

The Living Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22 August 2021

First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from
the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. *(R.)*
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(R.)*

4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. *(R.)*
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.



Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose?

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer.

If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

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HOLY TRINITY

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

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
QUEENSLIFF: 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

Recently Deceased: George Frances.

Anniversaries 22- August to 28- August:

Margaret Beckwith, Josie Podbury, Bill Tobin, Don Law, Jane Kelly, Kathleen Richardson, Laurie Conway, Maddalena Bua and Albert James Reilly.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Patricia Clarke, Carmel Conte, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, George Frances, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COUNTERS: Tuesday 24th August at 10:00am:

John Simpson and Emanuel Baglieri.

Celebrating Masses within the parish: bookings are not required for Ocean Grove and Queenscliff. To book your attendance for Barwon Heads, please contact Sue Casey on 0418 290 703.

There continues to be strict limits on the number of people attending a religious gathering. We must adhere to the 1 person per 4sqm density limits with 'COVID Check In Marshalls' in place:
Barwon Heads – 40 people can safely celebrate Mass
Ocean Grove – 100 people can safely celebrate Mass
Queenscliff – 60 people in the Hall and 30 people in the Church can safely celebrate Mass

All other guidelines apply; the wearing of masks indoors/outdoors, QR code check-in and hand sanitising.

*For up to date current information on Mass times and restrictions,
please call the parish office or visit the website*

** NEWS & EVENTS **

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.

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>

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

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CatholicCare annual collection: the parish raised an amazing \$698.70. Thank you again for your kind generosity

Tree Planting at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church: The RSL presented Our Lady Star of the Sea School a young pine tree. With their new building, they have asked if it can be planted in the Church grounds. The tree will be planted on **Thursday 26th August at 10am**. All are welcome. The tree has been nurtured by the school and is ready for planting. The story behind the tree is two brothers went away to the 1st World War; one was killed on the 1st day of battle. The 2nd son sent some pinecones to his mother from the battlefield as a gesture of keeping mother and son together. Years later she planted the seeds, one at the War Memorial in Canberra and one at their home town in Inverill. The tree we have is an offshoot of the original tree.

Our Lady Star of the Sea Choir: welcome back to the choir! We are looking forward to our little band members returning, to play percussion for us. All children welcome.

Towels for homeless men: Josephine Barnes is collecting used towels for homeless men. If you have any towels to spare, please contact Josephine on 0413 426 716.

Friends of Faith and Light Geelong: all are warmly invited to our next monthly gathering of people with disability, their families, carers, friends and other supporters. We meet to support one another in faith and friendship. This event is COVID-safe. **Saturday 28th August from 1:30 to 4:00pm at St Mary's Pioneer Room** (Level 1, 150 Yarra Street, Geelong). Please direct RSVP and enquiries to Tricia O'Keefe on 0414 672 267 and enquiries to Tricia O'Keefe on 0414 672 267.

Emergency Response – Haiti Earthquake: organisations have setup emergency appeals for our brothers and sisters of Haiti. If you wish to donate and provide support:

- **Caritas Australia:** www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/emergency-response-appeal/ or call 1800 024 413.
- **Aid to the Church in Need:** www.aidtochurch.org/haiti.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd August – St Rose of Lima (Memorial)

Tuesday 24th August – St Bartholomew (Feast)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 25th August – St Louis and St Joseph Calasanz (Memorial)

9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 26th August – Weekday, Ordinary Time 21

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 27th August – St Monica (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 28th August – St Augustine (Memorial)

Sunday 29th August – 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

The greatest part of our happiness depends on our dispositions, not our circumstances.

- Martha Washington.

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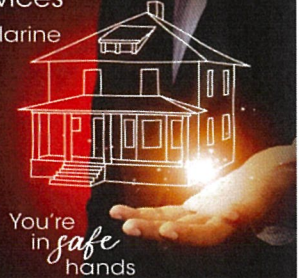
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