

# The Living Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

12 September 2021

## First Reading Is 50:5-9

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against  
me?

Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

*(R.) I will walk in the presence  
of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. *(R.)*

2. They surrounded me, the snares  
of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! *(R.)*
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me! *(R.)*
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'



### **Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.*

*Alleluia!*

### **Gospel Mk 8:27-35**

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES *(currently suspended)*

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

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### Anniversaries 12- September to 18- September:

Eileen Rowe, Merrilyn Campbell, Carmel McNulty, Sadie Johnston, Mary Egan, Dawn Benham and Mary Richards.

### 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, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koertjes, 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:** Counters are not required for Tuesday 14- September.

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

*While we welcome an easing of restrictions in our area of Regional Victoria, some strict updated rules apply for religious gatherings. After consulting a number of parishioners and other priests, we have decided that it is safest to continue to suspend public celebrations of Mass and Sacraments for the time being.*

*For up to date current information, please visit our website:*  
[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au).

*As always, please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.*

*With warm regards, may God bless you,  
Fr Darien*

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

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**Child Protection Sunday, 12- September**, invites us to ensure that the relationships within our Church express respect for children who are so precious in God's sight. The theme for this year: *Every child, in every community deserves a fair go.*

**Safeguarding Children & Young People Survey for Parents and Carers:** The wellbeing of children and young people in our care is our collective priority. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne (CAM) has a mission-driven moral and legal responsibility to create a safe, nurturing environment where children are respected and heard. **The Professional Standards Unit in CAM has prepared a survey for parents and carers to provide feedback** on their safeguarding experience within the parish. Visit our website's latest news for more information and survey link (before 17- Sept).

**Catholic Mission** thank you for your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of **\$982.90**, which was raised by **Holy Trinity** community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Through your contribution, mothers and babies in Thailand can be confident that they have a safe place to live as they rebuild their future. **THANK YOU.**

**Priests Retirement Foundation, Father's Day Appeal 2021:** Due to the continuing COVID-19 restrictions and Masses not being able to be said at Parishes, donations to the Father's Day appeal can be made through the Priests Retirement Foundation website. Donations can be made by Parishioners through the Priests Retirement Foundation website via debit, credit card or Paypal where the donor's details are loaded and receipts can be issued. The site is [www.cam.org.au/foundation](http://www.cam.org.au/foundation). Please support if you are able to.

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*Helpful Hint:*

**The parish office upload online resources, news and information to our website regularly. You are welcome to check these out:**

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/news-events/latest-news/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/news-events/latest-news/)

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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

*(Public celebration of Mass suspended for the time being)*

**Monday 13- September – St John Chrysostom (Memorial)**

**Tuesday 14- September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)**  
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 15- September – Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)**  
No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 16- September – Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (Memorial)**  
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 17- September – St Robert Bellarmine (Memorial)**  
No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 18- September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 24**


**Sunday 19- September – 25- SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME**

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