

# The Living Word

**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B**

**21 March 2021**

## **First Reading Jer 31:31-34**

*The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.*

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12**

*(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt.  
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways  
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

## **Second Reading Heb 5:7-9**

*He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.*

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

## **Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26**

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## **Gospel Jn 12:20-33**

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come  
for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
I tell you most solemnly,



unless a wheat grain falls on the ground  
and dies,  
it remains only a single grain;  
but if it dies,  
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;  
anyone who hates his life in this world  
will keep it for the eternal life.  
If a man serves me, he must follow me,  
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour  
him.

Now my soul is troubled.  
What shall I say:  
Father, save me from this hour?  
But it was for this very reason that I have  
come to this hour.  
Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it,  
and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it  
was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an  
angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It  
was not for my sake that this voice came, but  
for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this  
world;  
now the prince of this world is to be  
overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death  
he would die.

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life.

Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

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Holy Trinity      Our Lady Star of the Sea      Holy Family  
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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

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

### Anniversaries 21<sup>st</sup> March to 27<sup>th</sup> March:

Noeleen Neilson-Moyle and Nell Kean.

### 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, 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 \*\*

Holy Week and Easter schedule is now available.  
Please see the attached flyer or visit our website.  
COVIDsafe guidelines apply.

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 2021 is underway:** resources are available at each Church.

**TAR Grocery Collection:** Trinity Aid for Refugees 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@iinet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au).

**GARDEN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED at Our Lady Star of the Sea School:** Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Parish volunteers; now that we are welcoming our invaluable volunteers back on site we hope to develop a garden watering roster. We require volunteers to water occasionally for approximately 30 mins at morning drop off or pick up (approx. 8.50-9.20 or 3pm-3.30pm). Regular time slots or casual is great. Also occasional weekend and school holiday waterers are greatly appreciated. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with general care of our veggie and/or indigenous gardens, no experience necessary but certainly most welcome. For further information, please email Kellie at [kclark@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kclark@staroceangrove.catholic.edu.au).

**Vinnies Op Shop Queenscliff needs volunteers:** can you spare a few hours weekly or fortnightly to help at the shop? We help support families in need across the Bellarine and Geelong. *Training is 'on the job' and the other volunteers make fine company. The shop is open seven days a week.* Call in to the Hesse Street shop or phone June on 5258 2273. We also operate at Ocean Grove, phone Jen on 5256 2050.

**Celebrate the Risen Son:** Join with Christians from the churches of Ocean Grove as we begin our Easter celebrations in worship together. When: 6:00 am, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Where: The Ocean Grove Lookout. This event is organised by The Anglican Parish of Ocean Grove & Barwon Heads.

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### LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Tuesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (Solemnity)**  
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Friday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**  
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week of Lent**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD (Holy Week)**

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## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

• Fast from hurting words	...and say kind words.
• Fast from sadness	...and be filled with gratitude.
• Fast from anger	...and be filled with patience.
• Fast from pessimism	...and be filled with hope.
• Fast from worries	...and have trust in God.
• Fast from complaints	...and contemplate simplicity.
• Fast from pressures	...and be prayerful.
• Fast from bitterness	...and fill your hearts with joy.
• Fast from selfishness	...and be compassionate to others.
• Fast from grudges	...and be reconciled.
• Fast from words	...and be silent so you can listen.

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