

The Living Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

27 October 2024

First Reading Jer 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends
of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will
not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full
of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:1-6

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,***

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship. Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith.

In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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St. Aloysius, Queenscliff

Principal: Ms. Miriam Leahy, Tel: 5258 1736

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Principal: Ms. Kerry Sells, Tel: 5255 4308

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Visit our website for all information or contact Parish office

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/

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Please visit www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/about-us/parish-columbarium/

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Please visit our website for all information:

<https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-1/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1:00pm on Thursdays

If you would like a deceased loved one(s) prayed for on their anniversary, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673 or queenscliff@cam.org.au by 1:00pm on Thursdays.

PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THEIR BULLETINS HOME AFTER MASS

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Anniversaries 27th October to 2nd November: Anne Rutledge, Christine Martin, Giovanni and Salvatrice Baglieri.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Jacqueline Blake, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Tom Connellan, 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, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Pic, 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: 3rd November at 9:00am:

(C) Majella O'Connor (L) Anne Bourke (SM) Judy Considine, Fiorentina Romeo (W) Margaret Donovan, Catherine Hayes.

QUEENSCLIFF: 3rd November at 11:00am:

(C) Terry Philp (L) Adrian Redfern (SM) TBC (W) Sam Caruana.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 29th October at 10:00am:

John & Nan Calnin.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website:

www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/

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

St Aloysius Primary School is looking for donations of yarn for classroom activities and weaving. If you have any spare yarn/wool at home, 8+ ply (thick) and different texture, please drop off at the parish office.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR) is supporting Queenscliff Rural Aid for Refugees (QRAR) in aiding our refugee friends still seeking a permanent visa. There are 2 ways you can give support to the Pathways to Permanency Campaign:

- Write to Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke asking that those who have been rejected under the, so called, 'Fast Track' process, be reconsidered fairly and justly under criteria that includes, family ties, connection to the Australian community, work related and well-being factors and contributions to Australian society over the last 12 years.
- Donate to the fund for the legal appeals by:

Electronic transfer: (Westpac) Acct Name: QRAR Refugee Support Project, BSB: 033274, Acct No: 193779, Reference: Donation.

Cheque: posted to QRAR Refugee Support Project, C/- PO Box 52, Queenscliff, Vic 3225.

Refer to the Parish Website for more information and a case study of a real family impacted by the fast-track process. Use some of the facts in your letters if you wish. Please pray for a just outcome for those seeking visas.

ENCORES: Why wait for the encore to pull out the fun and fireworks? This program showcases the Afro-American spirituals, the fun a *cappella* arrangements and other favourites from the Australian Chamber Choir's encores collection including your best loved works by Mozart, Beethoven, Bruckner and Vaughan Williams. Music at the Basilica invites you to this concert featuring the Australian Chamber Choir at **5pm on Sunday 3 November** at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels, Geelong. Tickets from www.Auschoir.org; children and school students – free admission.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 28th October – Sts Simon and Jude (Feast)

Tuesday 29th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 30th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff with St Aloysius Middle School students attending

Thursday 31st October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 30
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with Our Lady Star of the Sea Year 4 students attending

Friday 1st November – ALL SAINTS (Solemnity)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 2nd November – The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFULLY DEPARTED (All Souls' Day)
10:00am Ecumenical Prayer Service at Queenscliff Cemetery

Sunday 3rd November – 31st SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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NOVEMBER

When the Church prays with greater intensity for the dead.

FIRST OF NOVEMBER, ALL SAINTS DAY (no longer a day of obligation): with gratitude and joy, we pray to and for the saints we have known from our family and friends. They formed and shaped us to be better people. They won't be canonised any day soon, but we might pray to them when we look into their faces in framed photos on walls and ledges in our homes. They are our personal saints because they loved us unreservedly and were always ready to forgive us.

SECOND OF NOVEMBER, ALL SOULS DAY: today we pray FOR all of the above as well as for the billions of people in world history who have done their best to lead a good life. We pray for them because they were ordinary people like us, endowed with the God-given gift of free will. They may have gone off the rails now and then (as we all do) and may still in some mysterious way still need our spiritual help. Perhaps we are aware of this, having heard or read God's word in 2 Maccabees 12:46. *"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they be loosed from their sins."*

In this parish we have the tradition on All Souls Day of joining fellow Christians from the local Anglican Churches at the Queenscliff Cemetery.

This year, instead of dividing into Anglican and Catholic for Eucharist, each according to its own theology and tradition we believe it is appropriate in the spirit of ecumenism to express our unity by sharing the service of All Souls with our Anglican brethren.

Ecumenism is about celebrating and sharing what we hold in common and leaving alone whatever divides. We both find our spiritual Christian identity from the Sacred Scriptures, from our baptism and our faith in Jesus of Nazareth, Son of the Father. We share the same emotional response to death, when we are overcome with grief and the long-lasting pain of loss when our loved ones die. And finally, on this All Souls Day, we are in this sacred place of graves and marble monuments inscribed with very personal and loving sentiments for us to read and ponder. *"Lord Jesus, by your own three days in the tomb, you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you and so you made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies."* A prayer over a place of committal maybe all do our best to attend this event.

You are all invited to attend this event on All Souls Day on Saturday 2nd November at 10:00am. The usual marquee is supplied thanks to Geelong Cemeteries Trust. Following this Combined Prayer Service of about 30-45 minutes, there will be hospitality and coffee where we can gather and chat.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP – ADVENT NEWS!

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) is sourcing the book, *'Hope Reigns'* from the Diocese of Brisbane. Here are some details about this Advent's resource:

This year's Advent resource, "Hope Reigns" invites us to explore more deeply what it means to have eyes to see and ears to hear Emmanuel, God with us. It will clarify our vision, so that we can welcome anew the wonder of the Christ child who brings heaven to earth and opens the door to the extraordinary gift of life everlasting.

Approximate cost \$6.00 each (to be confirmed).

The FDG is expecting to offer at least **two weekly small reflection group meetings**. At this stage, one morning session in Barwon Heads and one evening group in Ocean Grove – both on a Tuesday commencing **Tuesday 26/11/2024**. If you are interested in obtaining a booklet for personal reflection and/or would like to join a discussion group (let us know which one!), **please contact either:**

- Sandra Gould via sandra@salmandra.com or 0418 537 941, or,
- Kerin Fox via foxeskb@gmail.com or via 0407 519 585.

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