

The Living Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

31 January 2021

First Reading Dt 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."' "

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

*(R.) If today, you hear 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 kneel 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 1 Cor 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*A people in darkness have seen a
great light:*

*a radiant dawn shines on those lost
in death.*

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Discipleship requires a change in us. We want to change because in so many ways we are being strangled to death by demons. We are caught in dysfunction and sin; we live in the midst of the battle between good and evil, the struggle of human finitude and failure. We are plunged into the throes of human suffering and pain, and there seems to be no escape.

The demonic seduces us in more ways than we can count and we are often caught in its web before we recognise what has happened. There have always been many and varied voices that claim to have the remedy for our ills. Preachers and politicians have stirred up crowds and ignited their emotions. Promises have been made and predictions advanced, yet the conflict goes on, the demons continue to hold sway. The demon recognised the authority in the voice of Jesus. Do we recognise it?

When we are released by Jesus from the demons that possess us, we are freed from the stranglehold of evil and liberated to live far less encumbered and divided lives. No Earthly reality will possess us, neither relationships nor obligations nor even religious practices. Rather, we will be possessed by Christ who liberates us for the reign of God. Therefore, whether married or unmarried, whether in the midst of the community or at its margins, we will be able to heed the voice of God in our hearts and to recognise Jesus in our midst.

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)

OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am
(weekday Masses are currently suspended)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office
(Baptisms are currently suspended)

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

Anniversaries 31 January to 6 February:

Jim Clarke, Heidi Kohler, Jim Peart, Jasper Coghlan, Marie Tucker, and Douglas Sells.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Pat Cousin, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Maureen O'Neill, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Bill & Betty Rushton, Kevin Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember, in the state of Victoria, that fitted masks must be worn inside, on public transport and outside where you cannot physically distance.

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 **

There is currently no need to book for our regular weekend Masses, however, Church and hall capacities, check-in, contact tracing and all other COVID guidelines (including the wearing of masks indoors), apply and remain in place.

If you require 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.

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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.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Thank you, Helen Frank: due to Helen's work commitments in Melbourne, she has advised us that she will be unable to continue her part-time work with us. We are very grateful to Helen for all her hard and thorough work in the latter part of last year, especially in her administration of implementing safeguarding guidelines in our Parish. – Fr Darien.

Next Sunday, 7th February, is marked as a special day to reflect on the Word of God. Pope Francis has asked us to focus on the importance of proclaiming the Word in the Liturgy. For more information, please visit our parish website.

Short term lend of a wheelchair: would you have an unused wheelchair at home that you are happy to lend out for a few months? If you are able to assist, please contact Beverley & Dan O'Meara on 0425 561 306.

Lent 2021: the Faith Development Group is sourcing the booklet, 'Look to Jesus,' a new Lent and Easter resource for individuals and groups. *Look to Jesus* will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. We hope to run at least two discussion groups (one during the day and the other in the evening). The expected cost is between \$5.00 and \$6.00 each. For more information, please contact either: Sandra Gould 0418 537 941, or Kerin and Bill Fox on 0407 519 585 or 0427 362 667. The FDG would warmly welcome newcomers to the discussion groups.

The annual Assumption College old collegians luncheon will be held on **Wednesday 10th February at 12:00pm** at Queenscliff Bowling Club. Please notify Gloria & Ron Forbes on 5258 2480 if you are able to attend.

Trinity Aid for Refugees: please pray for a just and compassionate solution for these refugees. Around 60 refugees brought to Australia under Medevac legislation, have been held for 7½ years by the Australian government; 6 years offshore, and 1½ years in detention in Australia. Many have not yet received the treatment they were brought here for. Their physical and mental health continues to deteriorate in indefinite detention. Please keep them in your prayers.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 1st February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

Tuesday 2nd February – The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)

Wednesday 3rd February – St Blaise and St Ansgar (Memorial)

Thursday 4th February – Weekday, Ordinary Time 4

Friday 5th February – St Agatha (Memorial)

Saturday 6th February – St Paul Miki and companions (Memorial)

Sunday 7th February – 5th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

Believe in yourself!

Have faith in your abilities!

Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your powers, you cannot be successful or happy.

- Norman Vincent Peale

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