

The Living Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27 September 2020

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

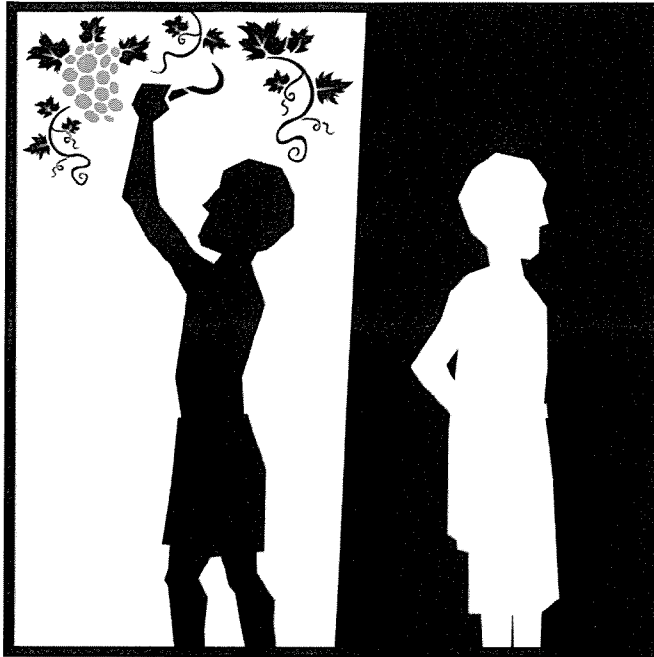
Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**** ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING ****

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



Anniversaries 27- September to 3- October:

Colleen Clarke, Richards Stubs, Patricia Dean, Joan Harrington, John Prowse, Raphael Omeaku, Campbell Corby, Bernice Leorke, Graeme Ray, Frank Monahan and John Russell.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Arnie Bench, Peg Benham, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel 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 you 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.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.youtube.com/archmelb
- www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

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Online resources for Prayers and Reflections, visit our website:

- <https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/online-resources/>
- <https://holyltrinityqueenscliff.org.au/ministries-groups/rcia/prayers-and-resources/>

Annual Collection for the Intentions of the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) – Sunday 4th October: This special collection is normally held at the end of June with the Feasts of Sts Peter and Paul. It was decided to postpone this collection to Sunday 4th October. Modern "Peter's Pence" proceeds are used by the Pope for philanthropic works throughout the world. If you are able to donate, you are welcome to drop off your donation to the Parish office or make a bank electronic transfer. The Parish bank details are below. As always, we thank you for your kind generosity.

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 530 502 075

Account Name: Queenscliff Holy Trinity Parish Church Account

Reference: Peter's Pence

Remembering, working and praying for migrants and refugees: on this 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. We acknowledge and give thanks for the many parish communities across the state, along with those working within our Catholic social services and other organisations and community groups, who are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas — many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in the Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair. In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve". Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs.

We encourage you to read more, [here](#).

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 28th September – Sts Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz (Memorial)

Tuesday 29th September – Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Feast)

Wednesday 30th September – St Jerome (Memorial)

Thursday 1st October – St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Memorial)

Friday 2nd October – The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

Saturday 3rd October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 26

Sunday 4th October – 27TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

"The secret to living well and longer is:
eat half,
walk double,
laugh triple,
and love without measure."

- Tibetan Proverb

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