

The Living Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30 August 2020

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ**

**enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great
is the hope**

to which we are called.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



Recently Deceased: Bob Higgins

Anniversaries 30th August to 5th September:

Christina McCormack, Len Mithen, Kathleen Nicholson, Patricia Porter, Jack Drummond, Bill Snell, Paul Murray, Josef Krechowitsch, Joan Stent, Anne Slack, Judy Shaw, Brian Corby, Kevin Dillon and Bob McHugh.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Arnie Bench, Peg Benham, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isobel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoyer, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Nolty, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Hugh Tighe, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember that face coverings or masks must be worn when out in public. This applies throughout the whole of Victoria.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:
<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

** NEWS & EVENTS **

Due to the current COVID-19 Health Crisis and extended restrictions throughout Victoria, our public Masses and Liturgies are suspended.

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

PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE (via YouTube):

- Website link: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/
- This is a FREE service.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
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Light in the darkness: Taking time out for a suffering world:



On the eve of spring, all Christians are invited to unite in prayer for our world. As the last light of the last day of winter fades on **Monday 31 August**, all are encouraged to stand in their front garden, spend some time in silence and light a candle to remember those who have lost their lives to the Coronavirus or to violence this year.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 1st September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22

Wednesday 2nd September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22

Thursday 3rd September – St Gregory the Great (Memorial)

Friday 4th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22
SPRING EMBER DAY

Saturday 5th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 22

Sunday 6th September – 23RD SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
FATHER'S DAY

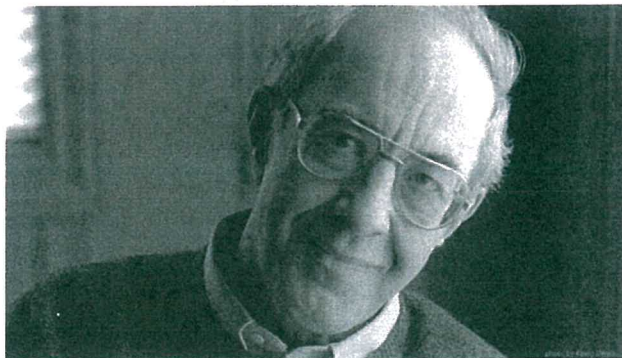
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Reflection for the Week:

“Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone’s face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger & resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love?”

These are real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.

– Henri Nouwen



With thanks to Susan Weston for providing this reflection.

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