

# The Living Word

**First Sunday of Lent, Year B**

**21 February 2021**

## **First Reading Gn 9:8-15**

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10**

*(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

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.)

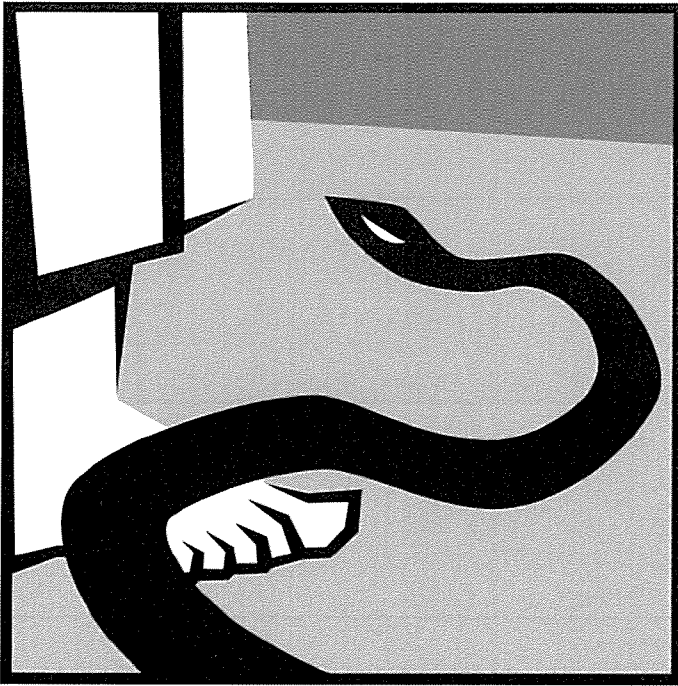
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness,  
O Lord. (R.)

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 1 Pt 3:18-22**

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.



## **Reflection** by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

### **Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4**

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king  
of endless glory!*

*No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from  
the mouth of God.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king  
of endless glory!*

### **Gospel Mk 1:12-15**

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

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We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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## WEEKEND 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 MASS TIMES

Please see below: LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

## **THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

is available prior to each weekend Mass

## **BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS**

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

## **Anniversaries 21 February to 27 February:**

Mernie Foley, Margaret Elliot, Mary Earls, Ronald Long, Kevin McMahon, Kathleen Cooke and John Sherlock.

## **Please pray for those who are Sick:**

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Annabel Clatworthy, 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 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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**Project Compassion is commencing this week:** resources for Project Compassion 2021 are now available. Boxes will be available at each Church in coming weeks.

**Sacramental Program 2021:** for up to date information, please visit the parish website: [www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/sacraments/).

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



**TAR Grocery Collection:** Trinity Aid for Refugees will have a collection tub located at each of our 3 churches. Please do what you can for the many refugees in Geelong who remain in desperate need of help. A list of requested items is available. Contact Shirley for more information: 0409 424 243 or [shirleyhurley@inet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@inet.net.au).

Please pray for those refugees currently detained by Australia in onshore and off-shore detention facilities; including the little Tamil family from Biloela who have spent 2 Christmases on Christmas Island with their 2 little girls, and no hope of release yet; and for those who remain on Nauru, and Ex-Manus people currently in Port Moresby.

**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 day and one evening). The expected cost is between \$5.00 and \$6.00 each. For more information, please contact Sandra Gould 0418 537 941 or Kerin and Bill Fox on 0407 519 585 or 0427 362 667. The FDG would warmly welcome newcomers.

**World Day of Prayer, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021:** theme is Vanuatu – *Build on a Strong Foundation*. All are most welcome to attend the following services on this day:

- **10:00am at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church**, Ocean Grove, has been delegated as host to World Day of Prayer. Please contact Gerry Rainey 0417 126 995 if you can assist.
- **10:00am at St George's Anglican Church**, Queenscliff. Contact person is Sally Hawkins 0427 651 038.

**Geelong St Patrick's Racing Club** will hold its annual Cup meeting in Colac, on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. Buses will depart Cnr Smythe and Gheringhap Sts, Geelong, at 10:45am and return after the last race. Free parking available at the course. Entry \$10, no General Admittance on the day. All patrons must provide contact details to the Club and must purchase a seat due to Covid safe requirements. Lunch Boxes available from \$25 and Gourmet BBQ for \$45. Café available. Book tickets now via <https://country.racing.com/geelong-stpats> or email [geelongstpatsraceclub@bigpond.com](mailto:geelongstpatsraceclub@bigpond.com) or ring Catherine Moon on 0409 007 913.

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## LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – The Chair of St Peter (Feast)**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Tuesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Friday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday of the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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*Thought for the Week:*

**JOY is the holy fire that keeps  
our purpose warm and our  
intelligence aglow.**

- Hellen Keller

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