

# The Living Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

6 September 2020

## First Reading Ez 33:7-9

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8**

*(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

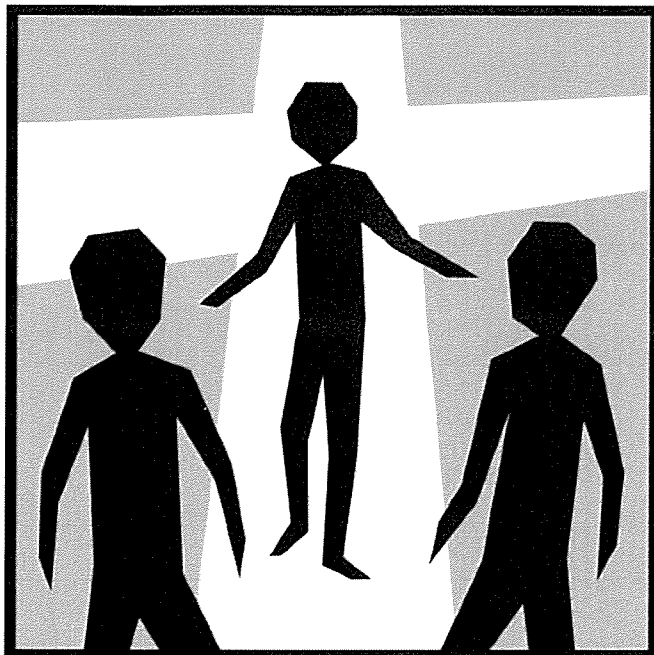
## Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;*

*and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel Mt 18:15-20

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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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**



**Recently Deceased:** Josephine 'Josie' Podbury, Muriel Stewart, Bev Garner and John Cooper.

### Anniversaries 6- September to 12- September:

Mary Richards, Sheleagh Walker, Laura Castellaro, John McGlynn, Billie (Honora) Coghlan, Barbara Wyatt, John Walker, Michael O'Connor, Rita Ryzman, Eileen Rowe and Merrilyn Campbell.

### 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 Hoye, 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/](http://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.

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

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**Priests' Retirement Fund Father's Day Annual Appeal:** as you know, we hold a special collection on Father's Day for sick and retired priests. If you are able to make a donation, please visit <https://www.cam1.org.au/foundation/Donate> or contact 9926 2472.



You are welcome to send your Father's Day appeal envelopes directly to PRF (address on the envelope) or to the Parish office.

**Praying the Rosary:** during this time, some Parishes have been praying the Rosary and meeting to pray together online. **Watch this space!** Meanwhile, please visit our website for the latest news and online resources.

"The Swag" is a quarterly magazine put out by the National Council of Priests of Australia, containing many articles from various contributors on issues facing our Australian Church. The Winter issue is available and if you would like to receive a free copy please contact Kerin and Bill Fox on 0407 519 585, and it will be delivered to you. - Bill Fox, parishioner.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – St Peter Claver (Memorial)  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 23  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Happy Father's Day to all fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers and all who have a fatherly role. A special blessing and some dad jokes are attached.

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*Thought for the Week:*

Friendship is born at the moment when one person says to another: 'What! You, too? I thought I was the only one.'

- C. S. Lewis

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