

# The Living Word

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**1 September 2024**

## **First Reading Dt 4:1-2, 6-8**

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

## **Responsorial Psalm**

### **Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1**

*(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart. *(R.)*
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. *(R.)*
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the  
innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. *(R.)*

## **Second Reading**

### **Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27**

*Be doers of the word.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

## **Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

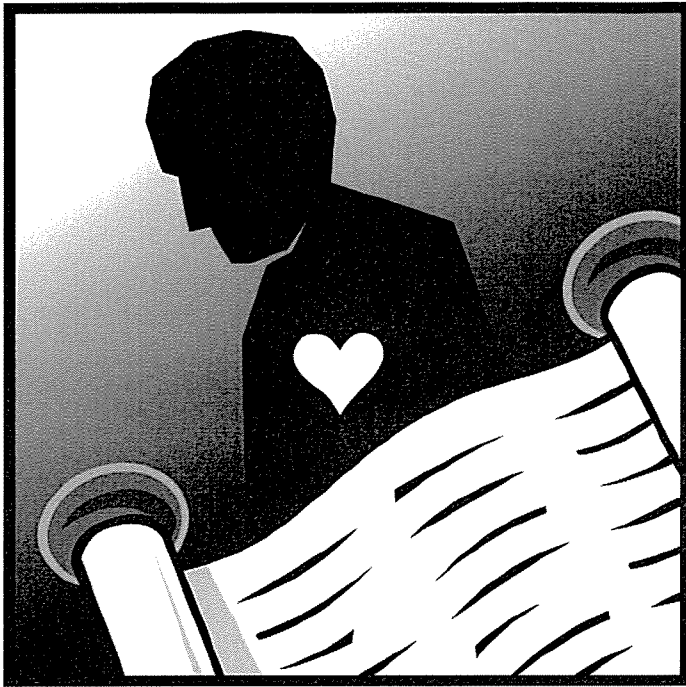
*The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.*

*Alleluia!*

## **Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first



sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,  
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,  
the doctrines they teach are only human  
regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to  
cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

## Reflection by Greg Sunter

No matter how good the intention, sometimes misguided principles can lead to false action. This is what Jesus chastised the Pharisees about. The traditions that had been established through the Pharisees and the Lawyers were certainly based on the Law as stated in the Torah. However, the practices that had been established to try to help people honour the Torah had effectively replaced the Law. In order to maintain spiritual cleanliness, a tradition of physical cleanliness had emerged – particularly around interaction with Gentiles and around eating. However, the purpose of the tradition had become lost. The need for physical cleanliness had replaced the maintenance of spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees observe some of the disciples eating without properly washing their hands and challenge Jesus about it. They are upholding the tradition that has effectively become the Law. Jesus reminds them – somewhat forcefully – that these external practices are not the Law; rather the Law is observed internally. Jesus goes so far as to call the Pharisees hypocrites. It is a criticism of them that the gospel writers attribute to Jesus quite frequently. For Jesus, hypocrisy was one of the greatest failings. Because Jesus placed such a high price on integrity of word and action he could not abide those who proclaimed to be just, pious or forgiving and yet acted in ways that were contrary to these claims. His chastisement of the Pharisees – calling them hypocrites – was a challenge to their observation of external practices and rituals instead of seeking to understand the Torah as a call to a change of heart. Jesus points out that no amount of ritual cleansing will make a person clean within. Similarly, evil and uncleanness come from within a person – one doesn't 'catch it' from contact with strangers.

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BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am  
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

**Recently deceased:** Louis Buhagiar and Fr Gerry O'Collins SJ AC.

**Anniversaries 1<sup>st</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> September:** Bev Garner, Charlie Bonanno, Julie Grant, Anthony Buhagiar, Emidia Buhagiar, Michelangelo Gatt, Rita Gatt, Brian Corby, Kevin Dillon, Muriel Stewart, John Cooper, Lauren Castellaro, Sheleah Walker and Peg Benham.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Margaret Borg, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, John Drury, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams and Peter Williams.

### ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

**OCEAN GROVE: 8<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00am:**

(C) Gerry Rainey (L) Peter Dickinson (SM) Dan O'Meara, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Nan Calnin, Sr Nola Morrissy.

**QUEENSCLIFF: 8<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00am:**

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Roger Furphy (SM) Adrian Scott (W) Sandra Gould.

**COUNTERS: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10:00am:**

Carmen Buhagiar and Greg Carey.

### \*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\*

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

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We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

**Hospitality Sunday:** will take place this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. All welcome!

**Morning tea at Holy Family, Barwon Heads:** 10:30am on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September. All welcome!

**Ladies Social Group:** lunch on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at the Ocean Grove Hotel at 12-noon. For bookings, please call or text Julie 0411578285. All ladies of the parish welcome.



**"Hope and act with creation"**

World Day of Prayer for  
the **Care of Creation**

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**Geelong Catholic Diners Club:** You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** Great Western Hotel, "Western Room" (crn Aberdeen St & Shannon Ave, Newtown). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP** via phone or text to Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**Each Church in our Parish has a TAP & GO terminal.** These have helped increase financial support for our Parish. Easy to use – please avail yourself of this way to support us. Thank you.

**Taizé Pray | Peace Gathering:** people in the Bellarine Peninsula and beyond are invited to gather to pray and worship at Santa Casa (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff) on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at 2:30pm** followed by afternoon tea at 3:30pm. Please RSVP to Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM on 0418 194 261 or [santacasa@ismapng.org.au](mailto:santacasa@ismapng.org.au) for catering and seating purposes. All welcome.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – St Gregory the Great (Memorial)**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove  
11:00am Mass with anointing at Sea View Manor, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff  
with St Aloysius Whole School attending (Laudato Si theme)  
11:00am Funeral Requiem Mass for Mr Louis Buhargiar at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22**

*Spring Ember Day*

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

*Safeguarding Sunday*

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**Thought for the Week:**  
Life is a great big canvas  
and you should throw all the paint  
on it you can.

- Danny Kaye.



**Happy Father's Day to all fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers and all who have a fatherly role.**

**We wish you all a wonderful and joyous day.**



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