

The Living Word

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

4 February 2024

First Reading Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more
than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his
wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to
me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be
day?'
Risen I think, 'how slowly evening
comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

**(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,

he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)

3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel,
since it is a duty which has been laid on
me; I should be punished if I did not preach
it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might
have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is
a responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is
this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the
Good News free, and not insist on the rights
which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I
have made myself the slave of everyone so
as to win as many as I could. For the weak I
made myself weak. I made myself all things
to all men in order to save some at any cost;
and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,
to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

**He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering
Alleluia!**



Gospel Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognises him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

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Holy Family 101 Hitchcock Av Barwon Heads	Our Lady Star of the Sea 68 John Dory Drive Ocean Grove	Holy Trinity 34 Stevens St Queenscliff
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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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Rev Fr Darien J Sticklen

Parish Secretary: Mrs Daniella Sutura

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Pastoral Care Coordinator: Sr Nola Morrissy RSM

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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

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Please visit our website for enrolment form and all information:

<https://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/sacramental-program-2/>

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Anniversaries 4th February to 10th February: Eileen Marie Moroney, Douglas Sells, Fred Myers, Lorna Peart, Peter Gross and Paul McDonough 'Mac' Sullivan.

Please pray for those who are Sick: Elly Anwyll, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Peter Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Brian Cotter, Jack Davin, Pat Dickeson, Michael Dowling, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Gloria Forbes, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Patrick Magennis, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Frank Nelson, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Jeannett Stevens, Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Cathy Williams, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

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: 11th February at 9:00am:

(C) Luci Quinn (L) Anthony Dowling (SM) Fiorentina Romeo, Marg Lucas
(W) Sr Nola Morrissy, Catherine Hayes.

QUEENSCLIFF: 11th February at 11:00am:

(C) Bob Merriman (L) John Hanan (SM) Helper Needed (W) Helper Needed.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 6th February at 10:00am:

Des Harris and Dan Donovan.

** 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:

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.

Hospitality Sunday: will take place this **Sunday, 4th February**, following 9:00am Mass (including children's liturgy) at Ocean Grove and 11:00am Mass at Queenscliff. ALL WELCOME!

Pastoral Care: Sr Nola is looking for a volunteer from Ocean Grove to take Communion to three residents at Ryman, approximately once a fortnight. The days and time to be negotiated between volunteer and the residents. If you are able to help with tis request or other pastoral care needs, please contact Sr Nola via the parish office 5258 1673.

Trinity Aid for Refugees (TAR): TAR is collecting non-perishable groceries and cash donations in each Church throughout January and February. Many refugee families in Geelong are still waiting for permanent Visa approval. They struggle to make ends meet and to retain hope. Your contributions will help the volunteers at the Wesley Welcome Place to give these refugees food and friendly support. To donate directly to Wesley Church Welcome Place: BSB 633 000, Account 160 305 066. Website: www.queenscliff.org.

The SWAG Magazine: The Faith Development and Spirituality Group sponsors a quarterly magazine called "The Swag". Primarily intended for the Catholic Clergy, it contains many interesting stories and articles about the Australian Church, its trends and its challenges. A subscription of \$15 covers 4 issues in our bulk order. If you would like to join the regular readers of The Swag, please contact any member of our team , details on the Parish website, or Kerin Fox 0407 519 585 or foxeskb@gmail.com.

Ladies Social Group: coffee and cake/dessert at the Dunes (Ocean Grove) on **Wednesday 7th February** at 3:00pm. Anyone wishing to go for a walk first, please meet out the front at 2pm. Otherwise see you at 3pm booking under Julie. Enquires/RSVP to Julie on 0411 578 285.

PRAYER FOR BAPTISM FAMILIES:

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Holy Trinity Parish rejoice that you have chosen to baptise your child, and we pray that in the coming years, you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God that is everlasting.

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

LENT 2024 RESOURCES & REFLECTION GROUP MEETINGS

This Lent, the Faith Development and Spirituality Group is sourcing the booklet: **'A Resurrected LIFE,'** a new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups from the Diocese of Brisbane. The daily reflections will invite the reader to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day. This reflection will be followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer. **Cost of the booklets is \$8.00 each.**

We hope to run two reflection groups. Tuesday morning group in Barwon Heads at the home of Kerin and Bill Fox during the day and an evening group at the home of Sandra Gould in Ocean Grove. If there is sufficient interest, a third group will be considered.

If you are interested in obtaining a book for personal reflection and/or would like to join a reflection group, please contact either:
Sandra Gould: sandra@salmandra.com | 0418 537 941, or,
Kerin & Bill Fox: foxeskb@gmail.com | 0407 519 585.

NOTE: as Easter is very early this year, the first meetings will be held on Tuesday 13th February, 2024.

An alternate resource is available from the Diocese of Wollongong, titled PIETA. This can be ordered through the following link:
<https://www.dow.org.au/product/pieta-lenten-program-2024-book/>

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 17th February 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 for catering/seating purposes. All welcome.

Faith & Light Geelong: Christian community for people with a disability, their families and friends. You are warmly invited to our next gathering on **Saturday 10th February** from 1:30-4:30pm. St Mary's Parish Office (1st Floor, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong). Theme: Epiphany & New Year Reflection, Faith & Light International 53rd Anniversary, Gospel, Prayer time, music. Shared fiesta afternoon tea. Enquiries to joint coordinators: Tricia O'Keeffe (0414 672 267) or Kevin Mark (kevin@stmarysgeelong.com.au). RSVP by Friday 9th February.

Geelong Catholic Diners Club: You are warmly invited to join us for a social get-together for food & friendship. **Date:** Tuesday 13th February. **Time:** 6:00pm. **Venue:** The Bistro, Belmont Hotel (High St, Belmont). **Cost:** Purchase meals & drinks at your own cost. **RSVP:** please phone/text Joan 0429 215 111 or Michael 0431 959 584 by Friday 9th February.

Ashes to Easter – Lenten Concert: Reflections with Peter Kearney, **Saturday 24th February 2024**, 11:00am at St Thomas Church (27 Peninsula Drive, Drysdale). This concert is being hosted by St Thomas Parish, Drysdale. Admission is a gold coin donation. See poster on church noticeboard for full details.

The Chamber Philharmonia Orchestra – Cologne is presenting their Annual Concert on **Monday 11th March** at 7:00pm at the Basilica in Geelong. Please see church noticeboard for details.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 5th February – St Agatha (Memorial)

Tuesday 6th February – St Paul Miki and companions (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 7th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5
9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion
at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 8th February – St Jerome Emiliani and St Josephine Bakhita (Memorial)

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

Friday 9th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 5
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 10th February – St Scholastica (Memorial)

Sunday 11th February – 6TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
World Day of Prayer for the Sick
Project Compassion

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Nazareth Parish is currently looking for a Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator encompassing Grovedale, Torquay and Anglesea. However, the role can be separated. The position is approximately 10 hours per week and is located at St Therese Catholic Church, Torquay. For further information, including a Position Description, please email the Parish office, grovedale@cam.org.au. Applications are to be sent to Fr. Linh Tran at grovedale@cam.org.au and should include a cover letter together with a current resume. Closing date for applications: 26th February 2024.

St Vincent de Paul Society Regional Council is seeking a skilled IT person to help record the important information pertaining to the various good works that we are engaged in. There is a template that is being designed to ensure that information is correctly inputted. For further information please contact Martin P Butler, GRC President on 04185 72 967 or mpbutler@bigpond.com.

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Thought for the Week:

Light tomorrow with today.

- Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

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