

The Living Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

19 September 2021

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the
law

and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son,
God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and
with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have
his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*

3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

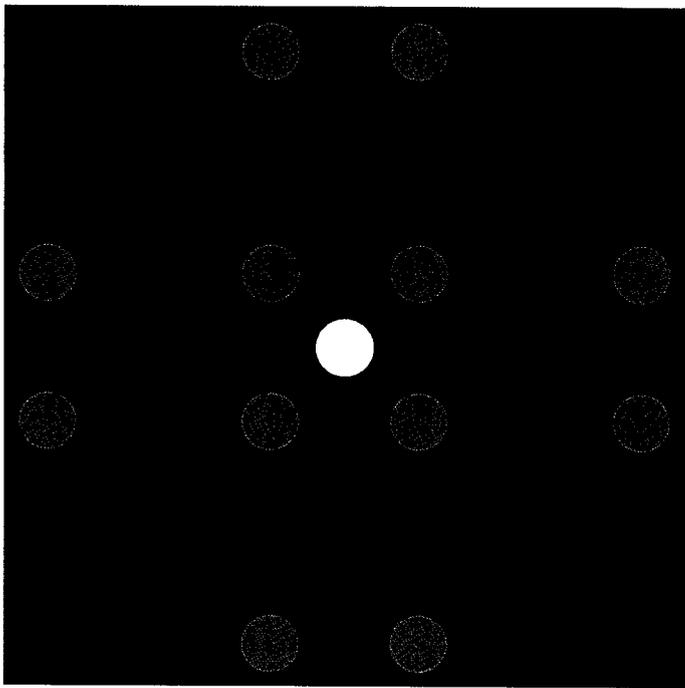
Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Anniversaries 19- September to 25- September:

June McClelland, Vincent Lynch, Kevin Gould, Damian Tobin, Lorraine Francis, Neil Kerley, Brian Meehan, Des Callan, Claudio German, Ruby Leahy, Ray Harte, Doreen Olsen, Patrick Delaney Sr and Norgio 'Norm' Satalich.

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 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: Counters are not required for Tuesday 21- September.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our Parish Pastoral Council, together with other trusted advisors who have the spiritual and physical wellbeing of our parish community at heart, have decided in consensus that **we will continue to suspend celebration of public Masses for the time being**, pending further announcements about potential easing of restrictions.

For up to date current information, please visit our website: 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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AFL Grand Final Eve (public holiday): the parish office will be closed on Friday 24th September. Good luck to the two Victorian teams in WA!

Towel collection for homeless men was excellent and we now have sufficient at this time. Thank you from Josephine Barnes.

Friends of Faith & Light Geelong – update: although COVID restrictions have eased somewhat, we have decided it best not to hold our next meeting at St Mary's on Saturday 18th September. We do hope to be able to meet on Saturday 16th October. Details will be provided closer to the date. Faith & Light provides Christian fellowship and support for those with disability. For members and interested parishioners, further information and updates, please contact Tricia O'Keeffe on 0414 672 267 or email patriciaok65@gmail.com.

Parish Pastoral Council Notes

1. Our second step in the "Take the Way of the Gospel" process was a zoom meeting of Western Region parishes held on August 19th. Von Philp and Kerryn Sells represented our parish. There was further exploration of the Melbourne Archdiocesan thrust for establishing "missions" as a way of unleashing the full potential of our parishes to bring Christ's Good News into people's lives. Speakers at the meeting again stressed that "missions" were not being suggested as a means of making better use of fewer priests or better utilising resources in the face of dwindling parish numbers. Rather the hope was that in calling for new thoughts and innovative approaches with the sharing of ideas and resources, the Church might be better placed to become a vibrant family of faith communities. Part of the meeting allowed neighbouring parishes to share their views. We were disadvantaged in this aspect of the meeting as there were no representatives from the Drysdale parish.
This process is not being hurried and will also be impacted by the outcomes of the Plenary Council being conducted later in the year and by our own Parish Forum (whenever that becomes possible).
2. Given the response of parishioners to "taking up" niches in the proposed Holy Trinity Parish Columbarium (Memorial Wall), sufficient funds have been received to allow for the construction of the four panels. As there is a high level of certainty that the project will be self-funding, the Parish Finance Committee has given approval for the project. Construction is expected to commence before the end of the year. A sub-committee is continuing to develop the "terms & conditions" that will govern the administration of this parish asset.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

(Mass pending news about lockdown restrictions)

Monday 20th September – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang (Memorial)

Tuesday 21st September – St Matthew (Feast)
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 22nd September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25
No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 23rd September – St Pius of Pietrelucina (Memorial)
No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 24th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25
No at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 25th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25

Sunday 26th September – 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

Spring has returned. The earth is like a child that knows poems.

- Rainer Maria Rilke.

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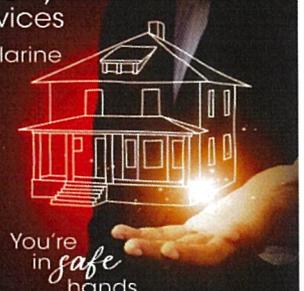


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