

The Living Word

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

23 January 2022

First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 (shorter form)

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?



Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

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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
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C "Sunday of the Word of God"

Anniversaries 23- January to 29- January:

John Esse, Ronda Callanan, Fred Brown, Nell Matthews, Dick Barratt, Jim Byrne, Pauline Dunell, Vance Malady, Mary Whelan, Gavan Meagher, Duncan Convoy, Doreen Umlauf, Angela Buckle, Hillary Smurthwaite, Elaine Tabone, James Leahy, Christine James, Faye Scott, Betty O'Connor, Betty Cook, Jim Clark and Heidi Kohler.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Wally Beckwith, Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Evelyn Leahy, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Ros Quinlan, Peter Rafter, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

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

COUNTERS: Tuesday 25- January at 10:00am:

Judy Compton and Dan Donovan.

+ Sacramental Program 2022 +

The enrolment and information evening will be held on
Tuesday 8- February at 4:00pm

at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Ocean Grove.

If you have family members or know of community members attending local non-Catholic schools and wish to receive their Sacraments, please direct them to the Parish website for all information: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

**** 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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MASKS INDOORS – a kind reminder: face masks are required indoors (except at home) for everyone aged 8 and above at all times, unless an exemption applies. This includes all of our three churches.

The annual reunion of Assumption College Old Collegians will be held at The Brew House (Gellibrand Street, Queenscliff) on **Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 12noon**. RSVP: Fred LeDeux on 0437 096 715 or Ron Forbes on 0407 841 713.

~ **LENT 2022** ~

Personal and Group Reflections for Lent 2022: for Lent and Easter this year, the Faith Development Group is using the booklet from the Diocese of Wollongong called "**Remember**" as the resource for individuals and reflection groups in our parish. "**Remember**" is a 72-page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) for individual reading and reflection. In addition, the Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers and questions are set up to cater for Lenten group gatherings. Our groups will meet weekly to reflect on the Gospels of each Sunday in Lent. **Fr Anthony Jukes OFM**, from the Franciscan Friary in Killarney, Ireland, breaks open the Gospel and **Mother Hilda Scott OSB** (abbess at the Benedictine Abbey in Jamberoo, NSW) provides spiritual nourishment based on these Gospels. "**Remember**" also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters, with prayerful reflections from **Monsignor Graham Schmitzer**. We have been encouraged to have increasing numbers in our Lenten and Advent reflection groups, extending to three groups in Advent last year. We hope to run at least two, possibly three, this Lent, at least one day time and one in the evening. The expected cost for the booklet is about \$8.00 each. If you are interested in obtaining a booklet for personal reflection and/or would like to join a reflection group, please contact one of the following Faith Development Group members:

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 24th January – St Francis de Sales (Memorial)

Tuesday 25th January – The Conversion of St Paul (Feast)
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 26th January – AUSTRALIA DAY
Parish Office closed

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 27th January – St Angela Merici, Sts Timothy and Titus (Memorial)

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

Friday 28th January – St Thomas Aquinas (Memorial)

9:15am Combined Primary School Staff Mass
at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

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

Saturday 29th January – Weekday, Ordinary Time 3

Sunday 30th January – 4th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.

- Kahlil Gibran.

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