, Dulcie Hume, Jack Meredith, David Peace, Kathleen Kelly, Hilda Denneman and Ollie Bernes. May they share in the salvation of their Redeemer for eternity.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Lord God, the coming of our Saviour was foretold by the prophets. Hear our prayers, and help us to build a straight path for our Lord by embracing your will for our world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

ADVENT AWAKENINGS

.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

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.

LESSONS FROM THE ROYAL COMMISSION: A Time for Listening: - A Public Conversation with Francis Sullivan,

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

Jan15, Sun @ 2pm: Baptism in O.G
Jan 17, Tues @ 9.30 RCIA @ Fox's
Jan19, 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
Mar9, 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
 Jun 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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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSS

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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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

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

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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

